

MINUTES OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY, 1984, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. M. Ryall, E.S.B.

At the outset the Mayor welcomed Mr. M. Ryall, E.S.B. and explained that the Corporation were anxious to examine the possibility of improving the Public Lighting in the Town. The Borough Engineer pointed out that the Corporation would decide where extra lights would go and that a couple of years ago a programme for the improvement of Public Lighting has been started and was being continued within the monies provided for in the Estimates.

The Members stressed the necessity for improving the public lighting at John's Road, Hill Street and Summerhill.

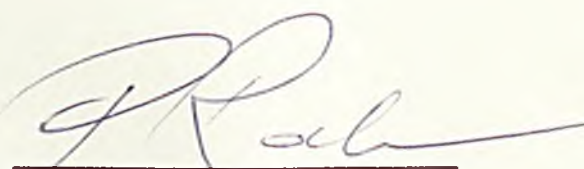
The question of cleansing the lenses of the existing lights was brought to the attention of the E.S.B.

It was agreed that;-

- a) Update E.S.B. plan to reflect current costs.
- b) That the Borough Engineer and Mr. M. Ryall, E.S.B. liase together in this regard.
- c) A further meeting be held at an early date.

This Concluded The Business Of The Meeting.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF February 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.
Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Arising out of the tragic happenings at Ballinamore on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor P. Reck the members passed a sincere vote of sympathy to the families of Garda Sheehan and Private Kelly.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. P. Reck the members also passed sincere votes of sympathy to the families of Mr. D. Moran, Mr. T. Rossiter and Mrs. A. Curran.

NEW TOWN CLERK

The Mayor informed the members that Mr. D. Curtin would be taking up duty on Monday 16th January, 1984.

The Mayor paid tribute to Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk for his kindness, accessibility, attitude to work, staff and public and his courteous manner, and wished him well in his future career. All members endorsed the remarks of the Mayor and the Manager on behalf of the County Manager thanked Mr. Minnock for his attention to duty.

In reply Mr. Minnock thanked the Mayor and Members, the Manager, Borough Engineer and staff, the press and the public for their help and assistance.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of the following meetings were unanimously adopted:-

- (a) Statutory Meeting held on 5th December, 1983.
- (b) Meeting with E.S.B. Group of Unions and Wexford Trades Council on 12th December, 1983 re Great Island Power Station.
- (c) Traffic Management Meeting held on 12th December, 1983.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - MAUDLINTOWN.

On the proposal of Senator B. Howlin seconded by Councillor J. Roche it was agreed to pursue this matter with Wexford County Council.

Councillor J. Roche, M.C.C., informed the members that Wexford County Council would be carrying out a survey with regard to Pedestrian Crossings at John's Road, Georges Street, Wygram and the Quay.

Alderman G. Byrne asked that consideration might be given to a Lollipop Man at St. John's Road Crossing.

Rescinding of Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956.

Councillor J. Hayes requested that the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 5th December, 1983 be amended to show Councillor J. O'Flaherty opposing the motion to Rescind Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956.

Parking Standards.

The Members noted details as circulated. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to revise standards as agreed, i.e., "The Planning Authority taking account of the size, nature and location of the proposed development may waive the requirement for a financial contribution in respect of the first two spaces of the overall parking requirement".

Remuneration of Engineers and Cognate Professional Grades.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne it was agreed to implement the increases in the above case as approved by the Department.

Revision of Remuneration - Craftsmen, Craftsmen's Mates and Supervisory Craftsmen.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne it was agreed to implement the increases in the above case as approved by the Department.

Remuneration of Draughtsman/Technician Grades.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne it was agreed to implement the increases in the above case as approved by the Department.

ESTIMATES 1984.

The Clerk informed the members that the prescribed period for the preparation of the Estimates for 1984 were the 16th January, 1984 and 31st March, 1984. The Clerk further informed the members that the Rates Grant was being increased by .8%

EXTINGUISHMENT OF MARKET RIGHT.

The Clerk informed the members that details had been circulated re the above. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and agreed that under Section 9 of the Casual Trading Act 1980 that an order be made extinguishing the Market Rights.

BYE-LAWS FOR SALE OF MEAT.

The Bye-Laws as circulated were adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne. The members requested that the Department of Agriculture standards be brought-up to the standards of the Health Boards. The members requested that the high standards applied by the Health Boards be applied by the Department of Agriculture.

Authorise raising of loan of £1,000,000 for 55 house scheme at Coolcotts/Townparks Stage IV

The raising of the above loan was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

The Mayor informed the members that the N.B.A. expected to be in a position to make a recommendation within 10 days.

Authorise raising of supplementary loan of £500,000 for 46 house scheme at Coolcotts/Townparks Stage II(a).

The raising of the above loan was unanimously approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Authorise raising of loan (Supplementary) of £60,000 for 16 house and flat scheme at Faythe, John Street and Bride Street.

The raising of the above loan was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

VANDALISM.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded Senator B. Howlin and agreed:-

"In view of the rise in the number of shop window breakages and other acts of vandalism can we ask for an urgent meeting with the Gardai to review the present position and to seek solutions."

In moving the motion Councillor Reck referred to vandalism generally and late-night drinking and noted the demands made on the Gardai in the area. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Garda Authorities and local Youth Leaders.

9. Thomas Clarke Place, Wexford.

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

"That this Corporation agrees to raise wall at rear of no. 9, Thomas Clarke Place".

In moving the motion Alderman G. Byrne referred to the necessity to give privacy to this family whose house fronted on a public thoroughfare. It was unanimously agreed that the Borough Engineer meet the O'Connor family in this regard.

Quay Entrance - Church Lane Car Park.

In reply to Alderman G. Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that the County Council's ongoing ^{road} works would cover this.

Public Lighting - Selskar Housing Scheme.

In reply to Alderman G. Byrne the Borough Engineer informed the members that this matter was being negotiated with the E.S.B.

Alderman G. Byrne then left the meeting.

Green Area at Corish Park.

The following motion was declared lost as there was no seconder for Councillor Hayes's proposal:-

"That this Borough Council take immediate steps to provide a number of dwellings on a section of the green area at Corish Park and properly develop the remaining as an amenity park".

Industrail Promotion.

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

"In view of the lack of enthusiasm by interested industrialists over the last four years in the Wexford area and taking into account the totally unacceptable unemployment problem that exists in this town and environs, I move that this Borough Council allow in its estimates a modest sum to send our Mayor on an industrial promotion tour to try and enhance this area, in the area of industrial development".

In moving the motion Councillor Hayes referred to the need for industrial investment in Wexford and the important role that could be played by Wexford's first citizen in securing industry for Wexford. All members spoke in favour of the motion. The Mayor informed the members that he had been in consultation with the County Manager regarding various projects and that he would go if required to secure industry for the Town. The members felt that any trip the Mayor should have the back-up of the Manager, County Development Team and I.D.A. personnel.

The Assistant County Manager, Mr. J. Quinlivan informed the members that the question of the provision of a sum of money in the estimates would be considered at Estimates time.

Town Main Drainage Scheme.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P. Roche and Senator B. Howlin informed the members that every effort was being made to ensure that this scheme proceed as quickly as possible.

Meeting with E.S.B. Group of Unions and Wexford Trades Council, Re/- Great Island Power Station.

The Mayor informed the members that he had arranged a meeting with the above and the five T.D.'s to be held on 16th January, 1984 at 4.45 p.m.

"No Dogs Allowed" Signs - Crossstown Cemetery.

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In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that this would be organised within the next week.

Temporary Amenity in proposed Car Park at Wellington Place.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Manager informed the members that this could be considered at Estimates time and that Wexford County Council could be asked for a contribution towards the cost.

Allocation of 22 houses in Coolcotts.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Clerk informed the members that the keys of 22 houses were expected on Monday 16th January, 1984 and that they would be offered to the first applicants in order of priority.

Oil & Gas Exploration finds on two Wexford Wells.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Clerk stated that he would contact the Minister for Energy and ask him for the record of oil and gas exploration finds on the two Wexford Wells that were drilled and left some time ago.

Warden Scheme in C.B.S. at Joseph Street/Green Street.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Clerk stated that this was in hands.

Quincentennial Anniversary - Galway City.

The Mayor informed the members that he had been invited to Galway for 17th/18th/19th February, 1984 for the above, and that he proposed to bring a gift on behalf of the Corporation, to the people of Galway. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was agreed that the Mayor attend the celebrations in Galway on behalf of the Corporation and bring the appropriate gift and the Mayor's allowance be adjusted accordingly.

Trip to Birmingham - 25th February, 1984.

The Mayor informed the members that he had been invited to Birmingham on the above date. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was agreed that the Mayor attend on behalf of the people of Wexford and that the Mayor's allowance be adjusted accordingly..

Mayor's Parlour.


The Mayor informed the members that the opening of the above would take place on Thursday 12th January, 1984 after the G.P. Meeting. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and agreed with the appropriate adjustment in the Mayor's allowance.

Protocol Meeting.

The Mayor referred to the need for an early meeting of the Protocol Committee consisting of the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty and Councillor K. Morris. The Clerk was requested to check if Councillor P. Reck was a member of the Protocol Committee.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF February, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF G.P. MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THURSDAY 12th JANUARY, 1984, AT 7.00 p.m.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, N. Murphy,
Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.

PENSIONS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor N. Kavanagh the pension list as circulated was unanimously approved.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

RE/- Ballinagee Development.

The members noted letter from Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce stating agreement with Corporation's decision and pointing out that the Chamber were writing to the Minister supporting the Corporation's stand.

RE/- Great Island Power Station.

The members noted that a meeting would take place on Monday 16th January, 1984 with the Oireachtas Members, Wexford Trades Council and E.S.B. regarding the above.

RE/- V.A.T. Tourist Industry.

The members noted letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance stating that this matter would be examined in the course of the preparations for the 1984 budget.

RE/- Differential Rent Scheme and Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The members noted letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, as circulated.

RE/- Improvements to Mulgannon Road.

The members noted letter from Secretary, Wexford County Council pointing out that it was intended to provide for these works in the 1984 road-works scheme and that discussions would have to take place between Wexford County Council and Wexford Corporation. It was unanimously agreed to request a meeting with Wexford District Comm. in this regard.

RE/- Gaming Licence - Mr. Brian McManus - Anne Street, Wexford - Letter from Customs & Excise stating that a licence has been issued to Mr. McManus covering the period 1/1/84 to 30/9/84. The members noted the above letter.

RE/- Local Radio - Letter from Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

The above letter was noted by the members.

RE/- Sale of Sub-Standard Houses.

The members noted letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment as circulated. On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was agreed to seek departmental approval to the sale of Council houses to tenants where tenants are prepared to purchase the house in its existing condition.

RE/- I.C.E.L.A.(as circulated)

The members noted the above, as circulated, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was agreed that the amended constitution be adopted:

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- " 1. To change the name of the Irish Council of European Local Authorities; the name henceforward shall be The Council of Irish and European Local Authorities.
2. Encourage, protect and promote the development of a viable and democratic system of local government;
- Watch over, protect and promote the interests, rights, functions, and duties of local authorities in Ireland;
- Provide a means through which the common and general interests of local authorities may be identified and expressed;
- Provide a means through which consultation shall take place on proposals on matters affecting and of concern to local authorities whether by way of legislation or concerning finance, functions or otherwise;
- Provide in conjunction with other agencies, where appropriate, such services for local authorities, or their members of staffs, as maybe considered appropriate."

Application by Wexford V.E.C. to use Town Crest on Headed Notepaper.

On the proposal of Senator B. Howlin seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was unanimously agreed to allow the Town of Wexford V.E.C. use the Town Crest on their Headed Notepaper, subject to the usual conditions.

Application by Wexford Male Voice Choir to use Town Crest.

On the proposal of Senator B. Howlin seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was unanimously agreed to give permission to the Wexford Male Voice Choir to use the Town Crest, subject to the usual conditions.

HOUSING

Mr. William Hayes, Carne Beach Caravan Park, Carne, County Wexford.

The Clerk informed the members that Mr. Hayes was the owner of a Mobile Home and had indicated that he was not the owner of any other property and that he often went to England to visit his Daughter. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was agreed that Mr. Hayes be offered housing accommodation in the normal way.

The following cases were also discussed:-

J. Cox, 11, Distillery Road.
J. Cullen, St. Joseph's Home, Dungarvan, formerly of Wexford.
T. Walsh, 20, Lr. Georges Street.

The Manager was asked to sympathetically consider Mr. T. Walsh for rehousing in Wolfe Tone Villas.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche pointed out to the members that the lists had been adopted and that the Council had agreed to look at the remaining applicants in twelve months time and that applicants on the list, after the Coolcotts scheme had been filled, would be asked if they were interested in being rehoused in Wolfe Tone Villas or similar housing estates.

Church of Ireland Service.

The Mayor informed the members that Service had been arranged in St. Iberius Church on Sunday 29th January, 1984 at 11.00 a.m. by Canon Grant.

Protocol Committee.

The members agreed that the following would constitute the Protocol Committee:-

1. The Mayor of the Day.
2. Councillor J. O'Flaherty.
3. Councillor J. Roche.
4. Councillor J. Mahoney.
5. Councillor P. Reck.
6. Alderman P. Roche.

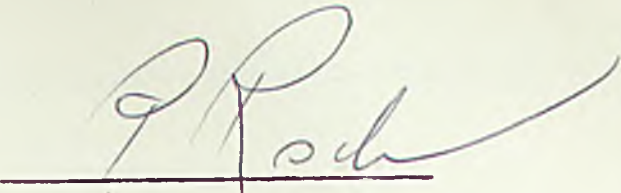
CONFERRING OF HONORARY COUNCILOR ON MR. BRINDAN CORISH
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It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Cllr. J. Hayes and agreed /over....

that the **Borough** Council consider bestowing this honour on Mr. Brendan Corish at an early date.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS *1st* DAY OF *February*, 1984.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1984 RE GREAT ISLAND POWER STATION.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche

In Attendance:-

Mr. D. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk.
Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D., M.C.C.
Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D.
Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., Minister for State.
Mr. Hugh Byrne, T.D.
Mr. J. Browne, T.D.
Mr. Michael Waddell, Wexford Trades Council.
Mr. Michael Enright, Wexford Trades Council.
Mr. Jim Crowdle, E.S.B.
Mr. Pat Treanor, E.S.B.
Mr. Pat O'Brien, E.S.B.
Mr. Nicholas Cheevers, E.S.B.
Mr. Michael Cheevers, E.S.B.
Mr. Gerard O'Riordan, E.S.B.
Mr. William Roche, E.S.B.
Mr. Gerard Gough, E.S.B.
Mr. Robert Sills, E.S.B.

At the outset the Mayor welcomed the parties to the meeting, the purpose of which was to up-date the Oireachtas members on the present position and to seek their support to ensure that Great Island Power Station remained open.

At the outset Mr. S. Murray, E.S.B. Group of Unions outlined the case for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

Mr. M. Waddel presented the case on behalf of the Wexford Trades Council for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

The Meeting noted:-

- 1) That no decision had yet been made at National level to close Great Island Power Station.
- 2) The need for a feasibility study of Wexford Gas Company.
- 3) The need to ensure that plant, etc., at Great Island Power Station was not allowed to run-down.

All the T.D.'s expressed their total support for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

It was noted that the Oireachtas members would meet in the next couple of weeks and arrange to meet the Minister in this regard.

The Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, asked the Oireachtas members to arrange an early deputation to the Minister for Trade & Energy, after the Oireachtas members had met the Minister in the 1st inst.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF February, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY, 1984
AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

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

Apologies from Alderman P. Kelly for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Garda Representatives:- Supt. J. Gurhy & Sgt. P. Delaney.

At the outset of the meeting the Mayor welcomed Supt. Gurhy and Sgt. Delaney to the meeting and explained that the meeting had been called to discuss with the representatives of the Gardai the serious concern which members of the Corporation felt in relation to the increasing vandalism problem in the town.

The Mayor then invited the members to speak and stated that the Supt. would reply when all members had finished.

Councillor Reck stated that his reason for moving the motion which had asked for the meeting they were now having, was because of the alarming increase in vandalism in the town. He stated that the cost to Local Authorities of Malicious Damage Claims arising from vandalism was enormous and expressed fears that if this activity continues in the future (when he expects malicious damage claims to be excluded from public funds) the visual amenity of the town would deteriorate rapidly due to shop keepers and other commercial premises making alterations to their premises to safe-guard against vandalism.

Councillor J. Roche stated that the highest rate of vandalism appeared to occur when discos in the town have just closed. He referred to the apparent ease of licenced premises and hotels obtaining exemption orders and expressed the wish that the courts would allow to Gardai power to cancel exemption orders if the Gardai were of the opinion that they were not capable of full supervision on the night on which the exemption order was to be effective.

Councillor N. Murphy asked Supt. Gurhy what the scale of the problem^{was} in Wexford. He appealed to parents to ensure that their children were not involved in any acts of vandalism and suggested that the Gardai would control the streets in pairs rather than individually for their own protection.

Councillor J. Hayes suggested as a short-term solution that an extra garda presence on foot patrol during the early hours of Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings would act as a deterrent to vandalism. He also stated that under-age drinking contributed largely to this problem and referred to the need for the introduction of an identity card system to protect against under-age drinking.

Councillor K. Morris agreed with the suggestions made regarding additional foot patrols and that under-age drinking was contributing to the problem of vandalism. He appealed to the public to co-operate with the Gardai in the elimination of crime and vandalism.

Councillor N. Kavanagh suggested that the punishment meted out at present was not sufficient and suggested a review at national level of this. He stated his agreement with the request for additional foot-patrols and referred to the apparent increase in the drugs problem in the town and to the increase in recent times of robberies.

Councillor J. Mahoney agreed with the suggestion that under-age drinking was contributing largely to the vandalism problem and also agreed that vandalism was at its worst at weekends. He agreed also that the co-operation of the public was needed and with the request for parents to properly control their children.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty agreed with the previous speakers and asked what manpower resources were available to the Supt. to deal with the problem. He was of the opinion that the situation in Wexford was deteriorating and again stressed the need for the co-operation of the public in general with the security forces and for parents to exercise their full parental control on their children.

The Mayor then called on Supt. Gurhy to reply.

The Supt. thanked the Mayor and the Corporation for the opportunity given to him to discuss the situation with them. He stated that crime is on the increase in Wexford but stressed that it was by no means out of hand. He also stated that since his appointment to Wexford he had made available to the press details of all crimes committed and that he had introduced this scheme for two reasons;

- 1) To Make people aware of the problem so that they can take preventative action;
and
- 2) To let the public know that the Gardai are working conscientiously and diligently on their behalf.

He stated that his main concern was to ensure that the levels of crime and vandalism were kept down and that in comparison to other parts of the country Wexford's problem was not too bad at present.

The Supt. then proceeded to answer the points and queries raised by the members. He said that the incidences of breaking of shop windows was on the increase and he agreed that alcoholic drink was a major contributory factor. He referred to the deficiency in the present law regarding the power of the Gardai to object to exemptions and stated that the District Justice is bound to grant exemption orders where sought except if specific statutory requirements are not met. In reply to further questions by Councillors Roche and Reck the Supt. stated that the cost of seeking special exemption orders at present for each exemption is £65 stamp duty and approx. £15 legal fees. In further reply to Councillor Reck the Supt. stated that on any licenced premises a member of the Garda Síochána has the authority to enter without restriction. He himself was in favour of gardai visiting and briefly inspecting premises including discos where exemptions have been granted, but he was not in favour of them remaining on the premises. In this regard he undertook to arrange for the Gardai to enter and inspect such premises more frequently. In further reply to Councillor Hayes the Supt. stated that if difficulties arose on a continuous basis at particular discos, he would utilise his power to object to the granting of the dance licence for that premises, which is issued on an annual basis. The Supt. then referred to particular cases which had occurred in the town in recent times and spoke of the shortage of national jail accommodation which was restricting District Justices when they were sentencing convicted criminals.

He agreed that high unemployment was a contributory factor for the increase in crime rate but he stressed that the incidence of crime was not confined to week-ends. He said that where possible at present the Gardai have foot patrols, particularly at the weekends but he referred to the financial restrictions on the Gardai operations particularly in the area of overtime and stated that these financial restrictions were not helping to alleviate the situation. He said that the number of Gardai under his control was 55 and then outlined the work assignment for these. A substantial number of the total Gardai force in Wexford were employed on necessary statutory functions other than dealing with general crime but despite this he does deploy extra Gardai on week-end nights up to 2.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. as necessary. He also stated that the Gardai provide escorts for business people carrying cash where the sum involved was in excess of £10,000.

The Supt. then referred to under-age drinking. He stated that the law as it is at present requires;-

- 1) The licensee or his appointed agent to be in charge of the licenced premises at all times,
- 2) The licensee must know that the persons he is selling drink to was an under-aged person;

The Supt. spoke of the deficiency in the law where the Gardai must prove that the licensee "knowingly" provided drink to an under-aged person and also spoke of the deficiency in law where an underaged person can obtain alcoholic drink by getting a person over the legal age limit to purchase drink for them and to supply it to them off the premises.

A lengthy discussion on this subject then ensued arising out of which Councillor Hayes stated that he would be moving a motion at the next meeting of the Vocational Educational Committee suggesting a combined effort of all the Educational Authorities in the town to introduce a proper identity card scheme.

The Supt. stressed the need for the co-operation of the public with the security forces and opened himself to suggestions from the members of the Corporation as to how best this could be achieved.

On the question of parental control he said he had in mind to prosecute parents for aiding and abating in any crim committed by a juvenile. In reply to questions he stated that there was no law against juveniles being on the streets at night.

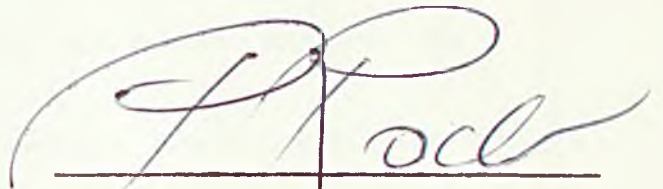
Regarding corporal punishment, he was of the opinion that this would not be introduced in the near future. He was convinced however that for persistent offenders the only answer was prison detention.

Regarding drugs he stated that he did not think that drugs were a serious problem in Wexford and also that to his knowledge there was no hard drug pusher living in Wexford. A lengthy discussion to which all members contributed then ensued on this matter arising out of which the Mayor at the suggestion of the Supt., stated that if any member had any information on drugs use in the town, that members should discuss this information confidentially with the Supt. Arising further out of this discussion Alderman Byrne again stressed the need for the public to co-operate with the Gardai and for them to understand the need to do so.

Following further general discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of the Mayor to have regular meetings with the Supt. on a quarterly basis for the purpose of discussion and information on the vandalism and crime problems in the town.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1984 RE GREAT ISLAND POWER STATION.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche

In Attendance:-

Mr. D. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. D. Minnock, Acting Town Clerk.
Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D., M.C.C.
Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D.
Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., Minister for State.
Mr. Hugh Byrne, T.D.
Mr. J. Browne, T.D.
Mr. Michael Waddell, Wexford Trades Council.
Mr. Michael Enright, Wexford Trades Council.
Mr. Jim Crowdle, E.S.B.
Mr. Pat Treanor, E.S.B.
Mr. Pat O'Brien, E.S.B.
Mr. Nicholas Cheevers, E.S.B.
Mr. Michael Cheevers, E.S.B.
Mr. Gerard O'Riordan, E.S.B.
Mr. William Roche, E.S.B.
Mr. Gerard Gough, E.S.B.
Mr. Robert Sills, E.S.B.

At the outset the Mayor welcomed the parties to the meeting, the purpose of which was to up-date the Oireachtas members on the present position and to seek their support to ensure that Great Island Power Station remained open.

At the outset Mr. S. Murray, E.S.B. Group of Unions outlined the case for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

Mr. M. Waddel presented the case on behalf of the Wexford Trades Council for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

The Meeting noted:-

- 1) That no decision had yet been made at National level to close Great Island Power Station.
- 2) The need for a feasibility study of Wexford Gas Company.
- 3) The need to ensure that plant, etc., at Great Island Power Station was not allowed to run-down.

All the T.D.'s expressed their total support for the retention of Great Island Power Station.

It was noted that the Oireachtas members would meet in the next couple of weeks and arrange to meet the Minister in this regard.

The Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, asked the Oireachtas members to arrange an early deputation to the Minister for Trade & Energy, after the Oireachtas members had met the Minister in the 1st inst.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 15th DAY OF February, 1984.



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 6th FEBRUARY, 1984, AT 7.30 p.m.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

NEW TOWN CLERK

At the outset of the meeting the Manager introduced Mr. Don Curtin who had taken up duty as Town Clerk. The Mayor welcomed the new Town Clerk and all Councillors associated themselves with the remarks of the Mayor.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche the members passed sincere votes of sympathy to Senator Howlin on the death of his Uncle, Mr. P. Roche, to the family of the late Mr. J. Jones and to the family of the late Mr. James (Docker) Murphy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes a sincere vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. John Furlong.

All members and the Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expressions of sympathy.

The votes were passed in silence, all standing.

MINUTES

The minutes of (a) Public Lighting Committee meeting held on 5th January, 1984;
(b) Statutory Meeting held on 9th January, 1984;
(c) Special meeting held on 16th January, 1984;

were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

The minutes of the G.P. Meeting held on 12th January, 1984 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by His worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting for 1984 would be held on Thursday 29th March, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

It was also agreed that the various Committee Meetings of the Corporation would be held as follows:-

- (a) Protocol Committee: 14th February, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.
- (b) Public Lighting Committee: 21st February, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.
- (c) General Purposes Committee: 22nd February, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

It was also agreed that the Preliminary Estimates Meeting would be held immediately following the conclusion of the G.P. Committee Meeting on 22nd February, 1984.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

The submission of the Association of Town Clerks of Ireland on Local Government Re-organisation to the Minister for the Environment, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Councillor J. Roche, referring to the need for re-organisation of Local Government structures stated that in light of the experience with the Health Boards, the County structure must be retained in any re-organisation proposals. He also stated that the towns governed by Charter should retain the powers which they held at present. He also referred to motions which had been submitted by the Corporation from time to time to the Association of Municipal Authorities on Local Government Re-Organisation and in concluding stated that the process by which town boundaries were extended, must be /over....

made easier.

Councillor Reck stated that the method of financing Local Authorities could not remain as it is at present and suggested that a restructuring of national taxation policies must be carried out. He stressed that Local Authorities in any re-organisation of Local Government must be made masters of their own financial destiny.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche in concluding the discussion stated that the Town Clerks' submission along with other submissions which had been made on re-organisation was being referred to the Government Working Party which was set up to consider this whole question and stated that the Town Clerks' submission would be considered there. He also stated that if any of the members had further comments or submissions to make, these should be passed on to the Town Clerk.

ELECTING HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche:-

"That the Council of the Borough of Wexford, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, (Ireland) 1876, (Section 11), elect and admit Mr. Brendan Corish, Belvedere Road, Wexford, as an honorary freeman of the Borough of Wexford".

The Mayor in proposing the motion referred to the invaluable contribution which Mr. Corish had made during his terms of Public Office to the Town of Wexford. Councillor Roche in seconding the motion referred to Mr. Corish's contribution to not only Wexford Town but also to the Nation as a whole. All members associated with the expressions of the proposer and seconder and the motion was then unanimously adopted.

The Mayor then stated that the matter would now be pursued by the Protocol Committee.

PUBLIC SERVICE PAY AGREEMENT

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was unanimously agreed to approve of the implementation of the Second Phase of the 1983 Public Service Pay Agreement for Officers in accordance with Section 6 of the City & County Management Amendment Act 1955.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that a report from the County Engineer on the provision of controlled pedestrian crossing facilities at Maudlintown would be circulated.

Cardinal O'Fiach.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche:-

"That this Council put on record its support for the policies pursued by His Eminence, Cardinal O'Fiach, in relation to the strife torn six counties of the North East of Ireland".

In speaking about the motion Councillor Roche referred to Cardinal O'Fiach's affinity with Wexford and to the fact that he had been Conferred the Freedom of the Borough of Wexford. He also referred to the Cardinal's condemnation at all times of atrocities carried out by all sides in the conflict in the Northern part of the country. In seconding the motion the Mayor referred to the fact that the Cardinal was living in the north of the country and was aware of the day to day living difficulties of the population in that area. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was put to the meeting which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Councillors J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty and N. Kavanagh (8).

Against:- None (0).

Abstaining:- Councillor N. Murphy (1).

The motion was then declared carried.

Footpaths.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council embark on a policy of replacing damaged footpaths within the Borough as a priority".

Councillor Roche in speaking to the motion requested that a list of footpaths to be repaired would be submitted at the Estimates Meeting by the Borough Engineer. Also arising out of the discussion on the motion Councillor Reck requested that the Engineer report at the Estimates Meeting on repeat repairs on footpaths, particularly in the Main Street area which have been made necessary because of damage caused by the parking of heavy vehicles on the footpaths.

Unemployment.

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

"In view of high unemployment in Wexford I move that special consideration be given to us as is the case in other areas, and also I move for a fair share of the national cake for the town and county".

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck stated that the service industry which was the back-bone of Wexford's future was being whittled away. He referred to the miniscule allocation of capital monies for the improvements to Rosslare Harbour and in support of his motion showed pictures of coastal erosion at Rosslare Strand as an example of problems being caused to one of the major industries in this area - Tourism. In seconding the motion Councillor Hayes stressed the need for the promotion of Rosslare and Wexford as an industrial base.

All members spoke in support of the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Main Drainage Scheme.

It was agreed by the proposers of the following two motions that they be taken together since they dealt with the one subject:-

"No finance was made available for Wexford's Main Drainage I move that the members declare this a national scandal and demand an allocation".

"That this Borough Council deplore the fact that no provision was made in the Budget to start the necessary works on Wexford Main Drainage Scheme, call now for an immediate meeting with the Minister for the Environment to try and acquire finance for same".

Councillor Reck in speaking to the motions referred to the bad condition of the timber decking along the Quay and the existing sewer outfalls. In support of his motion he showed pictures of both the timber decking and the existing outfalls.

Councillor Hayes endorsed the comments of Councillor Reck and referred to the necessity of having the drainage scheme implemented in order to ensure the short-term and long-term prospects of Wexford.

His Worship the Mayor stated that as soon as the national capital budget programme had appeared in the Press he contacted the Department of the Environment regarding the Main Drainage Scheme. He referred to the process by which major drainage schemes are undertaken and stated that the first step in this process was to have the preliminary report, which had already been submitted for approval, approved by the Minister for the Environment. He then proposed the following composite motion:-

"That Wexford Corporation call on the Minister for the Environment to urgently approve of the Preliminary Report for Wexford Main Drainage Scheme".

This motion was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and following discussion to which all members contributed was unanimously adopted. Arising out of discussion on the composite motion, the Manager again outlined briefly the procedure by which drainage schemes are implemented and assured the members that there would be no undue delay in the preparation of Contract Documents when the approval to the Preliminary Report had been received.

Housing Lists.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Hayes and following discussion was unanimously agreed:-

"That future Housing Lists show the make-up of the total points allocated to each applicant and that all applicants be informed officially of their placing on the recommended List".

In proposing the motion Councillor Kavanagh said that it should be clearly stated on the notification to housing applicants that their position on the list was until the next review of housing needs and would not be a guarantee in itself of being appointed as a tenant of a house.

Civil War Monument.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor N. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty:-

"That this Council call on the Government and Dail Eireann to provide a suitable Memorial to all those who died in the tragic Civil War on the formation of our State".

In proposing the motion Councillor Kavanagh spoke of the need to put the past behind us. In seconding the motion Councillor O'Flaherty requested the Government to introduce a National Day of Commemoration for the dead of the Civil War. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

Domestic Water Charges 1983.

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

"In view of the fact that no allowance was made by this Council in 1983 Estimates for Water Charges as directive had not been received from Minister, I move that same be withdrawn.

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes stated that though he was aware of the deficit in excess of £50,000 which had been included in the Estimates and adopted in 1983, he felt that since people were not made aware of the charges and since the demand notes had not issued until Christmas time, these charges should now be dropped. In seconding the motion Councillor Roche stated that the Minister for the Environment had made everybody fully aware for the past two years of impending re-organisation in local Government and that he himself felt that the introduction of Domestic Water Charges was untimely and that they should await proper re-organisation of local Government before introducing such charges. There followed a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed. In reply to this discussion the Manager stated that there were no instant solutions to the financial problems of local authorities which at the present time were monumental.. He did not feel that asking central government for the necessary financial assistance, in view of the financial climate, would relieve this difficult situation. He stated also that a waiver scheme would apply to these charges as assessed and that he would be as generous as possible in the implementation of this scheme. He pointed out that the members were aware in the adoption of their 1983 estimates that a deficit of £55,000 was included and that this sum would have to be made up by charges for domestic water supplies as deficit budgeting was unacceptable and could not be provided for. The Manager spoke of major financial commitments (such as the proposed main drainage scheme) which were facing the Borough Council in the future and advised that charges for services would be required to enable the Corporation to meet its financial liabilities in this regard. Following further discussion a vote was taken on the motion which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Councillors, J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy and N. Kavanagh (8).

Against:-

Councillor K. Morris, (1).

Abstaining:-

Senator B. Howlin, (1).

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The majority being in favour of the motion, the motion was declared carried. /over....

In reply to Councillor Roche the Manager stated that he could not see himself implementing the terms of the motion. Following further general discussion, discussion on this matter was concluded.

Adjournment of Standing Orders.

The time then being 10.00 p.m. it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Senator Howlin to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue.

Increases in P.R.S.I. and V.A.T.

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

"That this Council condemn the present Government for the increase on P.R.S.I. and V.A.T. on clothing in the recent budget."

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion, referred to the already high rates of tax which were burdening all persons in the country. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was put to the meeting and resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Councillor J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty (7).

Against:-

Senator B. Howlin (1).

Abstaining:-

Councillors N. Murphy, N. Kavanagh (2).

The majority being in favour of the motion, the motion was declared carried.

QUESTIONS

Improvements to junction of Belvedere Road/Summerhill/Corish Park.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Borough Engineer stated that subject to the Estimates it was intended to improve the channelling and sign-posting at this junction in the current year.

New Wall at Ferrybank.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Town Engineer stated that subject to the Estimates it was intended to complete the wall and landscape the picnic area.

In further reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that no allocation had yet been received under the Environmental Scheme for 1984.

Car Park between Kennedy Park and the Knock.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the throwing of stones at cars passing the car park between Kennedy Park and the Knock was vandalism and that he would arrange to have any loose stones in this area swept up.

Housing Ratio.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Town Clerk stated that the ratio of family-type houses to non-family type houses erected in recent times had been in accordance with demand (6:4). The ratio of one-bedroomed units to two-bedroomed units erected was 9:1. Demand in this area was in the ratio of 3:1. The Corporations' future provision of Infill Small Dwelling Units will therefore be altered to reflect this demand ratio.

Houses without Bathrooms/Showers.

In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that the total number of houses in Corporation ownership which were built by the Corporation without bathrooms or shower rooms was 197. The approximate cost of repairs to bring these houses up to modern standards was £2,000 per house. The amount of grants available from the Department of the Environment was £600 or two thirds of the cost of the new extension whichever sum was the lesser.

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Housing Loans 1983.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Accountant stated that 25 applications had been received for S.D.A. Loans in 1983 and 46 applications for Housing Finance Agency Loans had been received in the same period.

Major Housing Repairs.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that in 1983 major repairs were carried out to the older housing stock in the Borough as follows:-

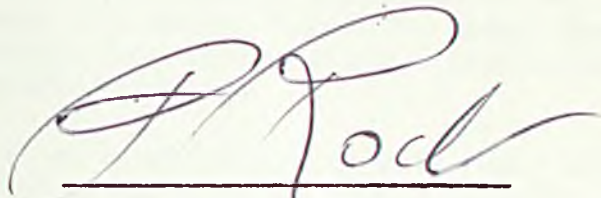
31 - drylined, 5 - shower-rooms were provided (including two in progress), 70 houses were rewired (including four in progress) and 4 were refurbished. In further reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that a balance of £24,000 remained to continue with this work.

Old Folk Houses in John Street.

The Borough Engineer in reply to Councillor Hayes stated that to facilitate the development of the site in John Street area, the Corporation were attempting to acquire adjoining land.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD CORPORATION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 1984.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris and J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

CIVIC AWARDS

A discussion was held on the allocation of Civic Awards for 1983. Arising out of this discussion, whilst it was agreed that the Committee would act responsibly in the allocation of Awards where merited, concern was expressed to the effect that if the Civic Awards were granted too freely, the status of the awards would be diminished. It was therefore agreed that the Town Clerk would draw up draft guidelines and criteria for the granting of Civic Awards and that this draft would be considered at the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The Mayor stated that he had had discussions with Mrs. Corish and that she had suggested a Saturday afternoon in early May for the Ceremony. It was therefore tentatively agreed that the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony would take place at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 5th May, 1984. It was also agreed that the Ceremony would take place outside the main entrance to the Municipal Buildings and that arrangements should be made for an alternative indoor premises in the event of bad weather on the day. It was agreed that the usual arrangements regarding the Bands and Uniformed Bodies would be made. It was further agreed that His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk would investigate the options for the scroll and casket for the presentation ceremony.

The Talbot Hotel was chosen as the location for the Reception after the Ceremony and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would issue all invitation cards. The guest list from the Corporation would be drawn up at the next meeting of the Protocol Committee and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Mr. Corish requesting his Guest List and telling him of the date chosen for this Ceremony. It was also agreed that Mr. Noel Randall should be requested to provide the necessary loud speaking equipment and the microphones for the Ceremony and that the speakers at the ceremony would be the Mayor and the recipient.

Further discussion on the ceremony was adjourned to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

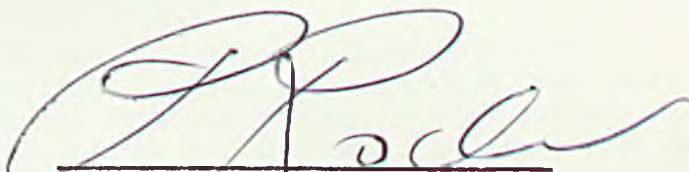
A discussion was held on the passing of votes of sympathy at the meetings of the Corporation. Arising out of this discussion during which it was stated that traditionally votes of sympathy were passed ^{only} in respect of direct relatives of members or officials or staff of the Corporation, it was agreed to recommend that this tradition would continue. It was also agreed to recommend that the Mayor of the Day would be the mover of all allowed votes of sympathy.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Protocol Committee would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28th February, 1984.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD CORPORATION HELD ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 1984
AT 8.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

The Mayor stated that he had called this special meeting because of concern expressed by some members regarding the departure in the normal procedure by which recommendations were made by the N.B.A. on tenders received/local authority housing schemes. The procedure heretofore had been that the N.B.A. would examine the tenders received and report to the Corporation but in the case of the tenders for Phase 4 of the Coolcotts Scheme, the N.B.A. had first sought the approval of the Department to the tender they were recommending prior to submitting this recommendation to the Corporation. Concern was generally expressed by the members at the departure from normal practise in this case. In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that he understood that the N.B.A. had been required by the Department to act in this manner. Arising out of further discussion it was agreed to seek clarification in writing from the N.B.A. in this regard.

Consideration was then given to the recommendation of the N.B.A. which was summarised for the meeting by the Town Clerk as follows:-

" 1. The proposal is to build 55 houses which will consist of:-

- 4 x 1 bedroomed houses
- 6 x 2 bedroomed houses
- 40 x 3 bedroomed houses
- 5 x 4 bedroomed houses

2. The N.B.A. have recommended the tender of Richard Browne & Sons Ltd. in the sum of £1,424,891.55 and completion time of 70 weeks.
This tender is acceptable to the Department subject to some adjustments in the specification which will be dealt with later.

3. The average unit cost based on the tender figure is £25,907.11.

4. The changes in the tender documents arise from a number of economies which the Department have required and which are as follows:-

- (1) Substitution of block and render in lieu of brickwork to certain gables of houses; Substitution of blockwork and render in lieu of brickwork to certain areas of screen walling; Omission of sections of site boundary walling and replacement with chainlink fencing; Reduction in height of brick planter boxes; Variation to extent of slate cladding to front elevation of houses.....£15,261.00
- (2) Alteration to fuel stores involving changes in roof from a pitched to a flat roof and adjustments to block work.....£16,350.00
- (3) Omission of curtain rails in houses.....£ 1,400.00
- (4) Revision to the layout of the foul drainage system.....£ 5,000.00
- TOTAL:- £40,186.00

5. The Department have also pointed out that the nature of this development calls for the apportionment of certain features as between the various user interests i.e., the boundaries with the schools and proposed neighbourhood centre, the distributor, road and outfall drainage. In this regard, they state that the Corporation will be asked to provide additional information to enable an accurate apportionment to be made.

6. In addition to the tender price, the planning permission for the project requires a development levy of £250 per house for water and £300 per house for sewerage to be paid to Wexford County Council. These charges in total amount to £550,250 for the 55 houses." /over....

In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that revised drawings incorporating the requirements of the Department were not yet available. Following discussion during which reservations were expressed regarding the revised fencing arrangements proposed by the Department, it was agreed on the proposal of ~~Senator~~ Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne that the recommendation of the N.B.A. of the tender of Richard Browne & Sons Ltd., in the sum of £1,424,891.55 be accepted and that the said tender be accepted. Satisfaction was expressed that the recommended tenderer was a locally based firm. However reservations were expressed that this firm had not previously carried out a local authority scheme of this size and following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Hayes to incorporate into the resolution accepting the tender a recommendation to the N.B.A. that a high level of supervision would be maintained during the course of the construction of this housing scheme. Following further discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hayes that the Town Clerk would circulate details of all tenders received.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Manager intended to carry out some major renovations both internally and externally of the Municipal Building and suggested that these improvement works should include the provision of a handrail for the steps outside the main entrance to the building and also access for the disabled to the building.

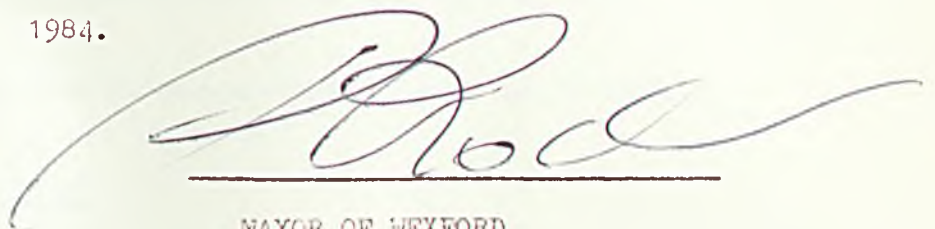
In reply to Councillor Reck His Worship the Mayor stated that if members of the Corporation wished to meet members of the public in private in the Municipal Building, he had no objection to the members using the Mayoral Chamber for this purpose.

FENCING AT UPPER GEORGES STREET

Councillor J. Mahoney and Alderman G. Byrne referred to difficulties expressed by residents in the Upper Georges Street area regarding securing their back boundaries. Following discussions to which all members contributed, on the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would again contact those concerned and that the matter would be again considered at the Estimates Meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF WEXFORD CORPORATION AND WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

County Councillors:- L. Carthy, P. Walshe, T. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, County Secretary.
Mr. G. Forde, County Engineer.
Mr. C. Daly, County Council.

Apologies from Deputy A. Doyle for her inability to attend the meeting were noted.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed the members and officials of the County Council to the Chamber.

MULGANNON ROAD

Councillor Roche requested the County Engineer to give the up-to-date position on the proposals for the Mulgannon Road. He referred to the need to alleviate traffic congestion in this area and stated that both authorities should make provision in their current years estimates for the necessary improvement works. Councillor Reck stressed the need for improvements to this road for the sake of public safety. Councillor Kavanagh referred to the need to extend the 30 miles p.h. speed limit on this roadway and also referred to some dangerous trees bounding the road. Councillor Carthy concurred with the previous speakers and stated that the improvement of this road was a priority. Councillor Mahoney stated that a footpath should be provided on both sides of this road and that the bend at the top of the road should be improved. The County Engineer in reply accepted the need for the carrying-out of some improvements to this roadway. He stated that he had examined the wall at Cromwell's Fort and that this wall needs attention. The owner of the wall had already been contacted but it also appeared that some road improvement work was required at that point. However since the estimates for the current year had not been finalised at the date of the meeting, he was unable therefore to give any commitment regarding the carrying-out of works. He stated that in the Wexford area the top priority for road improvements were the Mulgannon Road and Clonard Road and further stated that the extension of the speed limits would be examined at the next review of the traffic bye-laws. In reply to Councillor Roche the County Engineer stated that he envisaged that the link road between Distillery Road and Mulgannon Road would be a joint venture between the County Council and the Corporation. His Worship the Mayor in concluding the discussion on this matter expressed satisfaction with the priority which the County Engineer attributed to the Mulgannon Road and noted that a decision on the carrying-out of improvements on this roadway in the current year would be made when the estimates were finalised.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The meeting considered the following report from the County Engineer, copy of which had previously been circulated.

"The position at Maudlintown is that the existing zebra crossing will be replaced by a Pelican Signalised Crossing during the next few months. The contract had been awarded to Phillips electric Ltd., but installation cannot take place until the final road surfacing (asphalt) has been provided. This work is scheduled for April/May this year".

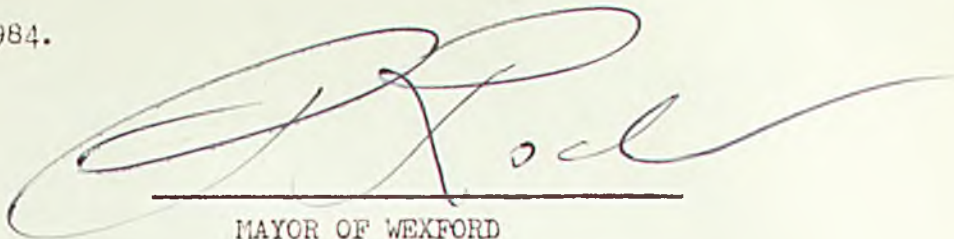
In reply to further questions the County Engineer stated that he hoped to have the Pedestrian Crossing operational by June of this year. In reply to Councillors Roche and Reck the County Engineer stated that he would examine the need to realign the traffic island and the parking facilities in this area with a view to providing more room to manoeuvre for big vehicles. In further reply to Senator Howlin the County Engineer stated that he would examine the feasibility of providing a filter lane for traffic at the Faythe.

The Mayor thanked the members of the District Committee, the members of the Corporation and the officials for attending the meeting.

Councillor Carthy said the holding of such meetings had merit and that joint meetings between the Corporation and the County Council District Committee should be held from time to time on a regular basis.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 31st
FEBRUARY, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Councillors:- P. Reck, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.P. Curtin, Town Clerk,
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Borough Engineer for an up-to-date report on his discussions with Mr. Kyle of the E.S.B. The Borough Engineer outlined for the meeting the suggestions of the ESB in relation to the public lighting at Summerhill and John's Road. Councillor O'Flaherty stated that the lower part of John's Road was badly serviced with public lights and that trees adjoining the roadway were partly to blame for this problem. In reply to His Worship the Mayor, the Borough Engineer stated that two public lights had been ordered for Mary's Lane and some other lights previously ordered were still not erected by the E.S.B. However the ESB were reasonably up-to-date with the programme.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that there was an existing public light at Rowe Street Church but this was not working presently. He stated that he would contact the Administrator of the Church as this light was the responsibility of the Church. In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would examine the feasibility of moving a light from the bottom of Mulgannon Road to the Polly. The Borough Engineer stated that the lighting of lanes in the town was bad and following discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate this further and report back to a future meeting.

Following further discussion it was agreed to recommend that subject to sufficient funds being provided in the estimates, that new public lights would be erected as follows:-

Summerhill (4)
Lr. John's Road (3)
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Mary's Lane (Off Gibson's Street) (1)

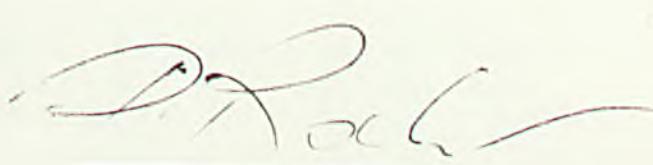
A discussion was held on public lighting requirements in the environs to service new developments such as Coolcotts. It was noted that the County Council were not providing new lights in the current year. On the proposal of Councillor Reck it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the lighting of the link road from St. Aidan's Shopping Centre up to Whiterock Road.

Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th March, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

It was agreed that the Borough Engineer would have an itinerary for the Committee members for that meeting to enable the Committee to go and examine each of the areas in the town which required examination. It was also further agreed to recommend that public lighting in the environs be an item for discussion at the next joint meeting between the Corporation and the District Committee of Wexford County Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 1984, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman F. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reek, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

PENSIONS

On the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the list of pensions as previously circulated and as detailed hereunder were unanimously approved:-

1. Miss Katie Doyle, 41, School Street, Wexford.
2. Mrs. Margaret O'Mahoney, 1, Fisher's Row, Wexford.
3. Mrs. Sarah Hurley, 48, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.
4. Catherine Furlong, 6, Harbour View, Wexford.
5. Agnus Delaney, "Hillcrest", John's Road, Wexford.
6. Mrs. Elizabeth Kehoe, 100, Upper John Street, Wexford.
7. Sr. Mary Oliver Colgan, Mercy Convent, Summerhill, Wexford.
8. Catherine Quirke, 12, Parnell Street, Wexford.
9. Josephine Byrne, 44, Talbot Street, Wexford.
10. Barbara Banville, 7, Grattan Terrace, Wexford.

PLANNING

A list of planning applications received since the Statutory Monthly Meeting, copy of which had been previously circulated, was noted. Queries in relation to the proposed developments were answered by the Borough Engineer.

REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

On the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was agreed to receive a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce at March meeting of the G.P. Committee to receive a submission from that organisation on rates.

TOWN CREST

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to allow Coiste Glor Na nGael, Loch Garman to use the Town Crest subject to the usual conditions.

NUMBERING OF NEW FLATS

The town Clerk submitted the following report:-

"The new flats at the following locations will be completed in the near future:-

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1) Paythe | 6 flats |
| 2) Bride Street | 4 flats |
| 3) John Street | 6 flats |
| 4) Abbey Street | 5 flats |

In relation to the Paythe, Bride Street and John Street it is possible to number the flats sequentially with the existing numbering in the relevant street, i.e., where the last adjacent number of house is 45, the individual flats would be 46, 47 etc. This can be done without duplicating existing numbers. It is recommended that this procedure be adopted in these cases.

In the case of the Abbey Street Flats the option in the above paragraph is not available since the flats cannot be incorporated in the existing street numbering system without duplicating existing numbers. It is therefore recommended that this group of flats will be called "Abbey Place" and the individual flats be numbered 1 to 5.

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Following discussion it was agreed to have this item on the agenda for the next G.P. Committee Meeting. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne that the Borough Engineer would examine and report on possible improvements in the numbering system at Liam Bellows Park.

HOUSING

Councillor Reck referred to two applicants who had been late for consideration when the current housing list was being prepared (the Doonan family, 5, High Street and Carley family of Bernadet Place). Councillor Mahoney referred to the Carroll family where the husband and the wife were living apart because of lack of accommodation (he is in 36, Kennedy Park and she in Wolfe Tone Villas). His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Kavanagh referred to the application of John Walsh of 14, Parnell Street who was stated to be living in very bad conditions. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would take these cases up with the County Medical Officer. It was pointed out by His Worship the Mayor that it had been agreed that the current housing list would not be reviewed until after the expiration of 12 months from the date of making the list.

In reply to Councillor Morris the Town Clerk outlined the procedure followed in the case of flats which were declared unfit and from which persons were rehoused. It was agreed that this statutory procedure would be followed and enforced in all cases. Councillor Reck referred to previous discussions regarding two families who were reportedly living in England and using an accommodation address in Wexford at the time they were listed for rehousing. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk investigate the position.

CORRESPONDENCE

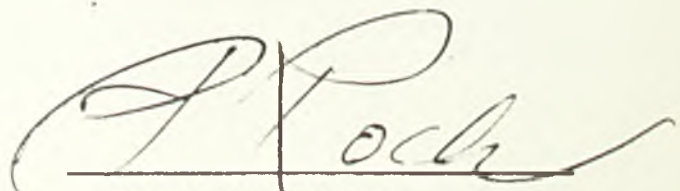
A reply from the Minister for the Environment to the terms of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council which called on the Minister to investigate the decision of An Bord Pleanála to grant permission for a supermarket and shopping centre at Ballinagee, Wexford, was considered. It was noted that the reply, stated that the Minister is specifically precluded from exercising any power or control in relation to any particular case with which the board deals or may be concerned and that in the circumstances the Minister was unable to be of assistance. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Byrne to refer the motion to the Association of Municipal Authorities and also to refer the motion again to the Minister with a view to having the relevant legislation reviewed. Arising out of discussion on the reply and in reply to His Worship the Mayor the Borough Engineer stated that when the Phase 4 of the Coolcotts local authority development was being developed, the area for the Neighbourhood Centre would be capable of being developed contemporaneously.

TOURISM INDUSTRY

A letter from the Secretary of the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee requesting the Corporation to call on the Minister for Finance and Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce & Tourism to ease the tax burden in relation to the Tourist Industry was noted. It was further noted that the Corporation had previously made submissions in this regard.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Councillors:- P. Reck, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk,
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Borough Engineer for an up-to-date report on his discussions with Mr. Ryle of the E.S.B. The Borough Engineer outlined for the meeting the suggestions of the ESB in relation to the public lighting at Summerhill and John's Road. Councillor O'Flaherty stated that the lower part of John's Road was badly serviced with public lights and that trees adjoining the roadway were partly to blame for this problem. In reply to His Worship the Mayor, the Borough Engineer stated that two public lights had been ordered for Mary's Lane and some other lights previously ordered were still not erected by the E.S.B. However the ESB were reasonably up-to-date with the programme.

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Following further discussion it was agreed to recommend that subject to sufficient funds being provided in the estimates, that new public lights would be erected as follows:-

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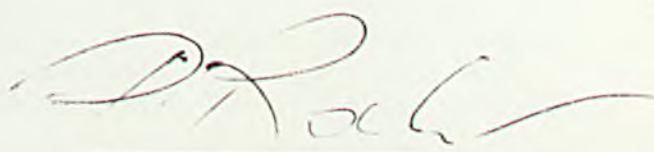
A discussion was held on public lighting requirements in the environs to service new developments such as Coolcotts. It was noted that the County Council were not providing new lights in the current year. On the proposal of Councillor Reck it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the lighting of the link road from St. Aidan's Shopping Centre up to Whiterock Road.

Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th March, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

It was agreed that the Borough Engineer would have an itinerary for the Committee members for that meeting to enable the Committee to go and examine each of the areas in the town which required examination. It was also further agreed to recommend that public lighting in the environs be an item for discussion at the next joint meeting between the Corporation and the District Committee of Wexford County Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF FIRST PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 1984
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

The Manager's estimate of expenditure and income in respect of the first 4 programme groups which had previously been circulated were considered. His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Council would examine the estimates in programme group order and this was agreed.

HOUSING & BUILDING PROGRAMME GROUP

The Housing & Building Programme Group expenditure and income estimates were then considered. The Borough Accountant in reply to His Worship the Mayor stated that the capital balance shown in the estimates of £24,946 under the maintenance and repair programme was a sum which had been unspent in 1983 in the allocation provided in that year for repairs to the older housing stock and to protect this sum, the balance remaining at the end of 1983 had been transferred to capital and it was intended to use this money in the current year for the original purpose intended.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the high costs of heating the Corporation flats and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche that the gas company would be approached with a view to seeking a special rate from them in respect of this heating. Arising out of further general discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Reck that reconstruction loans be made available for heating and plumbing works in private houses.

On the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor it was agreed that the Town Clerk would investigate the making of economies in the heating and lighting costs of the Municipal Building.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche that a public telephone be installed in the hallway of the Municipal Building. It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hayes that the Borough Engineer would examine the feasibility of thermostatically controlling heating in the Municipal Building.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

A discussion was held on the need for a comprehensive programme for footpath repair/replacement.

Councillor Mahoney stated that the pay & display parking machines were not working properly. In reply the Borough Engineer stated that there had been some problems last year with one of the machines but that these problems had now been rectified. In reply to Councillor Roche the Town Clerk stated that prosecutions in the cases of motorists who parked in contravention of the car park bye-laws, were proceeding.

WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE

The provision of £20,000 for waiver of the domestic water charges was welcomed. In reply to a proposal from Councillor Morris seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche the Manager agreed that he would discuss applications for waiver of domestic water charges in hardship cases with the members of the corporation before any decisions on the applications were made. A general discussion on the introduction of water charges was held during which a consensus view was expressed that the Corporation should not be bullied by any outside organisations in considering the merit of domestic water charges. Arising out of the discussion on the introduction of the charges it was noted that the Corporation had not proposed to increase the level of charge over that obtaining in 1983 and in addition proposed to limit the increase in the rate in the pound to 10% over the 1983 rate in the pound.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

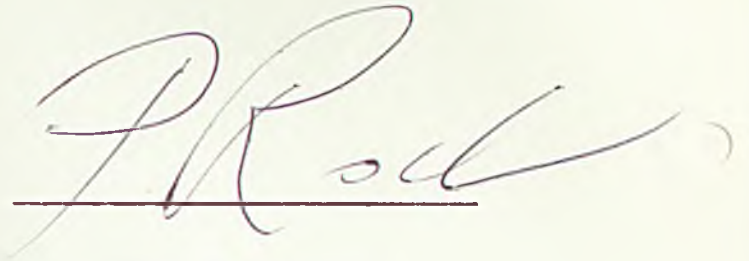
The provision in the estimates under this programme group following discussion were noted.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the second Preliminary Estimates Meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th March, 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
28th FEBRUARY, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

CIVIC AWARDS

A set of draft rules for the conferring of Civic Awards by the Corporation, which had been requested at the last meeting of the Protocol Committee, was then submitted by the Town Clerk. A discussion was held on the non-provision of a category for sporting awards arising out of which it was noted that Powers were already dealing with such awards and it was recommended that the Corporation should exclude the sporting activities from the Civic Awards. It was noted in this discussion that the Civic Reception facility heretofore provided for in the activities of the Corporation, was not precluded and that if necessary this facility could be used to recognise outstanding achievements in this area. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the following rules were adopted by the Protocol Committee and recommended for acceptance by the Borough Council:-

RULES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CIVIC AWARDS BY WEXFORD CORPORATION.

1. From time to time but not more frequently than once in each calendar year, the Corporation may, on the recommendation of the Protocol Committee make Civic Awards to any individual or group in the following categories:-

- (a) Cultural & Educational.
- (b) Public/Community Service.
- (c) Commercial/Industrial Development.

2. Not more than one award per year shall be made in any one category. Awards may be made posthumously.

3. Nominations may be made for a civic award in any or all of the categories by a member of the Borough Council, subject to the proviso that no member may nominate more than one candidate for any one category.

4. The closing date for receipt of nominations in any year will be decided by the Mayor of the day and will be notified to each member of the Borough Council at least 3 weeks prior to the date. Nominations must be made in writing to the Town Clerk prior to that date.

5. The Protocol Committee will, after consideration of all nominations, make recommendations for the granting of awards to the next appropriate General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Borough Council. If any member of the Borough Council objects to the granting of an award to any of the recommended recipients, no award shall be made in that year from that category. The Mayor of the day shall announce the names of the recipients of the awards at the Statutory Meeting next following the said General Purposes Committee Meeting.

6. The awards shall be presented in the Municipal Building at a small civic function to be held at the pleasure of the Mayor of the Day. All members of the Borough Council and all recipients shall be invited to attend. Each recipient (whether an individual or a group) shall be allowed to invite 2 and not more than 2 guests to the ceremony. The Mayor of the day, after consultation with the Protocol Committee, may increase this number if he thinks fit.

7. The award shall consist of a statuette as previously agreed by the Borough Council, together with a type-written citation.

8. In any calendar year in which it is proposed to grant the Freedom of the Borough to any individual - no civic awards as above shall be made. However, an award to a person for long-standing service as a public representative can be considered at any time.

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FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The Town Clerk outlined the results of his discussion with various jewellers/craftsmen in relation to the Casket which will contain the scroll of Freedom of the Borough. Following discussion and examination of sketch proposals it was agreed that the Town Clerk would pursue this matter with Mr. Pat Dolan of New Ross in accordance with the sketch proposal submitted.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been unable to locate a person who would be capable of preparing the illuminated scroll for presentation to the Freeman. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Presentation Convent, Enniscorthy, through the Town Clerk in Enniscorthy and Mr. Liam Gaul of Kennedy Park to see if either of them could prepare the address.

The Town Clerk reported that the main ballroom in the Talbot Hotel was unavailable for the 5th May but that the Festival Ballroom was available. It was agreed that this would be too small to cater for the reception and it was further agreed that Whites Hotel would be the venue, for the reception. It was further agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would arrange for a suitable meal with Whites Hotel and that this meal would be a cold buffet.

Following discussion on finance it was agreed to recommend that the total budget for the ceremony and reception, including the cost of the illuminated address and casket would be £2,000.

Following further discussion it was agreed to invite Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan and Supt. Gurby to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee. It was further agreed that Mr. Ray Flynn of South Main Street would be the Corporation's official photographer at the Ceremony. It was agreed that all guests would enter the Municipal Building through the Belvedere Road Gate and that the Car Park at Whites Hotel would be reserved from an early time on the date of the Ceremony for use of the guests at the Ceremony. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Comm. Mulrooney requesting him to make arrangements for the Colour Party and a unit of his forces for the Ceremony.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 21st March, 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 5th MARCH, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

UNEMPLOYMENT

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor referred to previous discussions regarding unemployment in Wexford and referred to a number of presently critical areas. He also stated that the Minister for Energy had not yet met with the Deputation from the E.S.B. workers at Great Island Power Station. He stated that Wexford was now in a crisis situation as regards unemployment and proposed that the Minister for Trade Commerce and Tourism be requested to meet with a deputation from the Borough Council to discuss means of alleviating the present crisis situation. In seconding this proposal Councillor Reck referred to the refusal of the Minister for Transport to meet with a deputation from the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee to discuss the development of Rosslare Harbour which Councillor Reck stated was a central element in the development of Wexford. He also referred to the fact that the Wexford unemployment percentage was greater than the unemployment percentage in Cork city. Following discussions to which all members contributed the motion/unanimously adopted. Arising out of discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche that the members should also endeavour to meet with the Chief Executive Officer of the I.D.A. to discuss the unemployment situation. It was further agreed to write to the Minister for Energy requesting that he meet with the deputation from the E.S.B. workers at Great Island Power Station in the immediate future.

VISIT OF MAYOR TO THE U.S.A.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received an invitation to attend at the launching ceremony of a new complex in South Carolina which would be called Wexford. He stated that the financial backers of the project would be paying for all of his travel and accommodation costs and that he had written accepting the invitation. He further stated that he intended to utilise the visit to talk to as many groups as possible with a view to attracting an industry to Wexford. On the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Senator Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor would bring a gift to the Ceremony to mark the occasion and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly for this purpose.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Wexford County Council had passed a resolution inviting President Reagan of the U.S.A. to visit Wexford on his forthcoming trip to Ireland and that on behalf of the Corporation he had agreed to be included in the formal invitation being issued to President Reagan. This action was endorsed by the meeting.

WESTLANDS

It was agreed that Item 8(a) on the agenda concerning Westlands would be discussed in Committee.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 6th February, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mahoney seconded by Councillor Roche.

The minutes of the following Committee meetings and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mahoney seconded by Councillor Roche

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- (a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 22nd February, 1984.
- (b) Special Meeting held on 3rd February, 1984.
- (c) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 14th February, 1984.
- (d) Special Meeting held on 16th February, 1984.
- (e) Joint Meeting of Wexford Corporation and Wexford County Council District Committee held on 16th February, 1981.
- (f) First Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 22nd February, 1984.
- (g) Public Lighting Committee Meeting held on 21st February, 1984.
- (h) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 28th February, 1984.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

On the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Roche it was agreed to dispose of the freehold of land at No. 5 Still Lane to Miss Sheila Fox for £100 in accordance with the terms of the Statutory Notice under Section 141 of the Municipal Corporation's (Ireland) Act, 1840, copy of which had previously been circulated.

FREE MEDICINES

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by Senator Howlin:-

"That this Council call on the Minister for Health, to give free medicine for all Medical Card holders".

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion referred to hardship cases where certain persons could not afford medicines which are excluded at present from them. Arising out of discussion on the motion, Councillor Kavanagh proposed an amendment that in view of "free medicine" as stated in the motion on the agenda "necessary medical drugs free of charge" be substituted. The amended motion was then put to the meeting and it was unanimously adopted.

DAIL EIREANN

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

"That this Borough Council calls on all of the members of Dail Eireann to get on with the job of trying to bring this country back to economic stability, for which they are being properly paid to do on tax-payers money, instead of bickering like spoiled children over issues that will be of no benefit to those 200,000 unemployed or the majority of the people of this island".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to recent undesirable episodes in Dail Eireann. He stated that unemployment had escalated over 40,000 in the past 12 months and referred to the dangers of apathy spreading among young people. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

PRIVATE FLATS

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Senator Howlin:-

"I move that a register be made of all private flats and their owners in the Borough area and that a survey be carried out to ensure that same are safe and fit for human habitation".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to the appalling condition of some of the flats in the town and stated that urgent action was needed to alleviate this situation. There followed a discussion to which all members contributed. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Kavanagh that it be recommended to the Minister for the Environment that the compulsory registration of all flats and rented accommodation be introduced in the proposed reform of Local Government. The Town Clerk stated that the Corporation's record of action in relation to unfit flats shows the following for the 3 years from April 1980 to April 1983; 45 Repairs Notices served; 9 undertakings not to relet before repairs executed accepted; 6 Repairs Notices served; 10 Repairs Notices served; one of which is the subject of Court Proceedings on Wednesday 7th March, 1984; 30 cases arising since April 1983 are being pursued.

(3)

Following further discussion the motion as proposed was unanimously adopted.

SWIMMING POOL

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the question of facilitating mothers and children at the Swimming Pool for two mornings as the Corporation did in 1983 would be referred to the Swimming Pool Committee for their consideration.

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the Capital Allocation for all housing S.D.A. loans and Reconstruction Loans is received in one block and that this total allocation in 1983 was £300,000. In further reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that 29 Reconstruction Loans and 11 unsecured loans were issued by the Corporation in 1983.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

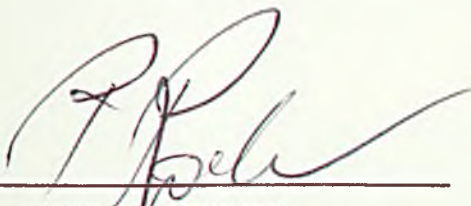
It was agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 15th March, 1984 and that the Third Preliminary Estimates Meeting would take place immediately following the conclusion of the G.P. Committee Meeting.

WESTLANDS

As previously agreed this item was taken in Committee. His Worship the Mayor stated that the proposal that the Corporation take in charge the property at Westlands could only be considered if full control of the property was given to the Corporation. However conditions were now being introduced into the transfer of the property which would not be accordance with this procedure. Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the G.P. Committee at which the Manager would make a report on the present position.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF April 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SECOND PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH, 1984, AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.P. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting Councillor Roche referred to the appointment of a Traffic/Litter Warden with the Corporation who had taken up duty on the date of the meeting. He stated that the person appointed was from outside the Borough area and expressed disappointment that the successful applicant was not from inside the Borough. He requested information as to the number of applicants within and without the Borough and asked if the successful applicant had applied for this position previously. Following discussion during which the Manager referred to the obligations placed on the Corporation by recent social legislation, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would report on this matter to the next G.P. Meeting of the Corporation.

ESTIMATES

His Worship the Mayor then introduced discussion on the estimates and stated that he intended to consider programmes 5 to 8 inclusive of the Manager's Estimate of Expenses as had previously been circulated.

Programme 5.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he did not think the problem of vandalism was very great in the Burial Ground at Crosstown due the present caretaking arrangements. In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that due to lack of percolation at the graveyard site, it was not possible to provide normal toilet facilities at the Cemetery. However, he stated that the estimates do provide for a small chemical toilet for staff and public use. In further reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that it had not been possible to acquire adjoining lands for this purpose.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Manager stated that there was no statutory authority to acquire the dangerous structures, however, if the properties in question were also derelict that then statutory powers did exist to acquire them. Following general discussion the position was noted. Arising out of this discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche that it be recommended to the Minister that in the proposals for reform of Local Government, provision be made to allow local authorities to levy a local tax on derelict/dangerous sites and structures.

Councillor Reck stated that the Breakwater Wall appeared to be in danger of collapse at certain points and requested that the Borough Engineer examine the wall to establish the position. Following discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would carry-out this examination. Arising out of this discussion the Borough Engineer stated that should sufficient funds be available from the current years estimate he proposed to carryout some works on the Breakwater Wall. Further arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche to establish if any funds would be available for this wall from the National Piers and Harbours Grant Allocation.

Arising out of discussion on the present Burial Ground Fees it was agreed to try to maintain the current level of fees for the current year.

Programme 6.

The Borough Accountant stated that the cost of maintaining and running the Swimming

Pool had been considered earlier in the evening at the Swimming Pool Meeting and that at this meeting it had been agreed that a three year development plan and proposals for increases in charges would be considered at a further meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee to be held in four to five weeks from the date of the Second Preliminary Estimates Meeting.

Arising out of discussion it was agreed to circulate a list of contributions made to various groups by the Corporation under the Amenity Grants Scheme for the Third Preliminary Estimates Meeting.

Programme 7.

The provisions in this programme group were noted.

Programme 8.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that where possible all materials used by the Corporation were purchased locally. Councillor Reck referred to the credit rating of the Corporation among certain suppliers of materials in the town and following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Reck would discuss this matter with the Town Clerk and Borough Accountant. Further provisions in this programme group were noted.

NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the Third Preliminary Estimates Meeting had already been fixed for 15th March, 1983.

AONTAS CONFERENCE

His Worship the Mayor stated that notice had been received that the Aontas Conference would be held in the Borough commencing on 4th May, 1984. On the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously agreed to afford a Civic Reception to the Executive of Aontas.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS ^{2nd} DAY OF ^{April} 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Councillors:- P. Reck, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

The Committee members assembled in the Council Chamber at 7.30 p.m. and then adjourned on block to carryout an inspection of public lighting in areas of the town using the following itinerary:-

- 1) John's Drive to Green.
- 2) John's Road.
- 3) Summerhill.
- 4) Summerhill - Corish Park.
- 5) Mary's Lane.
- 6) Foundry Lane.
- 7) The Folly.
- 8) St. Aidan's Shopping Centre to Whiterock.

The members of the Committee, on the completion of the inspection itinerary, returned to the Council Chamber and the meeting resumed. The Borough Engineer outlined the suggestions of the E.S.B. in relation to the public lighting system and having regard to these suggestions and to the results of the inspection itinerary it was agreed to recommend the following public lighting improvement programme to the Borough Council for 1984:-

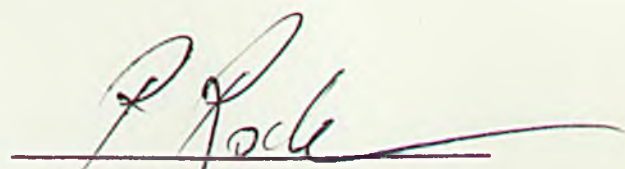
- 1) Replace 3 x 125 watt m.b.u. lights at the bottom of Summerhill with 4 sodium vapour 90 watt lights.
- 2) To provide 2 x 125 watt M.B.U. lights at John's Road on existing poles.
- 3) To provide 1 x 125 watt m.b.u. light at the Peter's Street side of Mary's Lane.
In this connection it was noted that 2 x 125 watt m.b.u. lights were currently being provided in this lane funded from the 1983 programme.
- 4) To provide 1 x 125 watt m.b.u. light on the entrance corner to Wolfe Tone Villas.
- 5) Relocate existing public light on the existing pole at the Folly to provide better and more efficient use of the light.

It was further agreed that if funds were available, a public light be placed at The Green.

It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer investigate the feasibility of having the wall at Dr. Keenan's property at the Folly being painted white to show-up the dangerous road junction there.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF April 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 15th MARCH, 1984 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD AT 7.00 p.m.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Murphy, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

DEPUTATION FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As had been agreed at the previous meeting of the General Purposes Committee a deputation was received from the Chamber of Commerce. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Maher (President), Trappe and Jenkins. Mr. Maher and Mr. Jenkins spoke on behalf of the deputation and submitted a written statement of their case for the pursual of the members. The deputation outlined the difficulties being experienced by the retail and general commercial trade in the area and requested that no rates increase would be allowed in the current year. The members of the deputation answered questions from the members on their submission following which the Mayor thanked the deputation for their submission and stated that it would be considered by the Corporation following the withdrawal of the deputation in accordance with normal practice. The deputation then withdrew.

In discussing the submission of the deputation it was noted that the estimates of expenses and abstract of accounts were available for inspection by any rate payer in the town and that this fact was publicised each year. Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Reck that meetings would be held from time to time with the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of having general discussions on areas of mutual concern. It was further agreed that no consultation specifically on the estimates would be held in these meetings.

NUMBERING OF NEW FLATS

The meeting considered the report of the Town Clerk submitted to the February G.P. Committee Meeting on proposals for the numbering of new flats at Abbey Street, Bride Street, The Paythe/Bernadette Place and John Street. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Roche that the flats would be numbered in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report.

WELCOME SIGNS

The following report from the Town Clerk, copy of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"Signs welcoming visitors to the town are presently lacking. Such signs are important as they can set the atmosphere for any visitor to the area and create a first impression (which is generally lasting) of a good, thoughtful and progressive community.

It is recommended that such signs would be erected at the following locations:-

(1) Newtown Road.

Midway between two lamp posts on the New Ross side of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

(2) Enniscorthy Road

Midway between Wexford Timber Co. and Doyles Garage, pole each side of wall.

(3) Gorey Road.

On grass margin before turning for Crosstown.

(4) Rosslare Road.

Replace exist "Wexford" sign.

(5) Duncannon Line.

Between entrances to Pinewood Estate.

It is further recommended that these signs would be 5' x 3' in size with white lettering on a blue background and incorporating the Borough Crest. The suggested wording to be incorporated on the signs is:-

"Failte go Loch Garman"

"Welcome to Wexford -

Twin of Coueron".

On the opposite side of the road it is recommended that a smaller sign (3'6" x 2') again with blue background and with white lettering bearing the legend "Slán Abhaile" arched over the Borough Crest, would be erected.

If the principle above is adopted an approach will be made to S.E.R.T.O. for at least a partial grant (minimum 50%) towards the cost of erecting the signs".

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Morris that the recommendations contained in the report would be adopted.

FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

The members considered the terms of the draft licence to the Fly Fishing Association for the use of the Coolree Reservoir. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Reck that the terms of the draft conditions as circulated and as detailed hereunder would be adopted:-

- 1) The Association covering all the Corporation's legal costs of the Licence.
- 2) The Association taking out adequate Public Liability Insurance which must be to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer. The cover to be at least £1m for any one claim or series of claims from any one accident and/or fatality.
- 3) The Licence being completed by the Secretary, Chairman and joint Treasurers of the Association. A copy of the minutes of the meeting wherein they were appointed being given to the Town Clerk.
- 4) The Corporation's need to use the reservoir for a water supply and any works necessary to the reservoir must not be interfered with, diminished or hindered in any way by the Association's Licence.
- 5) The Association undertaking to ensure no damage or interference to/with equipment, structures and other items necessary for the proper working and usage of the reservoir.
- 6) The Association ensuring that there is no pollution of the reservoir through any action by them or as a result of any action by them.
- 7) The Corporation's right to do anything necessary for the proper management of the reservoir must be maintained even if it means damage to fish stock placed in the reservoir by the Association or if it means that the Association cannot, temporarily or otherwise enjoy the use of the reservoir as granted by this Licence.
- 8) The Corporation to be completely indemnified against all claims, costs etc., for damage, destruction or loss of any Association property, individual and private property, individual and private property of its members, goods or fish.

- 9) No stocking of fish to be carried out without the prior approval of the Borough Engineer and same to apply to any substances being put in the water for the purpose of proper stocking etc.
- 10) Only Association members or those authorised by them shall fish the reservoir. Membership of the Association to be subject to the Corporation's consent. The Association may authorise non-members to fish the reservoir.
- 11) The Association shall pay to the Corporation a sum of £2 for each of their members at the beginning of each year.
- 12) The Mayor of Wexford or his nominee shall be an ex-officio committee member of the Association.
- 13) The Association must ensure that only authorised people will fish the reservoir. Each Association member while fishing must produce a membership card to any Corporation employee or agent when requested to do so. Any non-member but authorised to fish the reservoir must produce documentation to show that he is entitled to fish, if requested to do so while fishing.
- 14) The Corporation may cancel this Licence on giving seven days notice to the Association."

Arising out of the discussion it was agreed that payment of a grant to the Association to cover in part the cost of indemnity insurance required by the terms of the conditions, would be considered under the Corporation's Amenity Grant Scheme.

PENSIONS

The decisions of the Social Welfare Officer in relation to the Old Age Pension (Non-Contributory) in the following cases were unanimously approved on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Reck:-

- 1) Mrs. Grace Furlong, 85, South Main Street, Wexford.
- 2) Ms. Mary Lynch, 70, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK

The following report from the Town Clerk was then considered:-

"Ireland's first National Tree Week will take place on 18th to 25th March, 1984. This is a major initiative to focus attention on Ireland's heritage of trees and woodlands with the aims of encouraging greater levels of tree planting and management throughout the country.

As a contribution towards this week, it is recommended that the Corporation plant:-

- (A) 2 trees (London Plane) at the Bullring.
- (B) 15 trees (5 London Plane, 4 Flowering Cherry and 6 Maple) at the Caravan Park/Swimming Pool Complex.
- and
- (C) 2 trees (London Plane) at St. Peter's Square.

It is further recommended that a formal planting ceremony of the trees at the Bull Ring by His Worship the Mayor, be arranged for a day during this week with the members of the Corporation in attendance together with Press Reporters and Photographers.

The estimated cost of supplying and planting is approximately £15 per tree. Therefore it can be seen that at low cost, a substantial promotion of civic awareness can be obtained.

As an extension of this scheme, it is recommended that consideration be given to the introduction of a comprehensive tree planting programme in the town. This programme could commence with the planting of trees in the open spaces adjoining housing schemes (in December/January next) in accordance with the recommendation

of An Foras Forbartha. In all, some 145 trees would be involved and a plan showing the Borough Engineer's suggestions will be available for inspection at the meeting of the G.P. Committee.

It is hardly necessary to point out the tremendous improvement to the physical environment that can be obtained from the planting of trees in the area. However, since young trees are subject to vandalism it is suggested that any such trees would be planted in conjunction with the general public (Particularly the Youth) in the area.

To create a structure for achieving this co-operation, it is suggested that each of the 2nd level schools in the town be asked to identify pupils in their schools from each of the housing estates in which it is planned to plant trees, who would be willing to take part in An Area Tree Committee. From these individual school groupings, an overall and representative Area Tree Committee would be formed under the general guidance of a nominated teacher but with their own formal committee and officers structure.

Each Area Tree Committee would be supplied with the trees for planting and would be responsible for supervision of the trees when planted. It should be recommended to each committee to involve themselves in other environmental improvement work in their area and as an incentive, the Corporation could award a Prize(s) to the 'best kept area'/'most improved area' etc., in late Spring 1985. As a further incentive, it could be suggested to the various schools that students involved in Area Tree Committees, particularly in 2nd and 5th years, be allowed to utilise a small portion of their school curriculum (e.g. in Civics Classes) to plan and discuss improvements in their areas.

The success of the above suggestions will largely depend on the full co-operation of both management and teachers in the various schools and of course on the students themselves. It is by no means certain that it would succeed, but because of the potential benefits both the environmental and social life of the town should it succeed, it is recommended that such a scheme as outlined above or variations on it as may be determined by the members, should be pursued.

Should this recommendation be adopted, it is intended to make an initial approach, within the coming weeks, to the schools to discuss the matter. Should the schools then indicate their willingness to co-operate in the scheme, it is recommended that the formal launch of the scheme, with the selection of Area Tree Committees, be scheduled for late September/early October, 1984. In the meantime, schedules of trees to be planted in specific areas together with details of awards by the Corporation, could be decided."

There followed a discussion to which all members contributed. The terms of the report were adopted and it was further agreed that residents associations should also be involved in the planting of trees in the housing estates. His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he intended to perform the formal planting ceremony at the Bull Ring at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21st March, 1984 and invited all members to attend.

WESTLANDS

The Manager outlined the present situation regarding the taking over of Westlands by the Corporation. General agreement was expressed that the dedication of the property should be without encumbrances or stringent conditions. It was noted that a copy of recent correspondence in connection with this property would be available to the members in the Town Clerk's Office for inspection.

HOUSING

Alderman Kelly referred to the housing application of Mrs. Gethings, 77, South Main Street and asked that this application be reconsidered. Councillor Hayes referred to the housing application of Mr. Carley of Bernadette Place. It was noted that this application had been received too late for consideration in the last housing review and it was agreed that it would be considered at the next review of the housing lists. Councillor Mahoney referred to the housing application of P.J. Cox of Distillery Road and requested a report on the up-to-date position of this application.

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Councillor Mahoney referred to the housing application of Mr. Haughton, 39, Liam Mellows Park and stated that Mr. Haughton would be interested in being rehoused in Wolfe Tone Villas. All other members endorsed the representations of Councillor Mahoney and the Manager stated that he would have the application examined.

Councillor Reck referred to a tenant who had recently died namely Mrs. McCabe of Antelope Road and stated that Mrs. McCabe had been in the process of purchasing this house from the Corporation at the time of her death. He stated that her children had agreed on one of them who is presently without a permanent home acquiring the family home. All other members endorsed the recommendations of Councillor Reck. It was noted arising out the discussion that legal opinion on the matter was awaited from the Corporation's legal advisor.

Alderman Kelly referred to the application of William Clarke, 95, Upper John Street and requested that in view of recent medical problems in this family, the application would be reviewed.

Councillor Reck referred to applicants for transfers from Wolfe Tone Villas (O'Connor's and Lynch's) and stated that these families may be interested in transferring to a bigger house in Wolfe Tone Villas which is presently vacant. The Manager agreed to investigate this matter.

Arising out of discussion the Manager stated that all approved housing applicants had been circularised and had been requested to name the existing housing schemes in which they would be interested in being rehoused. This had been done for the purpose of expediting allocations of tenancies as they arose from time to time in existing housing estates.

PLANNING

A list of planning applications received since the date of the last meeting, which had previously been circulated, was noted.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

Conference on Regional Policy and National Development.

Details of a Conference organised by the Regional Studies Association, Irish Branch, on Regional Policy and National Development to be held on Friday 30th March, 1984 in Dublin, copy of which had previously been circulated, was then considered.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hayes seconded by Councillor Roche that two delegates would be sent.

Councillor Mahoney was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Councillor Roche.

Councillor Morris was proposed by Councillor Reck seconded by Councillor Roche.

National Housing Conference.

The National Housing Conference organised by An Foras Forbartha to be held in Galway on 4th/5th/6th April, 1984 details of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. It was agreed that two delegates would go to this conference. Councillor Murphy was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche.

Councillor Roche was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Oil & Gas.

A letter from the Private Secretary to An Tanaiste, Minister for Energy, regarding the Corporation's resolution on oil and gas exploration finds off the Wexford Coast, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

A letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Minister for the Environment, regarding Wexford Main Drainage Scheme stating that the resolution of the Corporation regarding this matter had been noted, was noted.

Wexford County Association, Birmingham.

A letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Association, Birmingham requesting that their sincere thanks to Alderman P. Roche, Mayor of Wexford, be brought to the attention of members for his outstanding hospitality on his recent visit to the

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Birmingham, was noted.

Nomination to attend A.G.M. of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

On the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Roche the nomination of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche as the Corporation's representative to attend the A.G.M. of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., was unanimously adopted.

S.E.R.T.O. Ltd.

On the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche would be the Corporation's nominee as Director of S.E.R.T.O. and their nominee to attend the A.G.M. of that organisation.

Unemployment.

A letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Alan Dukes, T.D., Minister for Finance concerning the resolution adopted by Wexford Borough Council regarding the high unemployment, in which the Minister stated that in considering expenditure proposals from his Ministerial Colleagues affecting the Wexford area he will take account of the Council's views, was noted.

National Housing & Town Planning Conference - Brighton.

Consideration was then given to the sending of delegates to the National Housing & Town Planning Conference to be held in Brighton from 6th to 8th November, 1984, details of which had previously been circulated. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Hayes that two delegates would be nominated to attend this Conference.

Councillor Roche was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Councillor Mahoney was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Civil War Memorial.

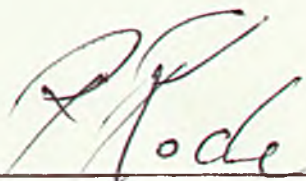
A letter of acknowledgement from the Secretary, Department of An Taoiseach to the terms of the resolution adopted by the Borough Council regarding a Memorial for those who died in the tragic Civil War and the request by the Borough Council for the Government to introduce a national day of commemoration, stating that the Council's resolution was noted, was noted.

National Graves Association.

An Invitation from the National Graves Association to attend the Mass and Parade on Easter Sunday, details of which had previously been circulated, was noted. It was agreed that normal practice in this case would be pursued.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF April 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF THIRD PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE G.P. COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY 15th MARCH, 1984, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the members had now considered at their previous meetings, the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for 1984 at Sub-Programme level. He proposed that the Borough Council now consider the Manager's Estimate of Expenses at the Programme Group level as set out in the Statutory Form of Estimate. The Borough Council then proceeded to consider the Statutory Form of Estimate. The Manager, in discussing the estimate referred to the background of continuing inflation, increasing demands for services, rising costs of labour, materials, machinery and fuel and unfortunately diminishing resources, against which the estimates had been prepared. The Manager also referred to the dilemma facing the Corporation of endeavouring to meet unlimited demands from a very limited financial capacity. In view of this background he had limited the increase in the rate in the pound to 10% and maintained the water service charge at the same level as 1983. He had achieved this by anticipating economies in some areas and use of capital monies for the carrying out of some minor improvement works which he proposed would be carried out in 1984. A lengthy discussion was held to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion and in reply to the concern expressed by the members that the estimates as proposed incorporated an income from water charges which may not be realised, the Manager stated that he had provided £20,000 as an expenditure in the estimate to offset any such shortfall and he also stated that he would be as generous as possible in dealing with applications for waiver from the water charges.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER BODIES.

The provision in programme 6.4. of £6,160 was then considered. A list of applications for assistance, copy of which had previously been circulated, was also considered. A discussion was held on the manner in which the grants to other bodies should be made available and following this discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Roche with Councillor Hayes dissenting that in 1984 the Corporation would only contribute to the four bands, the Maudlintown Childrens' Sports Committee in respect of the provision of a Memorial Bandstand on the Green and the Aerial Erection Committee for the purpose of erecting T.V. Aerials for Old Folk. The level of contribution to each of these organisations was then discussed. It was agreed that the contributions to the bands would be as follows:-

H.F.C. Band.....£350.
Loch Garman Band.....£220.
St. Patrick's Band.....£440.
C.B.S. Band.....£110

It was proposed by Councillor Reck and seconded by Councillor Morris that £500 be allocated for the Maudlintown Children's Sports Committee for the purpose of providing a Bandstand on the Green. Following discussion this proposal was adopted with Councillor Murphy who had proposed a contribution of £1,000 dissenting.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kelly seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the Aerial Erection Committee would be given a contribution of £250 towards the cost of erecting T.V. Aerials for Old Folk.

Following further discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the savings effected in this programme would be utilised to reduce the rate in the £. The Manager stated that the implementation of this reduction would mean a reduction of 8p in the £ on the rate in the £ as shown in the Estimate of Expenses already circulated.

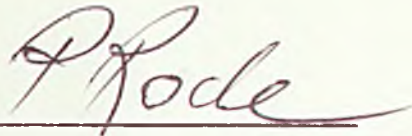
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Date of Statutory Meeting.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it had previously been agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on 29th March, 1984. He himself due to another commitment would not be able to be present on that night and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Senator Howlin that the Statutory Meeting would be called for the date arranged but that no business other than the adjournment of the meeting to 7.30 p.m. on Monday 2nd April would be held. It was further agreed that the Statutory Monthly meeting would be adjourned to 8.00 p.m. on Monday 2nd April. Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Senator Howlin that the Statutory Estimates Meeting being held on 29th March, 1984 would be called for 8.30 p.m. and that a further Preliminary Estimates Meeting in Committee would be held at 7.30 p.m. on the same date.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS *2nd* DAY OF *April* 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, presiding.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Supt. J. Gurhy, Garda Siochana.
Mr. E. O'Sullivan.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the presentation casket for the scroll to be presented to the Freeman as had been agreed at the previous meeting of the Protocol Committee, had been ordered by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk stated that Whites Hotel would not be available solely to the Corporation on the previously suggested date for the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony and following discussion it was agreed that the Ceremony would now take place at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 12th May, 1984. It was further agreed that the venue for the Reception would be at Whites Hotel.

His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk reported to the meeting on their discussion with Whites Hotel regarding the Reception and on their recommendation and following discussion it was agreed that the Reception would take the form of a Buffet with a Wine Reception which having regard to all of the circumstances and to the budget allocated by the Corporation, would be the most appropriate form of function. Arising out of discussion it was agreed that John Reck would be requested to play appropriate background music at the Reception.

The Town Clerk stated that Miss Bernadette Kinsella of Boreen Hill, Enniscorthy, had submitted samples of script writing which appeared to be suitable for the scroll and following discussion and examination of Miss Kinsella's submission, it was agreed that she be requested to prepare the scroll. It was further agreed that the Free Press would be the printers of the invitation cards.

His Worship the Mayor then outlined the procedure which should be adopted for guests attending at the Ceremony. The guests would enter the Municipal Buildings' Grounds on the Belvedere Road and seating would be available on the Belvedere Road side of the building. Supt. Gurhy agreed to arrange for a Garda to be on duty at the Belvedere Road Gate and on the Main Entrance Gate to the Municipal Buildings. The Garda at the Main Entrance Gate would also ensure that during and after the Ceremony the steps in front of the Main Door of the Municipal Buildings would be kept free from members of the public. It was agreed that a barrier would be erected at the bottom of the steps to assist in this. The Supt. also stated that he would station a Garda at the Car Park at Whites Hotel to ensure that the Car Park would be available for use by guests at the Ceremony.

In reply to His Worship the Mayor Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan suggested that the four local bands 'plus the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland plus the Girl Guides plus the Sea Scouts, plus the Order of Malta and members of the Irish National Foresters would assemble at St. Peter's Square and would leave the Square at 5.40 p.m. to parade via School Street and John Street to the Municipal Buildings. It was agreed that representatives of the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland and of the Irish National Foresters would form a Guard of Honour for the Freeman. Mr. O'Sullivan also agreed to arrange for a party of School Children in Uniform from each of the schools in the town to form part of the Colour Party. Arising out of discussion it was agreed to inform Comm. Mulrooney that due to Mr. Corish's long associations with the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland and the Irish National

Foresters, the Protocol Committee had deemed it appropriate that a Guard of Honour should be drawn from both bodies rather than from members of the Defence Forces. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk would investigate the cost of making a video of the Ceremony with Mr. Michael Lacey. Arising out of further discussion the Supt. stated that he would arrange for a Cavalcade for the Freeman and Mayor when they were leaving the Municipal Buildings to go to Whites Hotel.

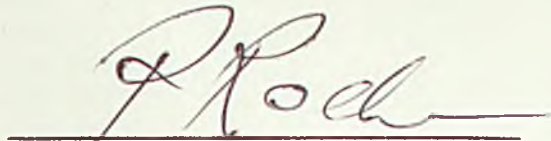
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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Protocol Committee would be held on Monday 9th April for the purpose of finalising the Guest List and that a final meeting of the Protocol Committee with Supt. Gurhy and Mr. O'Sullivan in attendance would be held on Wednesday 9th May, 1984.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Supt. Gurhy and Mr. O'Sullivan for their attendance at the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS *2nd* DAY OF *April* 1984.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH, 1984 AT 8.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:-

Councillors:- J. Roche, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy,
Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

Apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, and Councillors Mahoney and Morris for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Alderman Kelly that Councillor Kavanagh would be Chairman for the meeting.

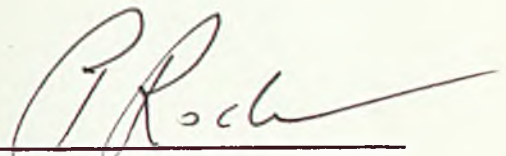
ESTIMATES

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Roche that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would adjourn to Monday 2nd April, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

7th DAY OF May 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF FOURTH PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present:-

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy,
Senator B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

Apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, and Councillors Mahoney and Morris for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Kavanagh was proposed by Councillor Reck seconded by Alderman Kelly. There being no other nomination Cllr. Kavanagh assumed the Chair for the meeting.

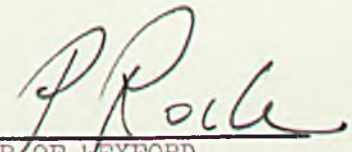
ESTIMATES

The Chairman then invited the Manager to summarise the effects of the changes effected by the members in the estimates as presented to them. The Manager stated that at the previous preliminary estimates meeting the members had reduced the provision in Programme 6.4.1. (contribution to other bodies) by £4,310. In addition since the last meeting of the Borough Council, the County Council had provided for an additional contribution of £500 towards the running cost of the Swimming Pool. The implementation of these reductions on the estimate as presented and the appropriate adjustment in the provision in the estimate for the shortfall in the domestic relief grant arising out this implementation, meant that the rate in the £ would be now reduced to £21.70 from £21.80. In reply to Councillor Howlin the Borough Accountant stated that up to the date of the meeting 5% of the 1983 Water Charges had been collected. In reply to Councillor Hayes the Manager stated that it was his intention to operate the waiver scheme for the water charges in such a way as to maximise benefit for those who find difficulty in paying the water charges assessed. A lengthy discussion on the water charges then ensued and all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion and in reply to questions the Manager stated that he would exhaust whatever avenues were open to him to minimise hardship caused to anybody by the introduction of water charges and that in the final analysis those who were deemed to be in a financial position to do so and who would not pay their water charges, would be prosecuted. The Manager also stated that he would send a waiver notice to every consumer with the demand for water charges and that he would use one years income to decide the liability of the consumers for the two years 1983/1984 so as to give maximum benefit to as many as possible. In reply to further questions regarding the reserves of the Corporation, the Manager stated that having such reserves enabled the Corporation to purchase land banks for future developments and to carryout other major capital schemes such as Pierces Culvert without the delays of obtaining loan sanction for these works and without having to pay the penal interest which overdraft accommodation would attract.

Following further general discussion to which all members contributed, the meeting then adjourned.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, . Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. W.P. CREEDON, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Deputy Borough Accountant.

Apologies from the Borough Accountant due to being unable to attend the meeting due to illness, were noted.

ESTIMATES

His Worship the Mayor stated that the estimates had now been considered in depth by the members and that the rate before the meeting for consideration was £21.70. In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Manager stated that in the event of the members not striking a rate he would be obliged to notify the Minister for the Environment and that it would be a matter then for the Minister to take further action but that he envisaged that the Minister would proceed in accordance with the statutory remedies open to him. In the meantime, he envisaged that the services of the Council would grind to a halt. The estimate of expenses as revised by the members at the preliminary estimates meetings, and a rate in the £ for 1984 in the sum of £21.70, was then proposed for adoption by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Kavanagh. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Borough Council would strike a rate at this time minus the amount of money that water charges would levy. Following discussion on this proposal a further proposal that the meeting would adjourn pending investigation of this proposal, was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Councillor Hayes. A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Alderman P. Kelly, Councillors J. Roche, J. Mahoney, J. Hayes, and N. Murphy (6).

Against:- Councillors P. Reck, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (5).

The majority being in favour of the motion, the motion was declared carried and it was further agreed that the meeting would be adjourned to 8.00 p.m. on Monday 9th April, 1984 with the Protocol Committee Meeting adjusted to 7.00 p.m. on the same date. The meeting then adjourned.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd APRIL, 1984 AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Deputy Borough Accountant.

Apologies from the Borough Accountant due to being unable to attend the meeting due to illness, were noted.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche a unanimous vote of congratulations was adopted to the Wexford Hurling Team on their victory in the Semi-Final of the National Hurling League and a unanimous vote of good wishes to the Team in the Final to be played on the Sunday following the meeting, was also adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty a unanimous vote of congratulations to the Christian Brothers Boxing Team on their recent success, was adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Reck a unanimous vote of congratulations to Mr. B. Walsh on regaining his Senior Light Welter-Weight Title was adopted.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Monthly Meeting held on 5th March, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which minutes had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Hayes:-

- a) Second Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 6th March, 1984.
- b) Swimming Pool Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6th March, 1984.
- c) Public Lighting Committee Meeting held on 7th March, 1984.
- d) Third Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 15th March, 1984.
- e) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 15th March, 1984.
- f) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 21st March, 1984.

INCREASE IN REMUNERATION STAFF

Increases in the remuneration of Clerical Officers/Library Assistants and analogous staff at the maximum point in the scale in accordance with the terms of Circular Letter EL5/84, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hayes seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

INCREASE IN PENSIONS

The application to pensions of Local Authority Pensioners of the Second Phase of the 1983 Public Service Pay Agreement in accordance with the terms of Circular Letter S.4/84 was unanimously approved on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Senator Howlin.

MOTIONS

Redundancy Payments.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Murphy and following discussion was unanimously adopted:-

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"In view of the variations in redundancy payments that this Borough Council calls for a fairer system and that such a motion should go to Government, Unions and Local T.D.'s".

Social & Recreational facilities at Coolcotts.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Reck seconded by Cllr., Senator B. Howlin:-

"In view of the rapid growth in the population in the Coolcotts area I move for the provision of land required to build the necessary social facilities and to provide the necessary recreational facilities".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the sociological need for recreation facilities in new communities. Cllr. Roche referred to the possible integration of recreational facilities with schools and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed with Cospoir. The Borough Engineer stated that in the Coolcotts area $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land had been zoned for a Neighbourhood Centre and stated that proposals from outside groups for the development of this Neighbourhood Centre would be welcomed and considered. Following further general discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Owner/driver Schemes .

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"This Council calls on the appropriate Minister to instigate an investigation into owner/driver schemes".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the hardship created in some cases by the operation of this scheme and referred to the lack of protective legislation on such schemes. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted and it was agreed that the motion would be referred to the Dept. of Transport and to the Dept. of Industry & Commerce.

Road Safety in Housing Developments.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

"That road safety features be incorporated into all future housing developments".

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck it was agreed that the motion be amended to omit the word "future". In moving the amended motion the proposer and seconder outlined a number of deficiencies in existing housing schemes in relation to road safety. Cllr. Reck referred to the need for the Corporation to supervise the random placing of skips on public roads throughout the town. Cllr. Mahoney referred to the need for a "stop" sign at the entrance corner to Devereux Villas and also referred to speeding at Bishopswater. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche to recommend that a standard condition be attached to permission for housing schemes to oblige developers to furnish proposals for signs, roadlines and markings before any houses in the schemes are occupied.

Following further discussion to which all members contributed the amended motion was unanimously adopted.

Welfare Home.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Mahoney seconded by Cllr. Hayes:-

"As Wexford is No. 1 Priority on S.E.H.B.'s list for a Welfare Home, that this Council call on them to have same built".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the fact that for many years Wexford had been promised a Welfare Home and stated that the town was of a sufficient size to merit a Welfare Home in it so as to enable frequent visiting of residents of the home by people of the town who lacked transport facilities to visit other homes in the county.

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The motion was unanimously adopted. Arising out of discussion on the motion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr., Senator Howlin to appeal to the Minister for Health to exempt the development of a Welfare Home in Wexford from the financial cutbacks currently in train in the S.E.H.B. and it was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Cllr., Senator Howlin to request the S.E.H.B. to receive a Deputation from the Corporation to discuss this matter.

Rent Review.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by Alderman Kelly:-

"I move that when the Corporation's Rent Review is taking place that the forms for same be issued two months prior to the date of same".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to instances where tenants were unable to obtain certificates of income from employers in the allotted period and referred to the subsequent difficulties this situation created. The Town Clerk stated that the period within which returns of income had to be made to the Corporation was largely determined by the Department of the Environment who following consultations with NATO revised from time to time the scheme of Differential Rents. He also stated that if there were any particular difficulties for some tenants in obtaining certificates of income, these tenants should contact the Housing Department in the Corporation who would endeavour to facilitate them. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously agreed and it was further agreed to send the motion to the Department of the Environment for their attention.

MUSEUM

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

"That this Borough Council investigate the possibility of developing St. Selskar Abbey into a historic museum".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need for the establishment of a museum in the town and to the suitability of St. Selskar Abbey for such a museum. Councillor Morris referred to previous discussions at meetings of the Corporation regarding a similar proposal and following further discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

Work Experience Programme.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Alderman Kelly:-

"In view of the fact that a great many young people who have completed the Work Experience Programme and are now still unemployed I move that this Borough Council support this motion calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to broaden the system to allow these people some class of benefits"

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that at present a young person on a Work Experience Programme is not deemed to be in employment which would qualify them subsequently for Social Welfare Allowances and suggested that this situation should be amended. Following further discussion on the merits and demerits of the Work Experience Programme the motion was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS

Barrack Street.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the introduction of a one-way system in Barrack Street was awaiting the sanction of the Garda Commissioner.

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The Folly.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the improvement of the traffic problem at the Folly and Pierces Junction had been discussed at a traffic management committee meeting and that this matter was being pursued.

Pierces Corner.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that congestion of traffic is to be expected during extreme peaks of traffic flow after Mass on Sundays.

Water Charges.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that 166 householders had paid the Water Charges for 1983 as demanded and 66 more were paying in instalments.

St. Aidan's Shopping Centre.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that Wexford Corporation had issued a licence for the erection of signposts indicating "St. Aidan's Shopping Centre".

Road Sweeping - Maudlintown.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that in the Maudlintown area road sweeping was carried out once per week and that weed control was carried out only during the growing season.

Urban Renewal Schemes.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that consideration was presently being given to proposals for urban renewal schemes at Talbot Green, Bride Street and John Street among other areas.

Car Park - Kennedy Park.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that there was no provision in the estimates to provide play equipment in the unused car park at Kennedy Park.

Warden Scheme - C.B.S.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the approval of the Commissioner to the introduction of the Junior Warden Scheme at the C.B.S. School was awaited and that in the meantime the necessary barriers and road lining, purchase of uniforms and equipment was in hands.

DATE FOR NEXT G.P. MEETING.

The date of the next G.P. Committee Meeting of the Borough Council was fixed for Thursday 19th April, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to the County Manager.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL, 1984 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The proposals of the appointed official photographer for the ceremony were considered and agreed.

The draft guest list was considered and following revision was approved. It was further agreed that the invitations would be issued in the coming week.

A draft programme for the ceremony was considered and following discussion approved.

It was noted that arrangements had been made with Mr. John Reck for background music for the meal accompanying the Ceremony.

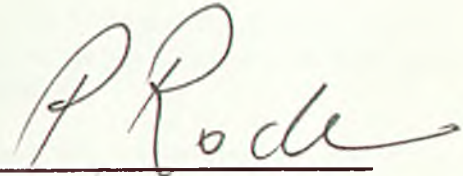
It was noted that the hotel had been requested to suitably decorate the function room.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Protocol Committee would be on Wednesday 9th May, 1984 as had previously been agreed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

7th DAY OF May 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL, 1984 at 9.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche, stated that the members had now spent a considerable time in discussing the estimate of expenses and requested that the meeting would now reach conclusion on the matter.

Cllr. Morris proposed that the estimate of expenses as submitted by the Manager and as amended by the members be adopted and that in accordance with those estimates a rate in the £ of £21.70 would be struck for 1984. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh. There followed a discussion to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion the following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Murphy;

That the Corporation strike a rate but having regard to the following in the estimates;

- 1) The headings and amounts provided in revenue and expenditure for water charges and waiver of water charges be deleted from the estimate. This would have the effect of increasing the nett expenditure by £55,000.
- 2) Increase the provision in the estimate for income from the car parks by £5,000.
- 3) Increase fees for adults in the Swimming Pool and fees in the Caravan Park in total to provide for an increased income of £5,000 over the provision in the estimates as presented.
- 4) Refuse to pay the V.E.C. nett deficit of £15,000.
- 5) Reduce the provision in the estimates for the Municipal Building operation by £5,000.
- 6) Carry £25,000 on overdraft and provide in the estimates for interest on this sum.

Following discussion it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche that the meeting would adjourn to allow the Manager time to prepare a report on the implications of this proposal. A vote was taken on this adjournment proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-

Ald. G. Byrne, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs., J. Roche, J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, & N. Kavanagh (11).

Against:-

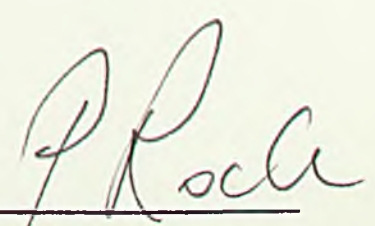
Cllr. P. Reck (1).

The majority being in favour of this proposal the meeting was adjourned after it had been agreed that the next meetings would be held as follows:-

Sixth Preliminary Estimates Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 16th April, 1984.
Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 16th April, 1984.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF FIFTH PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL, 1984
AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and invited discussion as had been adjourned at the previous meeting, to continue. Cllr. Roche stated that he was not in favour of supporting a rate which incorporated water charges and suggested as follows:-

- 1) Car Parks: Income in this area could be increased by increased income from fines arising out of the second Warden who had recently been appointed, 2) Increased charges and 3) Extending the Pay & Display Scheme to other Car Parks.
- 2) Swimming Pool/Caravan Park: Income in this area could be increased by increase in fees for adults in the swimming pool and for the use of the Caravan Park in addition to the the £500 increased grants which the County Council intended to contribute to the Corporation.
- 3) The holding back of the nett expenditure provision of £14,841 in Programme Group 7 from the V.E.C. pending Local Government Re-Organisation.
- 4) Deleting provisions in the estimate for renovations/improvements at the Municipal Building.
- 5) The Corporation adopting an estimate incorporating a debit balance of £35,000 which would be carried on overdraft and that interest for this overdraft be provided in the estimate with the corresponding increase in the rate in the £.

The Manager in his reply stated as follows:-

- 1) He did not see any buoyancy in the revenue from car-parks.
- 2) The increased grant from the County Council had already been taken into consideration by the Corporation in reducing the rate in the £ from £21.80 to £21.70. In addition he stated that increasing the fees in the Swimming Pool and the Caravan Park could have a detrimental effect on the income from these sources.
- 3) The withholding of a statutory contribution to the V.E.C. was illegal and he could see no grounds for refusing to pay these statutory obligations.
- 4) The provision in the estimate in relation to the Municipal Buildings referred only to running costs and did not contain any provision for improvement to the buildings which he had proposed would be carried out, out of capital funds and repaid over a period out of revenue.
- 5) There was no legal basis for adopting a rate in the £ with a deficit and in the event of this occurring he would be obliged to report the matter to the Minister who would then give his direction on the matter.

The Manager replied to further questions and stated that he would be as flexible as possible and as generous as possible in the operation of the waiver scheme and that he would discuss waiver applications with the members. He advised members against undue expectations of increases in income which if not realised would only further deteriorate the Corporation's capacity to provide services.

His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Kelly suggested that the relinquishing of the Corporation's Directorship of S.E.R.T.O. should be considered as a cost cutting exercise.

Following further discussion to which all members contributed the meeting then concluded.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP

At the outset of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche proposed a vote of congratulations to His Lordship Most Rev. Brendan Commiskey, D.D., on his appointment as Bishop of Ferns. His Worship the Mayor further stated that on behalf of the Corporation and the people of the town he had already sent a telegram of congratulations to the Bishop. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reck and all members associated with it. The Manager on behalf of the County Manager, himself, and the staff of the Corporation associated himself with the vote of congratulations. On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor it was agreed that the Protocol Committee would consider the most appropriate method of receiving His Lordship formally by the members.

ESTIMATES

It was proposed by Cllr. Morris seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted by the Manager and as amended by the Members by reducing the expenditure provision by £5,701 and increasing the income provision by £500, be adopted, and that in accordance with those estimates, a rate in the £ of £21.70 be struck for 1984.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Hayes that a rate in the £ of £21.70 be struck, the income from domestic water charges as provided for in the estimates of expenses be deleted from the estimate and that expenditure in the following areas be reduced by a similar amount to the income reduction:-

Members Expenses, Painting Mount George Houses (£8,000), Grass Cutting (£5,000), Not filling of two vacancies on the permanent staff (£7,000), Sub-Standard Housing Repairs. This motion not being seconded, was declared by His Worship the Mayor, to have fallen. Further arising out of the discussion, Cllr. Roche proposed that a rate be struck by the Corporation based on the following facts:-

- 1) The provisions in respect of Domestic Water Charges to be excluded from the estimate.
- 2) Increased income from car park fees - £2,000.
- 3) Increased income from the caravan park/swimming pool complex - £5,000.
- 4) School Meals provision nett £500 reduction in expenditure.
- 5) Omit contribution to S.E.R.T.O. - £3,450.
- 6) The resultant deficit in the estimate to be carried by way of overdraft accommodation and provision to be made in the rate in the £ for resultant interest payments.

Following discussion during which the Manager in reply to Cllr. Roche stated that it would be illegal to strike a rate with a deficit and in reply to Cllr. Kavanagh stated that the water charges as ^{assessed} for 1983 were properly due and collectable regardless of the outcome of the Corporation's deliberations on the 1984 estimate of expenses, and since there was no seconder for Cllr. Roche's proposal, His Worship the Mayor declared this proposal to have fallen.

Following further general discussion to which all members contributed the motion in the names of Cllr. Morris and Cllr. Kavanagh was then put to the meeting. It was agreed that the vote would be taken by way of poll. This poll was taken which

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resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Cllr. Reck, Morris, O'Flaherty, Howlin and Kavanagh (5).

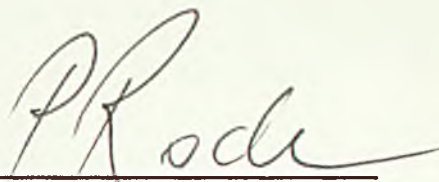
Against:- Ald. Byrne, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche, Ald. Kelly,
Cllrs. Roche, Mahoney, Hayes, and Murphy (7).

The majority being against the motion, the motion was declared lost.

The Manager expressed his regret at the decision taken and stated that he proposed to advise the Minister of the decision.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SIXTH PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL, 1984 AT 7.00 p.m., in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and requested the Manager to discuss the proposal as made at the conclusion of the Statutory Meeting held on the 9th April, 1984.

The Manager circulated to each member and read the following report:-

"I have considered proposals put forward at Estimates Meeting held on April 9th, 1984, and I submit my observations thereon as follows:-

1. Increase income from Car Parking fees by £5,000.

The Estimate already provides for an increase of £3,000. I am not optimistic that another £5,000 can be extracted from car users when one has regard to the running costs involved, the problems associated with legal proceedings and greater enforcement. I am prepared to accept that an extra £2,000 might be secured, but I am not prepared to recommend its inclusion in the Estimate. Any shortfall arising on this account would have to be accounted for in the Estimate in 1985.

2. Increase Income from Swimming Pool and Caravan Park Charges by £5,000.

The effect of increased charges in these areas could lead to diminishing returns. The Caravan Park charges for 1984 are already notified in the Bord Failte Tourist Guide which cannot be changed at this stage and the charges are realistic enough at present. The charges for the Swimming Pool are not unreasonable and are an encouragement for people to use the pool, any increase would be a deterrent.

An increased income of £5,000 can be included and if same is not received, a deduction of £5,000 must take place in expenditure. Because of the difficulties which could arise

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in this area, i.e. storm damage, I do not recommend the inclusion of an extra £5,000 in the Estimate as income.

3. Delete £15,000 (net) from the contribution to Education:

For legal and other reasons, this proposal cannot be implemented.

4. Delete £5,000 from Municipal Building Complex for Improvements:

There is no provision for improvements in the Estimate, the provision provides for heating, lighting, labour, machinery, materials and other basic maintenance.

5. A Deficit of £25,000 be carried on Current Account:

For legal reasons, this proposal cannot be implemented.

6. Delete Water Charges from the Estimate:

Water charges income is now an essential part of the Corporation's Estimate, there is no alternative on the income side. An individual water charge of £25 for a year is not unreasonable. This income enables work to be done and spreads the various costs over a larger paying section of the community. Income from this source contains charges generally, the level of rate increase for 700 rate-payers was kept at 10% and there was no increase in the charge for 3,000 water consumers in the current year.

I do not recommend that the receipt for water charges of £55,000 net be deleted from the Estimate. To do so, will have an adverse effect on the works programme. As there is no alternative income available, the expenditure proposed in the Estimate will have to be curtailed to meet the loss of £55,000.

Having examined the expenditure proposals carefully, the following suggestions are made but certainly not recommended, where funding might be reduced.

1. Housing Maintenance:

Delete from provision	£30,000
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2. Water Supply Loan Charges:

Delete provision for augmentation scheme loan	£6,000
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3. Sewerage Services Loan Charges:

Delete provision for loan for main drainage	£3,000
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4. Public Lighting:

Delete provision for new lighting	£2,000
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5. Amenities:

Delete provision for improvements to Redmond Park	£3,000
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6. Staffing:

Delete provision for Painter, Street Sweeper, and Water Works employee	£11,000
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TOTAL:	£55,000
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Any deletion from the Estimate will have an immediate effect on employment in a number of areas, such as housing maintenance, street sweeping and water works. This type of saving can be deceptive because in general it will have to be provided for some time and, customarily, in the following financial year, thereby adding to the expenditure.

Waiver Scheme for Water Charges:

I wish to reaffirm my commitment to be flexible in the application of the waiver scheme for those who wish to avail thereof.

Financial Position:

The Council's financial position is losing its strong base, income is not being received and balances have been continuously used over the years to maintain services. In the current year a total of £70,000 is being used in the running of the Corporation's affairs, this sum will be utilised in the following areas:-

1. Sub-standard housing	£25,000
2. Reduction in Expenditure and Rate levels	£20,000
3. Essential Drainage and Water Operation (The drainage operations will be at Selskar, Bishopswater, Coolcotts and Distillery Road).	£15,000
4. Provision is required for a contingent liability to the Crescent Bridge of	£10,000
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Advance Capital Works:

A reduction of the Corporation's liquidity will effect the advance works on water, sewerage and land purchase with a consequential down-turn in the development momentum.

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

The Corporation pays a contribution of £3,450 to S.E.R.T.O. In a county of high tourist potential, it is proper that a financial contribution be made to the tourist body. S.E.R.T.O. is supportive to Wexford town and county and funds are expected from this body in the current year for signs and amenity development. I do not recommend that this contribution be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:-

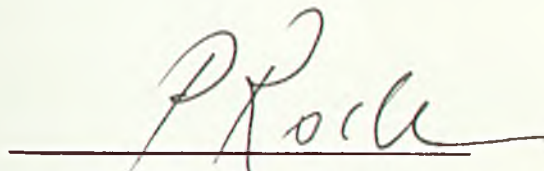
As I have said in my original report on the Estimates, it was prepared against a difficult background and that the Estimate put forward was the best utilisation of the funds likely to be available to the Corporation in 1984. I am still of this view and while I did not guarantee that the figures in the Estimates would be adequate in all respects, I must advise you that anything less will adversely affect operations of the Corporation in the provision of services.

I would appeal to you, Mayor, and the Members of the Borough Council, to adopt the Estimate as presented with the amendment of 10p in the rate in the pound thereby reducing the rate sought from £21.80 to £21.70."

There followed a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed and during which the Manager was thanked for investigating the suggestions made at the previous meeting and for his comprehensive report on the matter. In reply to questions the Manager stated that whatever the decision of the members in relation to the 1984 water charges provision, the charges as assessed for 1983 and for which bills had been issued would remain and would be collected. A further lengthy discussion was held on the content of the Manager's report which included a brief discussion on the Corporation's financial position and during which the manager indicated the level of balances as at 31st December, 1983. It was noted from the Manager's report that £70,000 of the balances was proposed to be utilised in 1984 to maintain services and a consensus view was indicated that the Corporation's financial base should not be further eroded by the use of further balances. In reply to further questions the Manager stated that if the members adopted the estimates for 1984 inclusive of the provision for water charges, he would be prepared to give a commitment that in 1985 any increase in the level of charge would not exceed the percentage increase in the rate in the £ for 1985 over that of 1984. Following further discussion the meeting concluded.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th APRIL, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, Assistant Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

At the outset of the meeting votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted to Mr. J. O'Leary, Acting County Secretary, on the death of his Mother-In-Law and Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer on the death of his Brother-In-Law.

RATES 1984

received
A copy of a telex / from the Minister for the Environment regarding the failure of the Corporation to adopt an estimate of expenses and strike a rate for 1984 was then circulated. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Morris that a special meeting of the Corporation would be held on Thursday 3rd May, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. for the purposes of considering the said estimates again.

REFORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The submission of the Irish Council of the European Movement on Reform of Local Government, as had previously been circulated, was then considered. It was noted that this submission arose out of a seminar organised by the Irish Council of the European Movement at which the Corporation was represented. Following discussion to which all members contributed during which His Worship the Mayor on behalf of the Corporation complimented the Council's representatives at this Conference, the submission was noted. Further arising out of the discussion the report of the workshop on financing of Local Government and the need for a radical change in this area was discussed and supported.

MUNICIPAL FLAG

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to comply with the request from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union to loan the Municipal Flag to them for the purposes of displaying the flag on Dublin Quays with flags from other cities and towns and counties throughout the country during the annual conference of the I.T.G.W.U. in Dublin.

TOWN CREST

On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Hayes it was unanimously agreed to give permission to the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses to use the Wexford Town Crest on a banner which would be on display in the Conference Hall of the Talbot Hotel, Wexford, during the National A.G.M. of the Guild in June, subject to the usual conditions.

DEPUTATION

A request from the Wexford Residents & Tenants Water Rates Protest Group that a deputation be received by the Corporation at the May meeting of the Corporation was noted.

PENSIONS

The decisions of the Social Welfare Officer in relation to the Old Age Pension (Non-Contributory) in the following cases were unanimously approved

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on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Morris:-

- (1) Ms. Mary Lynch, 70, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.
- (2) Kathleen Murphy, 19, Gulbar Road, Wexford.
- (3) Patrick Furlong, 72, North Main Street, Wexford.
- (4) Ms. Mary Jane Farrell, 19, Henrietta Street, Wexford.
- (5) Mr. Ambrose Duignan, 28, Parnell Street, Wexford.
- (6) Ms. Mary Josephine Rossiter, Oaklea Lodge, Roxboro, Wexford.
- (7) Ms. Anna Tyghe, 10, Menapia Avenue, Wexford.
- (8) Ms. Sheila Mary Larkin, 63, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.
- (9) Mr. James V. Whitmore, 24, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.

HOUSING

The Town Clerk read the following report:-

"As requested at recent meetings a number of applications for rehousing have now been examined. The review has established that 2 of the applicants (Mrs. Salmon and Mr. Doolan) are qualified for rehousing. However, it is considered that the previous practice of the Corporation in exhausting the approved housing list before considering any new applications, should continue and the newly qualified applicants above would be considered at the next review of the housing list".

This report was noted.

PLANNING

A list of planning applications received since the date of the last meeting, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Cllr. Roche referred to the application for permission for the change of use of a shop at the Bullring to a Restaurant and requested that it be ensured that this proposed restaurant would not be used as a take-away premises. A general discussion on take-away premises was then held to which all members contributed arising out of which a consensus view was expressed that the provision of restaurants would be acceptable in the commercially zoned area whereas take-away outlets should not be freely allowed. On the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed to request the planning officers to investigate the feasibility of changing zoning proposals in the Draft Development Plan with a view to complying with this request of the members.

Cllr. Roche referred to Uncle Sam's premises on Main Street and stated that the premises had no permission to operate as a take-away and appeared to be doing so. It was agreed that this matter would be investigated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rates Related Grants.

The following motion from Donegal Co. Council was noted:-

"That the Council request the Minister for the Environment to meet a further deputation from the Council on the basis that it was not satisfied with the response of the Minister to the Deputation received by him on Friday 9th March, 1984, in relation to its request that he make good the shortfall in rates related grants."

Great Island Power Station.

Letters from the Private Secretary to An Tanaiste & Minister for Energy re Great Island Power Station, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted. His Worship the Mayor stated that Senator Howlin would be representing him as part of the deputation from the Great Island Power Station workers. On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty it was agreed that when the deputation and Senator Howlin met with the Minister, newspaper reports regarding the present operation at Great Island Power Station be clarified.

Water Rates Protest Group.

A letter from the Secretary, Water Rates Protest Group, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Unemployment.

A letter from the Private Secretary to An Taoiseach re Borough Council's Resolution on Unemployment was noted.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A letter from Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan, Organising Secretary, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee thanking the Mayor, Members and Officials of the Corporation for their contribution to the 1984 Parade was noted.

Work Experience Programme.

A letter from the Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare expressing the Minister's thanks for resolution adopted by the Borough Council regarding the Work Experience Programme was noted.

Nicky Kelly.

The following motion from Dungarvan U.D.C. was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Council requests the Minister for Justice to consider the early release of Nicky Kelly on humanitarian grounds".

Unemployment.

A letter from the Minister for Industry, Commerce, Trade & Tourism, in which the Minister regretted that he would be unable to meet a deputation from Wexford Corporation to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford, was noted. It was further noted with satisfaction that a further letter asking the Minister to reconsider his decision had already been issued.

V.A.T. & P.R.S.I.

A letter from the Private Secretary to Minister for Finance stating that the Minister had noted the resolution adopted by the Borough Council regarding V.A.T. & P.R.S.I., was noted.

Medical Cards.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Health & Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of resolution adopted by the Borough Council regarding Medical Cards, stating that the matter is receiving attention, was noted.

Reform of Local Government.

A letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment regarding representations in connection with the proposed Reform of Local Government, stating that the contents had been noted, was noted.

Unemployment.

A letter from Mr. P. White, of the I.D.A. in reply to the request of the Borough Council that he meet with a deputation from the Council to consider the present unemployment situation in Wexford, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. Murphy that the suggestion in Mr. White's letter that the Corporation would meet with Dr. Brosnan of the I.D.A. was unanimously agreed.

Conference.

Details of a Conference to be held on the subject of Outdoor Recreation & Leisure, organised by Cospoir and to be held from 22nd to 25th May, 1984 in Westport, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor that two delegates would be sent to this conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that Alderman Kelly would attend the conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, it was agreed that Cllr. Murphy would attend this Conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was agreed that the substitute delegate would be Cllr. Mahoney.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.

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John Roche

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin & N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy to Senator Howlin and his family on the recent death of Mr. Jack Conneely was unanimously adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

COUNCILLOR RECK

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillor Reck to the meeting and conveyed his wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

ESTIMATES

His Worship the Mayor stated that the special meeting had been called arising out of a letter from the Minister for the Environment, copies of which had previously been circulated, which stated that to enable the Corporation to continue to function and discharge its statutory responsibilities and maintain necessary public services and workforce, he had assented to a departure from the terms of Article 53 (2) of the Public Bodies Order 1946 (as substituted therein by the Public Bodies (Amendment) (No.2) Order, 1983) to enable Wexford Corporation to hold their estimates meeting not later than 4th May, 1984.

It was then proposed by Councillor Morris seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted by the Manager and as amended by the members by reducing the expenditure provision in programme 6.4. (contribution to other bodies) and the domestic rate grant support provisions by a total of £5,701 and increasing the income provision in programme 6.1.9. (contribution from Wexford County Council) by £500, as detailed on Tables A and B.3 as attached, be adopted, and determine in accordance with the said estimate the rate in the £ set out in Column 10 of Table B.3, in the sum of £21.70, to be the rate in the £ to be levied for 1984.

Cllr. Hayes proposed that the estimate of expenses be amended to exclude the nett provision of £55,000 in respect of domestic water charges and to reduce expenditure by £55,000 by adjusting provisions in respect of housing maintenance, not filling of 3 permanent jobs presently vacant, painting of Mount George, and Members expenses and trips. There being no seconder for this proposal, His Worship the Mayor declared this proposal to have fallen.

Following further discussion the motion in the names of Councillors Morris and Kavanagh was then put to the meeting. It was agreed that the vote on this motion would be taken by way of poll. The poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Cllrs. J. Roche, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (6).

Against:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs., J. Mahoney, J. Hayes, N. Murphy (5).

The majority being in favour of the motion, the motion was declared carried.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting then went into committee.

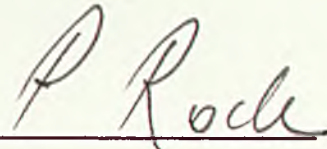
His Worship the Mayor stated that the Development Plan was to be considered for adoption at the Statutory Monthly Meeting and it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor that the Borough Council would meet in Committee at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 7th May, 1984 to consider submissions made by members of the public regarding the Draft Development Plan.

CHAIN FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he had become aware of the need for a Chain of Office which could be used by a Deputy appointed by the Mayor to attend functions when representing the Mayor and he had approached the Corporation's Treasurer who had agreed to provide such a Chain of Office. General satisfaction was expressed by the meeting with this and it was agreed that the Protocol Committee would now pursue this matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF May 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
7th MAY, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.F. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Housing & Planning.

At the outset of the meeting votes of sympathy to Mr. Myles Redmond on the recent death of his Brother-In-Law and to Mrs. R. Nixon on the recent death of her husband, were unanimously adopted.

The votes were passed in silence all standing.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a vote of Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery was unanimously adopted to Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan who had recently been removed to hospital.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on Monday 2nd April, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which minutes had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

Fourth Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 29th March, 1984.
Protocol Committee Meeting held on 9th April, 1984.
Fifth Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 9th April, 1984.
Sixth Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 16th April, 1984.
General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 19th April, 1984.

The minutes of the following meetings of the Borough Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 29th March, 1984.
Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 2nd April, 1984.
Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 9th April, 1984.
Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 16th April, 1984.
Special Meeting held on 30th April, 1984.

Cllr. Roche referred to a discussion at the G.P. Committee Meeting of 19th April, 1984 on Local Government Reform and proposed that all Local Authorities be rated at 5% for V.A.T. purposes and that the savings realised be utilised by each Local Authority for their own purposes. This proposal was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously agreed and it was further agreed to refer the motion to the Municipal Authorities Association for their consideration.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Alderman P. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed that the 1st Quarterly Meeting for 1984/'85 would be held on Friday 29th June, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. in the Arts Centre. It was further agreed that the G.P. Committee Meeting of the Borough Council would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 7th June, 1984.

WEXFORD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting noted the discussions as had taken place at the Planning Committee Meeting which proceeded the Statutory Meeting and noted that it had been agreed at the Planning Committee Meeting to amend the provisions in the Draft Development Plan in relation to Car Park, Wexford, Old Town Hall, Lake Area, Foot Facilities, Neighbourhood Centre, Whitemill Road, and land at Wexford Industrial Estate.

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It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Statutory Provisions in relation to material changes in the Draft Development Plan be followed in relation to the proposed changes to the Draft Development Plan in respect of Old Town Wall, Take-Away Food Facilities, and Neighbourhood Centre, Whitemill Road, and land at Industrial Estate. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne that to enable the compliance with the statutory obligations in relation to material changes to seek from the Minister for the Environment an extension of the period within which the Development Plan is to be reviewed to the 30th September, 1984.

SALE OF LAND TO ARTS CENTRE.

Consideration was then given to the leasing of a small piece of ground at Abbey Street to Wexford Arts Centre in accordance with the terms specified in notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended and as had previously been circulated. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the disposal in accordance with the terms specified in the notice with the addition of a condition that the Mayor of the Day be ex-officio a Director of the Arts Centre.

LAND AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Consideration was then given to the disposal of land at St. John's Road. On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed that the Freehold of the said land be disposed of in accordance with the terms of Notice of Disposal under Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, as had previously been circulated.

MOTIONS

Abolition of Local Authority.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Hayes:-

"This Council calls on the Dublin Government to abolish the Act, whereby a Minister of the said Government has the power to abolish a Local Authority".

Following discussion to which all members contributed a vote was taken on the motion which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Alderman Kelly, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Mahoney, Cllr. Hayes (5).

Against:- Ald. Byrne, Cllrs. Reck, Morris, O'Flaherty, Howlin and Kavanagh (6).

The majority being against the motion the motion was declared lost.

Streetnames.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Byrne and following discussion was unanimously adopted:-

"That nameplates be erected on the many streets in Wexford requiring same".

Housing Stock.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Mahoney:-

"That this Borough Council carryout a survey and compile a list of tenants who live alone in three or four bedroomed houses with a view to providing them with more suitable accommodation thereby making available family-type houses and properly using the Corporation's housing stock"

A discussion was held to which all members contributed and arising out of which the Manager stated that the motion was attractive but had implications for current policies in the area of transfers. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Industrial Development.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Alderman Kelly:-

"In view of the fact that the Wexford Area seems to be forgotten regarding industrial development, particularly in the area of new technology and taking into account the continuing trend of unemployment for this region, I move that an immediate meeting be sought with the Minister for Industry, Mr. Bruton".

In proposing the motion Cllr. Hayes referred^{to} the fact that no major industry, particularly no industry in the area of high technology had been located in Wexford since Lifesavers and suggested that a concerted effort from all elected representatives in the area to promote the establishment of industry, was needed. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously agreed. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche that if and when the deputation was going to meet the Minister, the deputation would include representatives of the Unions and Chamber of Industry and Commerce. His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the Town Clerk would be going to America with him the week following the meeting at the invitation of the people of Wexford, South Carolina.

Local Charges.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Kelly:-

"That this Borough Council recognise the fact that new charges implemented by the Minister for the Environment will not work, support this motion calling for same to be abolished until Local Government Bill on financing and reorganising is completed".

Following discussion to which all members contribution the motion was adopted with His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, abstaining.

QUESTIONS

Painting of Mount George.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the exterior painting of Mount George would commence in June.

S.E.R.T.O. Representative.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, who was the Borough Council's representative on S.E.R.T.O. gave details of his attendance at meetings of that body to Alderman P. Kelly.

Sale of Houses.

In reply to Cllr. O'Flaherty the Town Clerk stated that sales of houses in Mannix Place and Trinity Street had been delayed pending the acquisition of the fee simple of the land held on lease by the Corporation. In the case of Mannix Place the acquisition of the fee simple was presently being finalised by the Corporation's Solicitor. In the case of Trinity Street the Fee Simple interest had been acquired, and was currently being registered in the Land Registry. In both cases sales of houses would be completed when the Corporation's fee simple title had been registered in the Land Registry.

Thomas Clarke Place.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would arrange to have the area between Thomas Clarke Place and the rear of Francis Street cleaned.

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Boundary Wall - St. Michael's Grave Yard.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would have inspected the boundary wall on the Michael Street side of St. Michael's Grave Yard, to establish if this wall was safe.

Site at John Street.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that regular inspections were made and will continue to be made of a site owned by the Corporation at John Street to ensure that no unauthorised use of these lands would be made by any persons.

Main Drainage Scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that approval for the Preliminary Report in relation to the Main Drainage Scheme was still awaited.

Telephones in Flats.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that Bord Telecom were presently having a temporary problem with the availability of hand sets and this difficulty was delaying the installation of telephones in the new flats at John Street, Bride Street and the Faythe.

HOUSING

The meeting then went into Committee.

Cllr. Mahoney referred to the housing application of Terry Murphy of Distillery Road and proposed that a vacant house at Liam Mellows Park be allocated to Mr. Murphy. The Town Clerk stated that it had previously been decided to allocate this particular house to an applicant for a transfer. It was suggested at the meeting that this applicant would not be accepting the transfer and following discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend that Mr. Murphy be allocated the vacant house at Liam Mellows Park.

In reply to Cllr. Morris the Town Clerk stated that suggestions of nuisance being caused to residents of College View was being investigated.

Cllr. Howlin referred to the housing application of a Mrs. O'Sullivan whom he stated was no. 11 on the two-bedroomed list. Following discussion the Manager agreed to have this application investigated.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 18th DAY OF June, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 7th MAY, 1984 AT 7.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Planning Department.
Mr. K. Redmond, Planner.
Mr. C. Daly, Planner.

The meeting was held for the purposes of considering submissions from members of the public on the Draft Wexford Development Plan as adopted by the Borough Council at their meeting held on 5th December, 1983 and which was on public display from 1st January, 1984 to 31st March, 1984.

A table (copies of which had previously been circulated) showing all observations made on the Draft Development Plan and incorporating copies of submissions from members of the public was then considered and decided as follows:-

Car Parking Standards.

The suggestion made at a previous meeting of the Borough Council that the parking standards in the Development Plan were too restrictive was then considered. It was noted that the Wexford County Council had amended Clause 5.70 of the Draft Development Plan by the inclusion of the following sentence at the end of this Clause:-
"The Planning Authority, taking account of the size, nature and location of the proposed development may waive the requirement for a financial contribution in respect of the first two spaces of the overall parking requirement".
The Manager suggested that to comply with the requirements of the Bor. Council Table 7 (Car Parking Standards) of the Development Plan statement be amended in respect of the "shops" category by the insertion of the following;
"small shops (not exceeding 400 sq. ft.) - no requirement for the first 250 sq. ft."
The Manager also stated that he did not consider these amendments to be material changes to the Development Plan. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Kelly that the Draft Development Plan be amended to;
1) Include the sentence in Clause 5.70 as already included in the Draft Development Plan by Wexford County Council;
2) To amend Table 7 (Car Parking Standards) in the "shops" category by the insertion of "small shops (not exceeding 400 sq. ft.) - no requirement for the first 250 sq. ft."

Following further discussion a vote on this proposal was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Kelly, Cllrs. Roche, Mahoney, Morris, Hayes, O'Flaherty, Kavanagh (7).

Against:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Cllr. Reck (2).

The majority being in favour of the motion the motion was declared carried.

Neighbourhood Centre.

The necessity for Neighbourhood Centres which had previously been discussed at a meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was then considered. It was agreed that the proposed Neighbourhood Centres objective presently provided for in the Draft Development Plan be retained as such centres provide usefull facilities.

Housing at Hill Street & Corish Park.

It was agreed that the Specific Objectives outlined in H5, H8, Page 51 of the Draft Development Plan regarding housing at Hill Street & Corish Park be retained.

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Cemetery at Coolcotts.

It was agreed that the provisions outlined in Appendix B Page 56 of the Draft Development Plan in relation to the Paupers Graveyard, Coolcotts Lane, be retained.

A.I.B. premises at Custom House Quay/Anne Street.

A letter from Allied Irish Banks Ltd., querying the inclusion of the A.I.B. premises at Custom House Quay/Anne Street in Appendix B of the Draft Development Plan (list of buildings for preservation and conservation) was then considered. The observations of the planning officers that the meaning of preservation/conservation in the context of the Draft Development Plan did not rule out development sympathetic with the A.I.B.'s premises' existing character was noted and agreed.

Wexford Vocational Educational Committee.

A letter from the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee regarding the exclusion of Specific Objective C4 included in the 1978 Development Plan from the present Draft Development Plan was then considered. The observations of the planners that the objective regarding the reservation of lands for future development by the Vocational Educational Committee was included in the written statement but excluded in error in the town detail of the present Draft Development Plan and that this mapping error would be rectified in the final plan, was noted and agreed.

Old Town Wall.

A request from the Wexford Historical Society that the Old Town Wall including Westgate Tower and Turrets be transferred to Appendix A (Total Preservation) from Appendix B (changes to be sympathetic/character) was then considered. A map showing the section of the wall which was being recommended by the planners for transfer from Appendix B to Appendix A, copies of which were previously circulated was also considered. It was noted that the plan showed the extent of the wall from Westgate to Georges Street and included the two towers along the extent of this wall together with the tower at Abbey Street and the tower at Rowe Street Church. The Manager stated that this suggested change would be a material change in the Draft Development Plan and would require that public notice be given by advertisement and in addition notice served on each of the owners and occupiers of properties affected. On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the suggestion of the planners outlined above would be transferred from Appendix B to Appendix A.

Ring Road.

A submission by the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce on the impact for the Town Centre of the Ring Road provided for in the Draft Development Plan was then considered and following discussion it was agreed to defer further discussion on this matter to a future meeting.

Town Centre Shopping.

A submission by the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce on Town Centre -V- Out of Town Shopping Development was considered and following discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a future meeting of the Borough Council which would discuss the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce's submission on the Ring Road.

Derelict Buildings.

A submission by the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce on the need for re-development of Derelict Buildings particularly in the Selskar Street/Temperance Row area was then considered. It was noted that specific objective R.I P.54, Paragraph 4.16 (V) Page 22 of the Draft Development Plan dealt with this subject by stating that sympathetic re-development of derelict areas is a major objective of the plan was noted and agreed.

Pedestrianisation.

The submission of Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce on Pedestrianisation stating that the Chamber would wish that any action in this area would be proceeded by meaningful discussions with the Chamber, was noted and agreed. It was further agreed on the proposal/Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck that the Corporation would write to the Chamber and request the results of a survey of members of the Chamber on this matter, which they had previously agreed to undertake.

Fascia Signs.

A submission by the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce urging that traditional signs and sign-writing on shops be preserved to the exclusion of modern plastic type fascias was noted. It was noted by the meeting that the Draft Development Plan provided for the promotion of traditional styles for fascia signs.

Facilities for Handicapped.

The members noted the support of the Chamber of Commerce for the provisions in the Draft Development Plan for the special needs of the handicapped.

Wexford Racecourse.

A submission by the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce supporting the provisions in the Draft Development Plan regarding the development of Wexford Racecourse as a Sporting/Recreational Centre was noted.

Westlands.

An objection by Mr. J.J. O'Connor to the designation of lands at Westlands for residential development stating that as owner of the lands he would rather that they be used for housing & care of older people was then considered. It was noted that the proposed Specific Objective in the Draft Development Plan (H9) does not exclude the use of land for old peoples's housing and it was agreed that no change be made in the plan in relation to this area.

Take-Away Food Facilities.

A suggestion made at a previous meeting of the Borough Council that the policy on take-away food outlets be reconsidered, was then considered. The suggestions of the planners that an additional use class be added to land use zoning matrix (Page 34 of the Draft Development Plan) which would allow consideration to be given to take-away food facilities in the town centre and Neighbourhood Centre only was unanimously agreed. The Manager stated that this proposed change would be a material change in the plan and it was agreed that the statutory procedure as outlined in respect of the changes in relation to the Old Town Wall, would be followed in this case also.

Neighbourhood Centre - Whitemill Road.

Cllr. Roche referred to the zoning of land adjoining the Mayflower Bar at Whitemill Road and to previous discussions regarding same. A discussion was held on the difficulties which the zoning in the Draft Development Plan of land at the rear of the Mayflower Bar for residential developments, caused the owner of the Mayflower Bar in further/ his business. The Manager stated that any change in the zoning of lands would be a material change to which the statutory provisions outlined above in relation to the Old Town Wall would apply. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck with Cllr. Hayes dissenting that part of the land at the rear of the Mayflower Bar (Approx. 1 acre) be rezoned from residential to Neighbourhood Centre^{use} and that the statutory obligations outlined by the Manager be complied with in this instance.

LAND AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

On the suggestion of the planners it was unanimously agreed to rezone a small triangle of land measuring approximately .04 acres on the north-eastern boundary of the Wexford Industrial Estate fronting the public road which links Clonard Road with Liam Mellows Park. ^{use} Wexford Borough Council The Manager stated that the changing of zoning in this instance would be a material change in the Draft Development Plan and that the Statutory obligations on the Corporation

outlined in relation to the Old Town Wall would also apply in this instance.
It was agreed that the statutory obligations outlined by the Manager be
complied with.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 18th DAY OF June, 1984.



MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY
7th JUNE, 1984, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

The Town Clerk referred to the motion passed at a previous meeting of the Corporation regarding the making available on housing lists of the make-up of the total points awarded to each applicant. He stated that the Director of Community Care & Medical Officer of Health had written expressing serious reservations about making such information available due to the confidential and intimate nature of information from housing applicants which is considered when awarding points under the Scheme of Letting Priorities. Following discussion during which a consensus view was expressed of there being merit in the reservations of the D.C.C. & M.O.H., it was agreed that the Town Clerk would again discuss this matter with the D.C.C. & M.O.H., as to the extent of a break-down of the points allocated that could be considered for submission to the members.

Councillor Reck referred to a transfer applicant, Mr. T. Lawlor, who had been allocated a transfer to Liam Mellows Park, but who had refused. Cllr. Reck stated that there were particular circumstances in this case and suggested that if the house was available, that it again be offered to Mr. Lawlor. The Manager stated that he would investigate this matter.

Councillor Reck referred to the application for rehousing by a Mr. Haughton who had not been listed in the first 70 priority cases for rehousing. He stated that Mr. Haughton would be willing to accept a house presently vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas and following discussion to which all members contributed and concurred with the recommendation of Councillor Reck, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that all applicants who had been approved for rehousing but who had not obtained a priority within the first seventy applications, should now be canvassed with a view to ascertaining if they were interested in being rehoused in Wolfe Tone Villas and that the houses in Wolfe Tone Villas would be allocated accordingly.

Councillor Mahoney referred to the application for rehousing by a Mr. P.J. Cox and stated that his income was very low. The Manager agreed to investigate this application.

Councillor Mahoney also referred to the application by a Seamus Cullen living in Waterford in a Welfare Home and requested that this application be considered sympathetically since Mr. Cullen was from the town and was anxious to return to the town. The Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of incorporating provisions in the Letting Priority Scheme to cover this situation.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the application of Mr. John Moran of John's Gate Street and following discussion the Manager agreed to have this case re-investigated.

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Councillor Reck asked if the application of Mrs. Ghettings was being considered for rehousing and requested a report on this matter for the next meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche that the minutes of the Housing portion of the General Purposes Committee Meeting be excluded from the minutes of that meeting but would be circulated separately and would be considered at the G.P. Meetings of the Borough Council if discussion on those minutes was appropriate.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

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DAY OF

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1984.

James L. Morris

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JUNE, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting Councillor Roche referred to the recent visit by the Mayor, County Manager and Town Clerk to the Vocational School as part of the Keep Wexford Beautiful Campaign and apologised for he not being there as Chairman of Wexford Town V.E.C. to welcome the Mayor, due to him not being informed of the visit by the V.E.C. Cllr. Roche thanked the Mayor for his attendance at the school.

MUSEUM

The Town Clerk stated that preliminary costings for the renovation of the structure of the building at Selskar Church to a standard suitable for a museum would be £100,000. Following discussions on the proposal it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Mahoney to contact the Office of Public Works with a view to investigating the matter further.

RE-NUMBERING OF LIAM MELLOWS PARK

Arising out of discussions at previous meetings, plans showing proposals for the re-numbering of Liam Mellows Park were then circulated and considered.

Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would further investigate the feasibility of re-numbering just the inner circle of houses in Liam Mellows Park. It was further agreed that the re-numbering proposal should include the erection of name-plates and number plates for blocks of houses in places throughout the estate.

MAYORAL WELCOME FOR I.H.A.

The recommendation of the Protocol Committee to afford a Civic Welcome to the International Association of Hydrologists upon the forthcoming conference in Wexford, and the according adjustment in the Mayoral Allowance, were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne. It was further unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne that the statutory meeting of Wexford Borough Council would be adjourned from Monday 11th June, 1984 to Tuesday 12th June, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

STANDING ORDERS

The recommendation of the Protocol Committee that that Committee be authorised to review Standing Orders was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche and it was further agreed to recommend this proposal to the Borough Council at their next meeting.

CIVIC AWARDS

The recommendation of the Protocol Committee that Civic Awards be awarded to Cllr. Morris in view of his 40 years of service to the Borough Council and to Cllr. O'Flaherty in view of his 25 years service as Chairman of Wexford Town V.E.C. and his long-standing service to the Wexford Borough Council, was unanimously approved on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck and it was further unanimously agreed to accordingly recommend this proposal to the Wexford Borough Council. It was further agreed that the Awards Ceremony/ on Monday 25th June, 1985. would be held

PENSIONS

The decisions of the Social Welfare Officer in relation to the Pensions (Non-Contributory) for the following applicants, were unanimously approved:-

- 1) Mr. T. O'Brien, 52, Bernadette Place, Wexford.
- 2) Mrs. M. Browne, 14, Croke Avenue, Wexford.
- 3) Eliz. Fortune, 6, Mount George, Wexford.
- 4) Mary E. Carley, 36, Bernadette Place, Wexford.
- 5) Mr. John Gettins, 60, Kennedy Park, Wexford.
- 6) Eliz. Breen (Decd.) 10, North Main Street, Wexford.
- 7) Mrs. Mary Roche, 80, King Street, Wexford.
- 8) Mrs. Josephine Springate, 4, Lr. Abbey Street, Wexford.
- 9) Anastatia Martin, 87, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that notification had been received that Old Age Pension Committees were being abolished with effect as and from 2nd July, 1984. Cllr. Roche expressed reservations regarding the abolition of a local input from elected representatives in the decision making process on non-contributory pensions and to possible abuses of the system which would arise from the introduction of a bureaucratic system of decision. Following discussion during which all members agreed with the remarks of Councillor Roche, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck to write to the Minister for Social Welfare and express the Borough Council's reservations accordingly.

PLANNING

A list of planning applications received since the date of the last meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted.

A discussion was held on the recent tragedy wherein a youth was killed by a derelict building falling on him at Spafield Avenue. Arising out of this discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate possible dangerous structures at the following areas:-

- 1) Building on Albion Field.
- 2) McGrath's building at Cornmarket.
- 3) Kehoe's buildings at Selskar.
- 4) Tower at Mount George opposite Whites Hotel.
- 5) Dr. Keenan's wall.
- 6) Tower at Rowe Street.
- 7) Wall at Mannix Place.
- 8) Boundary Wall at Davitt Road South.
- 9) Wall opposite G.A.A. Field.

The Town Clerk stated that a visual survey of potentially dangerous buildings and structures was currently being undertaken by the technical staff and that the structures mentioned would be considered and examined as part of this survey. In reply to Cllr. Murphy the Town Clerk outlined the provisions in the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 under which the Corporation were entitled to take action in relation to any dangerous structures or places and emphasised that the liability for any remedial works or damages caused by dangerous structures or places rested solely with the owners of such structures or places.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer outlined the present position regarding the increasing of protection between Mount George and adjoining houses and agreed to report further on this matter.

The Borough Engineer brought to the attention of the meeting an application for planning permission for a Snooker Hall at Cornmarket and following further discussion it was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to the next G.P. Meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Unemployment.

A letter from Dr. B. Brosnan, Regions Manager of the I.D.A., in which he confirmed that he would be willing to meet with the Corporation to discuss the Unemployment situation in the Wexford area was considered and noted. It was agreed to meet with Dr. Brosnan at the outset of the next G.P. Committee Meeting of the Corporation.

Nuclear Waste.

The following motion from Bray Urban District Council was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"In view of the recent leakage of nuclear waste from Windscale into the Irish Sea, that Bray Urban District Council initiate the establishment of an Irish Sea Committee made up of representatives from Local Authorities of counties bordering the Irish Sea with a view of co-operative action with members of Local Authorities of counties in Britain equally affected by this threat".

It was further agreed that this motion be pursued with the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and with the General Council of County Councils

Deputation.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism, thanking the Council for letter requesting deputation and stating that he would write again shortly, was noted.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Social Welfare thanking the Council for letter conveying text of resolution regarding redundancy payments, was noted.

Owner/Driver Schemes.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister of State at Dept. of Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism acknowledging letter from Council regarding Owner/Driver Schemes and stating that a further letter would issue shortly, was noted.

Exchange Line - Municipal Buildings.

A letter from Telecom Eireann regarding exchange line and coinbox for Municipal Building, stating that the old type coinboxes are no longer available and stating that the Corporation's application would be listed for attention when the new type coinbox was supplied, was noted. A letter to Telecom Eireann requesting financial implications, if any, to be met by the Corporation, before an order was placed, was also noted.

Conference.

Details of a conference on Town Twinning to be held in Galway from 19th to 20th October, 1984, was considered. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to a future meeting.

Welfare Home.

A letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for Health & Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of letter concerning the provision of a Welfare Home in Wexford and stating that the matter was receiving attention, was noted.

Local Authority Members Association.

A letter from the Local Authority Members Association inviting the members of

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the Borough Council to join the Association and nominate a delegate, was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, to await the views of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland who were currently investigating this Association.

Rent Review.

A letter from the Department of the Environment referring to letter incorporating text of motion regarding rent review and stating that the terms of the motion had been noted, was noted.

Environment Grants Scheme.

The following motion from Listowel Urban District Council was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche:-

"That we request the Government to restore the Environment Grants Scheme to Local Authorities".

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Hugh Byrne, T.D., stating that he had noted a motion unanimously adopted by the Borough Council regarding Redundancy Payments and stating that he supported the motion and that he would call for equity in all such payments and in taxation, was noted.

Apartheid.

A circular from Department of Foreign Affairs regarding Apartheid, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the A.M.A.I., copy of which had previously been circulated, and which requested that motions which the Borough Council required to have considered at the Annual Conference of the Association should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary not later than 17th July, 1984, was then considered. It was agreed that motions to be submitted would be considered at the next G.P. Meeting of the Borough Council and it was further agreed that any member who wished to have a motion considered for submission, would submit same in writing to the Town Clerk for circulation prior to the next G.P. Meeting.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Deputy A. Doyle acknowledging receipt of motion regarding redundancy payments and stating that she had passed same to the Government, was noted.

Welfare Home.

A letter from the Private Secretary to Minister for Health & Social Welfare regarding motion for the provision of a Welfare Home in Wexford, stating that the Minister had looked into the matter and that the S.E.H.B. had a meeting with the Mercy Order regarding the acquisition of a site, was noted. It was further noted that the letter stated that if the site was acquired the provision of a Welfare Home would depend on capital funds available to the Board and the degree of priority afforded to it in relation to other projects in the Board's area.

Ballinagee Development.

A letter from the Minister for the Environment regarding the Ballinagee Development, stating that the decision had been made by An Bord Pleanála and that the Minister had no power to order appeal cases to be re-opened or decisions to be reviewed and in the circumstances was not in a position to be of assistance, was noted.

Conference.

Attendance at a Conference to be held in West Berlin on 10th/14th September, 1984 concerning the Revitalisation of Inner City Areas, was then considered. The Town Clerk stated that the total cost per delegate of all travelling subsistence and conference fees would be £1,200. It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Murphy that two delegates would attend. Councillor Roche was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by Councillor Murphy. Councillor Murphy was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Mahoney. Councillor Hayes stated that no delegates should be sent and following discussion a vote on the motion to send two delegates was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Mahoney, Cllr. Murphy (4).

Against:- Alderman G. Byrne, Cllr. Reck, Cllr. Hayes, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Kavanagh (5).

The majority being against the motion, the motion was declared lost.

Capital Allocation.

Notification from the Department of the Environment regarding Capital Allocation for Housing Commitments in 1984 in the sum of £660,000, was noted.

Mayoral Ball.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, stated that he had been invited to attend at the Mayoral Ball in Kilkenny on behalf of the Borough Council. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that the Mayor would attend at this Ball and that the Mayoral Allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

An Taisce.

A letter from An Taisce regarding the operation of Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Nicky Kelly.

A letter from the Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of a recent letter from the Borough Council concerning Nicky Kelly, was noted.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., Minister of State, enclosing letter from Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Labour regarding motion adopted by Wexford Borough Council regarding redundancy payments, stating that the Minister was making enquiries in the matter and would write again shortly, was noted.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Avril Doyle, T.D., enclosing a letter from Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Labour, regarding resolution adopted by Wexford Borough Council regarding redundancy payments and stating that the Minister was making enquiries into the matter and would write again shortly, was noted.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Labour regarding redundancy payments, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

2nd DAY OF July 1984.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
12th JUNE, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,
N. Kavanagh.

Apologies for inability to attend from Alderman Byrne and Cllr. Mahoney,
were noted.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting votes of sympathy as follows were unanimously
adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche seconded
by Cllr. Reck:-

To Councillor Mahoney on the death of his Sister, Mrs. Donovan.

To the family of the late Eugene O'Sullivan.

To the White family on the recent tragic death of their son at Spafield Avenue.

All members and the Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the County
Manager and staff of the Corporation associated with the votes of sympathy.

The votes were passed in silence all standing.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on Monday 7th May, 1984,
copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted
on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Morris.

The Minutes of the following Committee Meetings, copies of which had
previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein
were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hayes seconded
by Councillor Roche:-

- a) Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th May, 1984.
- b) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 9th May, 1984.
- c) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 14th May, 1984.
- d) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 15th May, 1984.
- e) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 23rd May, 1984.

SALE OF FEE SIMPLE OF SITE AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

The sale of the fee simple of a leased site at St. John's Road (Siena), to
Mr. Sean Mitten in accordance with Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations
(Ireland) Act, 1840, in accordance with the terms of the notice of disposal
under this section as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved
on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin.

SALE OF FEE SIMPLE OF LEASED SITE AT "TIG MHUIRE",
ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

The sale of the fee simple of leased site at "Tig Mhuire", St. John's Road
to Mr. Maurice Moynihan under Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations
(Ireland) Act, 1840, in accordance with the terms of notice under this section
as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved on the proposal
of Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes.

SALE OF 1, HANTOON ROAD.

The vesting of dwelling at 1, Hantoon Road, Wexford, to Mr. T. Millar, in accordance with the provisions of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, as amended by Section 90(7) of the Housing Act, 1966, as had previously been circulated was unanimously approved on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Roche.

DRAINAGE/AUGUMENTATION SCHEME.

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

"That this Borough Council calls an immediate meeting with the Minister for the Environment to secure finance for (1) First stage of Main Drainage (11) First Stage of Water Augumentation Scheme, that are so very important for present and future expansion of this Borough."

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion referred to the length of time which had lapsed since the Preliminary Report for the Sewerage Scheme had been submitted for approval of the Department of the Environment and to the urgency with which the scheme was required. They also stated that the Water Augumentation Scheme was required urgently so as to enable new industry to be promoted for the town. The Manager stated that the Preliminary Report in relation to the Main Drainage Scheme was with the Department and sanction was awaited and that the contract documents in relation to the Water Augumentation Scheme were being finalised at present by the Corporation staff for submission to the Department for approval. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

INVALIDITY PENSIONS.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to end the present system whereby people who are in the unfortunate position of being widowed, immediately lose free electricity allowance and free T.V. licence allowance at a time when there is greater need for same".

In moving the motion Councillor Hayes requested that the motion be amended to include "in receipt of invalidity pensions" after "whereby people". This was agreed by the meeting. The proposer and seconder in recommending the motion for adoption referred to the hardships created by the present system. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed to consider this motion for submission to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference.

H.F.A. LOANS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Reck seconded by Senator Howlin:-

"Can we ask the Minister for written assurance that H.F.A. loans which are sanctioned will be honoured".

In seconding the motion Senator Howlin proposed an adendum "that the Corporation apply for additional allocation for the current year" to be included after the motion. Councillor Reck agreed to the addition of this adendum. In speaking to the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the hardship created for approved housing finance agency loan applicants by the length of time during which they were required to obtain bridging finance and for the need for year re-assurance for these approved applicants that loans sanctioned in the current / would be financed in January 1985. Following lengthy discussions to which all members contributed the motion as amended was unanimously adopted.

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WEXFORD ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Reck seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"A recent I.F.A. Study suggests that jobs could be created by growing and marketing vegetables. Perhaps a meeting with the Wexford Action Plan Committee might help to cultivate the idea".

In speaking to the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the massive importation of vegetables at present into Ireland and the need for proper utilisation of our natural resources in this country. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty that the motion also be referred to the County Committee of Agriculture for their attention and it was further agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Secretary of the Action Plan Committee to arrange the meeting required in the motion.

TRAFFIC

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly:-

"That this Council call a general meeting re Wexford's traffic problem".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly stated that he was requesting a meeting of the Borough Council, the Gardai and Chamber of Commerce and all interested parties regarding the traffic chaos presently being experienced on the Main Street and referred to a plan he had prepared for consideration and discussion. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche that Alderman Kelly's proposals would be circulated to the Traffic Management Committee prior to the next meeting of that Committee and would be discussed at that Committee prior to a general meeting.

QUESTIONS.

Private Flats.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that as stated at the March meeting of the Corporation, the registration of all flats in the town is being pursued and enforcement action is underway against defaulters. In addition, in all cases where families have been rehoused from flats, repairs notices and over-crowding notices as appropriate have been served and enforced. One defaulter in respect of a repairs notice has been successfully prosecuted in court and other cases were pending.

Westlands.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Manager stated that the acquisition of Westlands by the Corporation was being pursued and that it was not possible to give a date for acquisition or development at this time.

Flooding - Davitt Road South.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the problem of flooding in Davitt Road South had been alleviated in so far as it could be by the Corporation and that the remaining requirements would have to be attended to by the property owners in this area.

Children's Warden - John Street/Georges Street Junction.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the question of controlling a crossing at John Street/Georges Street Junction was being pursued.

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Mount George.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that "Children
at Play" signs would be erected in Mount George within one month.

Twinning Signs.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that five locations
for signs indicating that Wexford and Coueron had twinned, had already been
identified and that the erection of these signs was being pursued.

THIS CONCLUDED THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF July 1984.

Kevin B. Morris
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 9th JULY, 1984 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

- Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor K. Morris.
- Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.
- Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.
- In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHASES 1, 2, & 3, COOLCOTTS DEVELOPMENT, WEXFORD.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report:-

"The Corporation are now in a position to take over Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the Coolcotts Local Authority Housing Development from the National Building Agency.

The Schemes concerned are:-

- (1) Ashfield Drive (68 houses).
- (2) Belvedere Grove (49 houses).
- (3) Belvedere Grove (54 houses).

We are writing to the County Council requesting them to take the estates in charge".

The report was noted.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO OLDER HOUSING STOCK.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report:-

"The improvement works to the older housing stock currently in progress, are financed from a transfer of funds from 1983 of £24,946 and Department House Improvement Grants in total of £5,000 giving a total budget of £29,946.

This budget is now virtually exhausted. The options available are:-

- (1) To cease further works at least until 1985.
- (2) To utilise part of the provision in the current years estimate in respect of ordinary house maintenance.

In relation to option (2) the following points must be noted:-

- (1) The budget provision for ordinary maintenance is not underspent to-date and is on target.
- (2) A reduction in this provision for the purposes of continuing the special works programme will mean a reduction in the resources available for the ordinary maintenance works with consequential delays in carrying out of repairs.
- (3) This option if utilised would be the second year when part of the ordinary housing maintenance budget provisions has been utilised for the special works programme. The consequential reduction in the ordinary maintenance repair programme cannot be continued beyond the current year if serious problems in the Corporation's housing stock, which would arise from lack of maintenance, are to be avoided.

However, in view of the Borough Council's commitment to the improvements in the older housing stock, it is suggested that the provision for ordinary housing maintenance and repair be spent as follows:-

Ordinary Housing Maintenance & Repair	£127,975
Special Improvement Works	£ 25,000

This will enable the special improvement works programme to continue for the remainder of the year."

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by

Alderman Kelly to allocate £25,000 from the ordinary maintenance & repair provision in the 1984 estimates as adopted for the purposes of continuing the improvement works to the older housing stock. Arising out of discussion the Borough Engineer stated that it was now proposed to concentrate on improvement works to the houses in the Maudlintown area with this new allocation.

HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report:-

"Notification has been received of a further capital allocation of £650,000 in respect of Local Authority Housing. This brings the total allocation for the current year to £1,441,000 which is £134,000 less than the allocation sought. The progress on the housing schemes will be closely monitored and if found necessary representations will be made to the Department for increased allocation."
The report was noted.

POINTS SYSTEM FOR HOUSING APPLICANTS.

The Town Clerk reported that arising out of discussions at the previous G.P. Meeting, he had had discussions again with Dr. Judge regarding the feasibility of providing a break-down of points awarded to each housing applicant and that arising out of this discussion it did not seem feasible to give a break-down of the points allocated to each applicant under any of the headings without endangering the confidentiality of housing applicants' circumstances. The report was noted.

HOUSING APPLICANTS.

Councillor Mahoney referred to previous discussions regarding the application by the Haughton family for rehousing. Cllr. Mahoney's comments were supported by all members present. The Town Clerk stated that the survey of all housing applicants on the family-type list and two-bedroomed housing list had now been completed and that 10 applicants had indicated willingness to accept tenancies of houses in Wolfe Tone Villas. These applications were now being examined by the D.C.C. with a view to establishing a priority list of those ten applicants for the purposes of allocating Wolfe Tone Villas houses. The Haughton family had indicated their willingness to accept a tenancy in Wolfe Tone Villas and were among the applicants currently being considered by the D.C.C.

Alderman Kelly referred to the application of Mr. J. Browne of Wolfe Tone Villas who was on the housing transfer list and who had indicated his willingness to accept a larger house in Wolfe Tone Villas rather than move out of the area. It was agreed that the feasibility of this proposal would be considered.

Alderman Kelly also referred to the application of Mr. T. Murphy of Saltee Avenue who he stated was living in atrocious conditions and whose wife, who is blind, was originally from Wolfe Tone Villas and who would be interested in moving into a house in this area. It was agreed that this application would be examined.

Councillor Howlin referred to the application by Mr. John Moran for a one-bedroomed unit and stated that since the one-bedroomed housing list was now virtually exhausted, Mr. Moran's application and all other applicants not listed in priority for one-bedroomed units should now be examined to establish priority. A consensus view was expressed that Mr. Moran's application should be given a top priority on this new list.

SPRINGS FACTORY

Alderman Byrne referred to the removal of the machinery and plant from Springs Factory and stated that during the course of this work oil and rubbish was being deposited on the road-way leading to and from this factory. The Borough Engineer agreed to take this matter up with the appropriate authority.

SEWER OUTFLOW AT MAUDLINTOWN

Alderman Byrne referred to a bad smell in Maudlintown which appeared to be coming from a sewer outfall. Cllr. Kelly referred to the polluted state of Coopers Pond and following discussion the Borough Engineer agreed to take these matters up with the appropriate authority.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY of September 1984

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MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th JULY, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor K. Morris.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. W. Ringwood, County Development Officer.
Dr. B. Brosnan, I.D.A.
Mr. P. Loftus, I.D.A.

UNEMPLOYMENT

At the outset of the meeting the Mayor introduced Dr. Brosnan and Mr. Loftus, both of the I.D.A., and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting. Dr. Brosnan outlined the activities of the I.D.A. in Wexford in recent years and indicated current promotion activities. He outlined the difficulties in attracting foreign industries due to greater international competition. He gave details of increases in employment in existing medium to large industry for the period 1978 to 1983 and similarly for smaller industry in the same period. He added that he anticipated further approvals in the area of small industry in the near future. He further stated that at present four companies were considering locating in Wexford in the Leisure Wear, Pharmaceutical Chocolate Industry and Cosmetics Industry with a potential of 500 new jobs between the four industries. He outlined the limitations imposed by law on the I.D.A. regarding the promotion of the service industry and stated that the I.D.A. had a strong commitment to Wexford as evidenced by the existence of their advanced factories. A lengthy discussion on the existing and future potential industries located in Wexford to which all members contributed and which included discussion on the I.D.A. making available to the Borough Council the results of visits by industrialists to Wexford Town and district on a regular basis. It was agreed that the next meeting between the Borough Council and the representatives of the I.D.A. would be in public and following further discussion the Mayor thanked Dr. Brosnan and Mr. Loftus for their attendance and their frank discussion on the unemployment situation. Dr. Brosnan, Mr. Loftus and Mr. Ringwood then withdrew from the meeting.

PLANNING

As decided at the previous G.P. Committee Meeting a discussion was held on the application to locate a Snooker Hall at Cornmarket. Arising out of the discussion on this matter a consensus view was expressed that if the proposed development could be confined to snooker only and exclude gaming and video machines, the Borough Council would recommend its approval for the project. The Manager agreed to have regard to the views of the Borough Council in deciding on this application.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SLIPPERY GREEN

The Manager stated that the application of John Lacey, Forthcommons, Murrintown, Co. Wexford, for permission to erect 40 houses at Slippery Green had now been processed and that he intended to grant permission for this development subject to conditions. He further stated that the application had been revised by the applicant to exclude two of the proposed houses so the permission would be for 38 houses and that the conditions would include a condition for payment of development charges at the same rate as apply in the county area. This was noted and unanimously agreed.

NEW ENTRANCE AT WHITES HOTEL

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the application for the new entrance for Whites Hotel and in reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Manager stated that this application was currently being considered. It was also being considered by the County Council that the library service would be located in the existing main entrance foyer to Whites Hotel which would be vacated by the Hotel Management when the new entrance had been provided.

CORRESPONDENCE

International Youth Year.

A letter and circular from International Youth Year National Committee, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to the September G.P. Committee Meeting.

XVTH Assembly of European Municipalities.

The report from C.I.E.L.A. on the XVTH Assembly of European Municipalities at which the group had been represented, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Redundancy Payments.

A letter from Mr. M. D'Arcy, T.D., Minister of State, Department of Fisheries & Forestry enclosing a letter from Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Labour regarding Redundancy Payments, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Unemployment.

A letter from the Private Secretary to Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism, regarding unemployment, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

People of the Year Awards.

A letter from the Chairman of the Adjudicating Committee of the People of the Year Awards, was noted.

Old Age Pension Committees.

A letter from Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare in reply to representations made by the Borough Council regarding the abolition of Old Age Pensions Committees, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Conference.

Attendance at a Conference in Galway on the 19th/20th October, 1984 regarding Town Twinning, which matter had been deferred from the June G.P. Meeting, was then considered. Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Roche that the Borough Council would send two delegates to this Conference. Councillor Roche was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin. Councillor Mahoney was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Alderman Roche. The motion to attend and the nomination of the delegates was approved with Cllr. Hayes dissenting.

Local Authority Members Association.

A letter from the Local Authority Members Association inviting representation by the Borough Council on their Association, which matter had been deferred from the June G.P. Meeting, was further considered and it was agreed to further defer this matter pending receipt of information from the Association of Municipal Authorities.

Wexford Mussel Festival Committee.

A letter from the Wexford Mussel Festival Committee requesting that a Civic Reception be afforded to the English Boxing and Soccer Team from Sunderland on the occasion of the Wexford Mussel Festival to be held on 24th/25th/26th August, was then considered. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Cllr. J. Roche it was unanimously agreed to afford a Civic Reception as requested and it was further agreed that the Mayoral Allowance would be adjusted to defray the expenses of the Reception.

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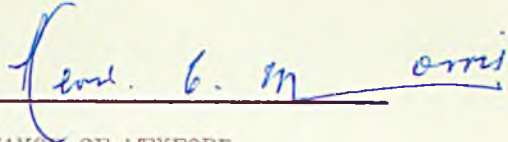
A.I. Conference.

It was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would submit the following motion for consideration at the Municipal Authorities Conference:-

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to end the present system whereby people who are in the unfortunate position of being widowed, immediately lose free electricity allowance and free T.V. licence allowance at a time when there is greater need for same".

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF September 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Roche.

Aldermen:- F. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty
N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Housing & Planning.
Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

At the outset of the meeting the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, gave a brief outline of the major developments 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 Manager and staff of the Corporation for their assistance. He also paid tribute to his wife and family for their assistance and help during his year in office.

He then called for nominations for the office of Mayor who would hold office until the Quarterly meeting due to be held on such a day not being more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of the 1st Quarterly Meeting.

The following members were duly proposed and seconded:-

Councillor J. Roche was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Roche.
Councillor K. Morris was proposed by Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.
Councillor B. Howlin was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

There were no further nominations. A vote was then taken by way of poll which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Roche:- Alderman P. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche (2).
For Councillor Morris:- Alderman G. Byrne, Cllrs. P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty (5).
For Councillor Howlin:- Alderman P. Roche, Cllrs. J. Mahoney, N. Murphy, B. Howlin,
N. Kavanagh (5).

No candidate having received a majority of votes of those present, Cllr. Roche was then eliminated and a new poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Morris:- Aldermen G. Byrne, P. Kelly, Cllrs., P. Reck, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty (6).
For Councillor Howlin:- Alderman P. Roche, Cllrs., J. Roche, J. Mahoney, N. Murphy,
B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (6).

The result of the poll being a tie the Town Clerk stated that the law now provided for the Office of Mayor to be decided by way of lot. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. Murphy that the drawing of lots would be by way of drawing a name out of a hat and it was further agreed that the first name out of the hat would be declared elected as Mayor. The draw from the hat then took place and Cllr. Morris was the first name out of the hat. Cllr. Morris was then declared to be elected to the office of Mayor. Cllr. Morris then was vested with the robes and the chain of office and took the chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder and those members of the Council who had voted for him and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor for the excellent work he had during his term of office.

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NO OF QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29th JUNE, 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

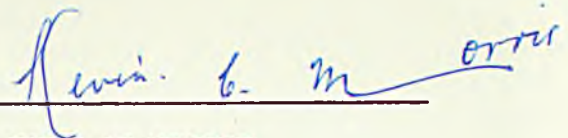
The other members present and the Manager on behalf of the staff congratulated the Mayor on his election and complemented Alderman Roche on his achievements during his year of office.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE.

Quarterly meetings for year 1984/1985 will be held on the first Monday in October, 1984, January 1985 and April 1985.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF September, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JULY, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor K. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

Apologies for inability to attend from Alderman Byrne and Councillor Reck were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mahoney seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

The minutes of the following committee meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mahoney seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

- (a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7th June, 1984.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 7th June, 1984.

SALE OF SITE AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The sale of a small site in the Industrial Estate to Wexford Electrical Wholesale Ltd., in accordance with the terms of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1983.

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Public Bodies Order 1946 the Abstract of Accounts for 1983 was then considered and was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh.

It was further unanimously agreed that the Abstract of Accounts be circulated to all members on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty.

MOTIONS

Amenity Grants.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Cllr. O'Mahoney:-

"In view of the fact that there will now be a saving of over two thousand pounds, by not sending two delegates to the Conference in Berlin, I move that this Borough Council allocate this finance to the various groups who were deprived of same in estimates".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to the difficulties being experienced by some groups who had been denied grant assistance by the Corporation in 1984 and in particular referred to the Wexford Opera Festival and the Pairc Carman Committee. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Cllr. Mahoney, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. K. Morris, Cllr. Hayes (3).
Against:- Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly, Cllrs. J. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (7).

The majority being against the motion the motion was declared lost.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"In view of the fact that no new industries have been acquired for this town for a considerable time and of the increasing problem of unemployment, I move that a meeting with the I.D.A. be convened as soon as possible to discuss same".

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion referred to the lack of new industries over the past five years and stressed the need to have a concerted effort to press for same. The Town Clerk referred to the previously arranged meeting with Dr. Brosnan of the I.D.A. which had been fixed for the G.P. Committee Meeting and following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Roche referred to correspondence as had been circulated regarding the Anco centre and following discussion to which all members agreed it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Roche that the Borough Council would write to the Minister for Labour, thanking him for his letter and his personal interest in the centre and asking for assurances that the "centre" would be permanent.

QUESTIONS

Older Housing Stock.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that to-date £57,400 had been spent on upgrading older housing stock.

In further reply to Cllr. Hayes the Bor. Engineer stated that the works carried out consisted of the re-wiring of 85 houses, dry-lining of 31 houses and providing shower room extensions to 10 houses.

Junior Warden Scheme - C.B.S.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that it was envisaged that the Junior Warden Scheme at the C.B.S. would commence after the school summer holidays.

Urban Renewal Schemes.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that outline plans for the provision of urban renewal schemes at Bride Street and Talbot Green were currently in hands.

"Children at Play" Sign at Whiterock View.

In reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that "Children at Play" signs would be erected at Whiterock View in the coming weeks.

Older Housing Stock.

- In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that a total of £30,446 was available for improvement to the older housing stock in 1984.

In further reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that it was expected that 8 houses would be provided with shower extensions in the current year, based on this budget

In further reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Town Clerk stated that a report on future proposals regarding improvements to the older housing stock would be made to the forthcoming G.P. Committee Meeting.

Springs.

- At the request of Alderman Roche it was agreed that a report outlining the position of lands available at Springs Factory be made available to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

In reply to questions from Cllr. O'Flaherty the Bor. Engineer outlined the present position regarding the water restrictions and the difficulties of supply both existing and anticipated.

It was unanimously agreed that the G.P. Comm. Mtg. would be held on Monday 9th July, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF Sept. 1984.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd
AUGUST, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor explained that he had called the special meeting having been approached by a number of Councillors regarding a proposal presently before the Planning Section of Wexford County Council to develop a Lime Quarry at Jacketstown. The meeting was being called to discuss the possible effects of such a proposal on the Town Water Supply.

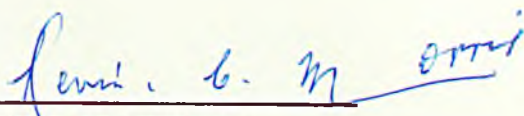
At the outset of the discussion the Manager stated that a planning application for determinint of the Lime Quarry at Jacketstown was currently before Wexford County Council and reminded the meeting that Wexford County Council were the planning authority for the area in question. In reply to questions the Manager outlined the proposal for the development of the Lime Quarry as made by the applicant and a lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. A concensus view was expressed that the development must be viewed with caution by Wexford County Council because of possible detremental effects on the Town Water Supply, jobs in the area and the environment in the town and surrounding district.

Following this discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to request Wexford County Council to forward a full written summary of the details of the planning application for consideration by the Borough Council at their meeting of 3rd September. This request was being made in view of the interest of the Borough Council inthe water supply, jobs and environment in the town.

His Worship the Mayor stated that if he felt necessary a further meeting would be held to further discuss the proposal.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF September 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

Apologies from Councillor O'Flaherty for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.
Mrs. R. Nixon, Planner.
Mr. C. Daly, Planner.
Mr. K. Redmond, Planner.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy to Councillor O'Flaherty on the recent death of his Brother, Joseph, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Mahoney. All members present and the Manager on behalf of the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, himself and the staff associated with the vote of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence all standing.

On the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Mahoney it was unanimously agreed that item (6) on the agenda, i.e., Adoption of Wexford Town Development Plan 1984 would be taken as the first item by the meeting.

WEXFORD TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1984.

The following report from the Town Clerk was then considered by the meeting:-

"The current Development Plan for Wexford Town was adopted by the Borough Council on 14th November, 1978.

The Borough Council was obliged to review the Plan within the 5 year period commencing on 14th November, 1978. The review which was set in motion early in 1982 progressed satisfactorily into 1983.

At the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council on 4th July, 1983 it was unanimously agreed to seek the approval of the Minister for the Environment to an extension of 6 months to the period within which the Review must be completed to enable the Council to consider the Draft plan and any objections fully. The Minister's approval to the extension of time was issued on 19th September, 1983 and this extended the period for review of the 1978 Plan to 14th May, 1984.

The draft plan was considered at meetings on 7th July, 1983, 26th September, 1983, 24th October, 1983 and 14th November, 1983.

At the Statutory Meeting on 5th December, 1983 the Borough Council adopted the Draft Plan with the proviso that parking standards and the inclusion of neighbourhood centre be re-examined. The members requested that a public meeting be held in the Arts Centre during the display period.

The Draft Plan which was adopted by Wexford County Council on 12th December, 1983 incorporated a revised par. 5.70. The amended wording of par. 5.70 provided for the waiving of a financial contribution in respect of the first two spaces of the overall parking requirement in certain circumstances.

The Draft Plan was put on display for 3 months from 1st January, 1984 to 31st March, 1984 and this included the amendment to par. 5.70 introduced by Wexford County Council and all necessary notices were given including Press and Iris Oifigiul.

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A public meeting was held in the Arts Centre on 20th March, 1984 at which points raised from the floor were dealt with by the Mayor and the officials present.

Within the 3 month display period various representations were received. These were considered at a Planning Committee Meeting on 7th May, 1984. Arising out of this the Borough Council considered that the Draft must be amended. Some of the proposed amendments were deemed to constitute material alterations of the Draft.

For the purpose of complying with the statutory obligations in relation to material alteration of the Draft Plan it was necessary that a further extension of time to 30th September, 1984 be sought from the Minister. The Minister gave his approval to the extension requested on 13th June, 1984.

Public Notice of the proposed amendments of the Draft Plan was given. The proposed amendments of the Draft were put on public display for one month beginning on 15th June, 1984. No written representations were received within the month in relation to the proposed amendments. The Borough Council was complimented in correspondence received on the excellence of the plan and on the manner in which the revision of the 1978 Plan had been made. Letters also received in support of the efforts to preserve the Westgate Tower and and Old Town Wall.

It now remains for the Borough Council to finally adopt the Plan".

A discussion was held on the Development Plan arising out of which it was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Mahoney that the provision in the Draft Development Plan (H.8, Page 51) which provided that the Borough Council would investigate the feasibility of using part of the open space at Corish Park for housing, be deleted. A discussion was held on this proposal during which the Manager advised against further amendments to the Draft Development Plan due to the limitations of the time within which the Development Plan had to be made under statute and further stated that the provision in the Draft Development Plan did not commit the Borough Council to proceeding with the project for building houses on this open space. Following further discussion during which it was indicated that a variation of the Draft Plan would be proposed at a future meeting of the Borough Council to delete this proposal, the Draft Wexford Town Development Plan 1984 as amended was then unanimously adopted as the Development Plan on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche. In concluding discussion on this item His Worship the Mayor and all members congratulated the officials involved in the drawing up of the plan.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 2nd July, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Roche.

The minutes of the Quarterly meeting held on 29th June, 1984 and Special Meeting held on 23rd August, 1984 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne.

The Minutes of the following Committee Meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

- (a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th July, 1984.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 9th July, 1984.

SALE OF 5, HANTOON ROAD.

The sale of no. 5, Hantoon Road, Wexford, in accordance with the terms of the notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Roche.

SALE OF HOUSES.

Sale of houses as listed hereunder in accordance with the terms of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90(7) of the Housing Act, 1966, as had previously been circulated was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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<u>COLUMN 1</u>	<u>COLUMN 2</u>	<u>COLUMN 3</u>
8, Antelope Road	Francis Kelly	£4,160
15, Antelope Road	Laurence & Kathleen Nolan	£4,898
24, Antelope Road	Eamonn Dempsey	£4,634
48, Bernadette Place	John Balke	£8,679
60, Bishopswater	James Kells	£9,281
73, Bishopswater	Thomas Savage	£9,281
103, Bishopswater	Pascal Murphy	£9,281
106, Bishopswater	Anthony O'Neill	£9,974
108, Bishopswater	Mrs. Mary B. Roche	£9,281
110, Bishopswater	Mrs. Mary Roche	£9,281
11, Corish Park	Patrick Edwards	£8,927
41, Corish Park	Mrs. Margaret Walsh	£9,106
15, Davitt Road North	Mrs. Ann Daly	£6,936
19, Devereux Villas	Mrs. Christina Hatchell	£4,860
9, Gulbar Road	Joseph Malone	£4,160
1, Harbour View	Mrs. Bridget Fanning	£4,160
4, Harbour View	James O'Brien	£4,160
14, Harbour View	Michael Murphy	£4,160
39, Kennedy Park	James Murphy	£8,205
54, Kennedy Park	Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien	£8,175
61, Kennedy Park	Patrick James	£8,175
83, Kennedy Park	Mrs. Johanna Howlin	£8,175
115, Kennedy Park	John & Ann Ryan	£10,505
121, Kennedy Park	Oliver Donovan	£8,205
126, Liam Mellows Park	Peter O'Connor	£10,673
127, Liam Mellows Park	Mrs. Christina Matthews	£11,673
140, Liam Mellows Park	Robert Kearns	£10,673
19, Mannix Place	Mrs. Kathleen Frayne	£8,693
24, Mannix Place	Mrs. Elizabeth Conway	£8,693
72, St. Aidan's Crescent	Peter Redmond	£9,109
25, Tuskar View	Patrick Reville	£8,887
62, Whiterock View	Thomas Kehoe	£4,699
44, Whiterock View	Thomas Murphy	£4,699
46, Whiterock View	Patrick & Ann Hayes	£6,542
12, Wolfe Tone Villas	Mrs. Bridget Pender	£3,897
28, Wolfe Tone Villas	Walter Barlow	£3,747
35, Wolfe Tone Villas	John & Ann Fenlon	£4,913
36, Wolfe Tone Villas	Christopher Lynch	£4,204
82, Wolfe Tone Villas	George Fenlon	£4,104

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LR. JOHN STREET.

The granting of a Right-of-Way at Lr. John Street to Thomas A. and Pauline M. Houlihan, 28, Lr. John Street, in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Alderman Byrne.

MOTIONS

Promotional Brochure.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion to call for assistance of (1) Wexford County Council, (2) Chamber of Industry & Commerce, (3) I.D.A., (4) Wexford Corporation to acquire finance to introduce a proper promotional brochure of the Wexford area".

The movers of the motion in proposing it for adoption spoke of the beneficial effects to be gained from such a brochure for the town. Following discussion arising out of which it was stated that the brochure could deal with both industrial and tourism aspects of the town, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Northern Ireland.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Alderman Kelly and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That it is now very clear that all attempts by the British Government to achieve some type of stability in Northern Ireland have failed, that this Borough Council support this motion calling for the involvement of the United Nations as a neutral force to replace the British Army until some solution is reached on the continuing tragedy of this Island".

Roads and Footpaths.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Mahoney:-

"That Wexford Corporation take immediate steps to bring all footpaths and roads within the Borough up to standard".

Following discussion during which it was agreed to request the Borough Engineer to draw up a programme for consideration in conjunction with the 1985 estimates to approach the problem of upgrading the road and footpath standards on a planned basis, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Arising out of discussion on the motion it was agreed to consider motion as at item (12) on the agenda in conjunction with the above motion. This motion:-

"That the Belvedere Road Section be resurfaced before winter jointly or by this Corporation",

was proposed by Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted.

Local Radio.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"That Wexford Corporation call on the Government to clarify the position concerning the establishment of Local Radio in this area".

The mover of the motion referred to the lengthy period during which this matter was under discussion and requested an early resolution of the difficulties. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche to request a) R.T.E. and b) Local Newspapers to send speakers to a future meeting of the Borough Council to outline their respective bodies views on the local radio proposals.

Amenity Grant - St. Joseph's Boys Club.

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

"That this Borough Council makes a special grant to St. Joseph's Boys Club in recognition of the wonderful work done by the committee and members of that club".

Councillor Reck stated that the motion was requesting a grant to be made to St. Joseph's Boys Club in 1985 in recognition of the hard work of the Committee. The Committee was praised generally by all members. It was noted that a deputation from the Committee was being received by the District Committee of the Wexford County Council who are considering grant allocations for 1985. The Town Clerk stated that as had previously been agreed the Protocol Committee were presently drafting a new procedure for the acceptance and regulation of applications for the Amenity Grants. A consensus view was expressed that a grant should be paid to the club in 1985 but a final decision on the matter was postponed/^{pending} consideration of the financial position of the Corporation and the new procedure for receiving grant applications.

Sentencing of offenders.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Justice to examine extraordinary variations in sentencing of offenders for various crimes".

In moving the motion, the proposer and seconder referred to a change being required in the sense of values attributable by our legal system to crimes, e.g. non-payment of V.A.T., appeared to be acceptable behaviour whereas stealing food necessary for life was heavily punished by law. Arising out of discussion on the motion it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin that the motion also be referred to ^{the} Chief Justice who was responsible for determining sentencing policy in the Courts. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

Wexford Bridge.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That an immediate parking ban re Wexford Bridge be implemented".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the difficulties caused because of people parking cars on the Bridge particularly fishermen fishing from the bridge, and to the dangers arising therefrom for pedestrians. Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Car Parks.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That immediate attention be given to the parking problems, prevalent in Wexford's major car parks".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly referred to difficulties created at the Crescent Quay and Church Lane Car Parks by delivery trucks and illegal parking. Following discussion the motion was agreed and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would undertake a survey of the difficulties referred to in each of these car parks. Arising further out of the discussion the Borough Engineer agreed to check the lining of the car park at St. Peter's Square.

Housing Land.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor Reck and following discussion was unanimously agreed:-

"That the members be given an up-to-date report on housing land under Corporation's jurisdiction and also up-to-date position re preparation, planning, etc.".

It was further agreed that the report should be made available for the next G.P. Committee Meeting of the Borough Council. At the request of Councillor Reck it was agreed to refer in the report to the proposed provisions for land for amenity and recreation.

Grain Transportation.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Kelly:-

"That this Council call for the proper transportation and health safeguards for grain and other such produce being transported into borough area".

In proposing the motion Alderman Roche referred to the high incidence of rat infestation in areas of the town which was due in principle to grain spilling from trucks and lorries which were transporting grain through the town. He requested that the South Eastern Health Board be requested to make the necessary arrangements to eliminate this problem. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON MAIN STREET.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Roche the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That the one-way traffic system on the Main Street be more clearly sign-posted for the information of tourists and others."

The movers of the motion referred to the difficulties experienced by motorists which were caused by other vehicles and in particular cyclists going the wrong way up the Main Street and suggested that improved sign-posting of the existence of the one-way system would alleviate the problem.

Taxation on industries and Business premises.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by Councilbr Reck:-

"Owing to the loss of so many jobs throughout the country, and with the closure of so many industries and business premises, that this Council call on the Taoiseach to give a reduction in taxation to same".

Councillor Mahoney referred to the number of closures in local industry in recent years and to the hardships created by the removal of portion of the food subsidies and increasing levels of taxation in all fields. Following lengthy discussions to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

Reconstruction Loan Income Limit.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mahoney seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to add a £1,000 to the present rate on Home Improvement Loan".

Councillor Mahoney stated that his request for an increase of £1,000 in the motion referred to an increase in the income limit applicable for reconstruction loans. Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS.

Main Drainage & Water Augumentation Scheme.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that a reply was awaited from the Minister for the Environment to the request of the Borough Council that he would receive a deputation regarding the Main Drainage & Water Augumentation Scheme and that a further letter would be sent to the Minister in this matter.

Car Park at Kennedy Park.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that it would be possible to remove the rocks at the Car Park at Kennedy Park but that this would be expensive.

Dangerous Buildings.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that where owners of dangerous buildings around the town had not complied with requests to have their buildings made safe, legal proceedings to ensure compliance were being instituted.

Footpath at King Street/Joseph Street.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would raise with the County Council who were the appropriate authority the placing of a safety barrier on the footpath at the corner of King Street/Joseph Street.

"No right turn" sign at Anne Street.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a "No right turn" sign would be placed at the top of Anne Street in the immediate future.

Roofs and Chutes at Main Street.

In reply to Councillor Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the safety of roofs and chutes on the Main Street was a matter for the owners of the appropriate premises.

Ground Rents for Absentee Landlords.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation were not involved in the collection of ground rents for absentee landlords.

Painting of Mount George.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the painting of Mount George was awaiting the appointment of a Painter.

Double Yellow Lines - Lr. Abbey Street.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that Double Yellow Lines would be placed on the roadway at Lr. Abbey Street on the Monday following the meeting.

Water Rates.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Acting Borough Accountant stated that 32% of the water charges for 1983 had been collected to date and that 725 applications for waiver had been received and were currently being processed.

Footpaths at William Street.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he would make the County Engineer aware of the condition of the footpaths at William Street.

Housing Finance Agency Loans.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Acting Borough Accountant stated that the number of applicants approved for H.F.A. loans but not having received same to date was 7 of which for 5 there was no finance available in 1984. The five applicants had been so informed.

Pedestrian Traffic Control.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that he would again take up the matter of Traffic Control for some areas in the town which had previously been discussed at a Traffic Management Meeting, with the County Engineer.

Round-a-Bout at Talbot Green.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that the marking of "exit" and "entry" signs at the round-a-bout at Talbot Green had been completed.

Lighting.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that the light at the Old Folk's flats near the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket, had been fixed. In further reply to Councillor Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that the fixing of the light at the Pramwalk near the main road in Bishopswater was under discussion with the E.S.B.

Broken Chutes.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Eng. stated that he would have the broken chutes between 82-83 Bishopswater repaired as soon as possible and that he would investigate the cleaning out of the chutes at 84, Bishopswater.

Dates for Meetings.

It was unanimously agreed that the G.P. Comm. Meeting would be held on Monday 10th September, at 7.30 p.m. and that a Traffic Management Meeting would be held on Monday 24th September, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF October, 1984.

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John B. Morris
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd
AUGUST, 1984 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor explained that he had called the special meeting having been approached by a number of Councillors regarding a proposal presently before the Planning Section of Wexford County Council to develop a Lime Quarry at Jacketstown. The meeting was being called to discuss the possible effects of such a proposal on the Town Water Supply.

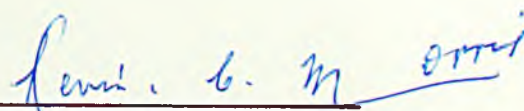
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Following this discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to request Wexford County Council to forward a full written summary of the details of the planning application for consideration by the Borough Council at their meeting of 3rd September. This request was being made in view of the interest of the Borough Council in the water supply, jobs and environment in the town.

His Worship the Mayor stated that if he felt necessary a further meeting would be held to further discuss the proposal.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF September, 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 1984, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. K. Morris.

ALDERMEN:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

HOUSING

In reply to Councillor Reck the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had not instituted or affected any eviction of tenants from a flat in John Street.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he would investigate the condition of the electric wiring in a house at 1, Gulbar Road.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Accountant stated that he would investigate the application of a Patrick Hayes who had applied for a £1,000 unsecured loan with a view to expediting same.

LETTING OF HOUSES AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"Earlier this year the Corporation filled some vacancies which arose in Wolfe Tone Villas from the priority lists for family type accommodation and the priority list for 2 bedroomed units. These vacancies did in fact absorb all those on the aforementioned lists who were interested in Wolfe Tone Villas houses.

Over the past few months a further 4 houses in Wolfe Tone Villas have become available for reletting through transfers of tenants to other schemes. There is a strong possibility of a fifth house becoming available.

To fill these vacancies it was necessary to canvas all the applicants on the balance of both the family type list and the 2 bedroomed list.

The result of the canvas was that 9 applicants confirmed to us that they would be interested in being considered for rehousing in Wolfe Tone Villas. 6 of these applicants were on the family type list and 3 were on the 2 bedroomed list as follows:-

FAMILY TYPE:-

NAME AND ADDRESS

Mr. James McGuire, Hill Mill House, Taghmon, Co. Wexford.
Mr. Thomas Haughton, 39, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.
Mr. Timothy Murphy, 12, Saltee Avenue, Wexford.
Mrs. Margaret Hogan, 7, Pinewood Estate, Wexford.
Mrs. Kathleen Dooley, 27, Pinewood Estate, Wexford.
Mr. Denis Murphy, Flat 5, Old Rectory, Spawell Road, Wexford.

NON-FAMILY TYPE

2 BEDROOMED UNITS:-

Ms. Noreen Cosgrave, 19, North Main Street, Wexford.
Ms. Veronica Hayden, 53, Hantoon Road, Wexford.
Mrs. Pauline Buss, 18, High Street, Wexford.

These were referred to the Director Community Care & M.O.H., with a request that they be placed in order of priority. The recommendation received placed the applicants as follows:-

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FAMILY TYPE APPLICATIONS:-

Thomas Haughton, 39, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.
James McGuire, Hill Mill House, Taghmon.
Timothy Murphy, 12, Saltee Avenue, Wexford
Denis Murphy, Old Rectory, Spawell Road, Wexford.
Paul Dooley, 27, Pinewood Estate, Wexford.

NOTE:-

Margaret Hogan was not recommended at this stage, but if she was to be included she would be placed after Denis Murphy on the list.

NON-FAMILY TYPE:-

Noreen Cosgrave, 19, North Main Street, Wexford.
Veronica Hayden, 53, Hantoon Road, Wexford.
Pauline Buss, 18, High Street, Wexford.

No. 73 Wolfe Tone Villas (3 bedroom house) is being allocated to James McGuire, Hill Mill House, Taghmon, whose family consists of self, wife and 2 children.

No. 52 Wolfe Tone Villas (2 bedroom house) is being allocated to Thomas Haughton, 39, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford, whose family consists of self, wife and 1 child.

The other two houses now on hands will be allocated as follows, as they become available for reletting following repairs:-

1. Timothy Murphy, 12, Saltee Avenue, Wexford.
2. Denis Murphy, Flat 5, Old Rectory, Spawell Road, Wexford.

In the event of the fifth house becoming available it will be allocated to Ms. Noreen Cosgrave, 19, North Main Street, Wexford."

A lengthy discussion then ensued to which all members contributed during which consensus agreement was expressed with the new tenants which the Manager was appointing. Arising out of the discussion the application by John & Mary Browne for a transfer from No. 50, Wolfe Tone Villas was discussed. All members present spoke in favour of Mr. & Mrs. Browne being granted a transfer from No. 50, Wolfe Tone Villas (2 bedroomed house) to no. 73, Wolfe Tone Villas (3 bedroomed house) on the basis that Mr. Browne was on the approved list for transfer due to the number of residents in the household and the family were not anxious to leave Wolfe Tone Villas. The Manager pointed out that to grant this transfer in this case would not be in accordance with the policy of the Corporation in relation to transfers and that Mr. & Mrs. Browne were not next on the transfer list. A consensus view was expressed that none of the approved applicants for transfers before Mr. & Mrs. Browne on the list would accept a transfer to any house in Wolfe Tone Villas and that the policy of allowing transfers on the basis of one transfer for every ten new houses let should be amended to one transfer for every ten lettings. Following further discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor Roche to recommend that Mr. & Mrs. Browne be granted a transfer from 50, Wolfe Tone Villas to 73, Wolfe Tone Villas. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche to recommend that John McGuire would be appointed to 50, Wolfe Tone Villas. The Manager stated that though the transfer was not in accordance with the existing policy of the Corporation in relation to transfers, but having regard to the level of demand for housing in Wolfe Tone Villas he was prepared to grant the transfer in this case and to appoint Mr. McGuire to 50, Wolfe Tone Villas. He further stated that the policy of the Corporation in relation to the transfers should be clarified at a future General Purposes Committee Meeting.

LAND AT SPRINGS FACTORY, MAUDLINTOWN.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

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"On the 29th June, 1984 the Receiver, Mr. Campbell, contacted the Borough Engineer regarding a number of matters and enquired if the Wexford Corporation would be interested in buying the property. The Borough Engineer informed him that the Corporation could be interested in the site, but purely as housing land and the price pitched accordingly.

Subsequently, the factory and site were unsuccessfully put on the Market through public auction as an Industrial Development.

We are writing to the Auctioneer informing him of our interest in the property as housing land and arranging with him for an inspection of the property."

The contents of the report were noted and it was also noted that negotiations with the Receiver for the factory would be in respect of the entire site as a prospective amenity/housing site.

LAND FOR HOUSING AND AMENITIES.

The Town Clerk submitted a report for meeting with a schedule attached giving details of land for housing and amenity (a) in Corporation ownership (b) under active negotiation and (c) under negotiation/investigation. The report was noted. Arising out of discussion on the report Cllr. Rochereferred to North End United Soccer Club who he said should be granted, on a temporary basis, part of the lands owned by the Corporation at Coolcotts for use by the Club as a playing pitch pending the development of the amenity site at Carcur. Cllr. Hayes intimated that the club had previously rejected sites in the Coolcotts area because of the unsuitability of the ground levels and following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would further investigate this matter. The Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that it was unwise to allocate lands for specific groups or clubs having regard to difficulties experienced in repossessing from those clubs.

Cllr. Reck referred to previous discussions of the Corporation regarding dual utilisation of lands allocated by the Corporation for school pitches etc., and stated that the principle of dual utilisation was not being practised in relation to lands recently disposed of by the Corporation to schools in the Coolcotts area. Following discussion and on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Kelly it was unanimously agreed that in the event of land being allocated for such development as primary school pitches, dual utilisation must be included in the terms of the lease from the Corporation.

CROKE AVENUE HOUSES.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"For some time some tenants at Croke Avenue (22 houses) and at Davitt Road North (2 houses) have been seeking to purchase their houses. These applications have not been accepted and the housing schemes have not been included in any Tenant Purchase Scheme because of the inability of the Corporation to comply with the terms of the Housing Act 1966. This Act requires that before making the Transfer Order, the Corporation must be satisfied that the dwelling is in good structural condition.

In a report to a meeting of the Borough Council in 1975, the then Borough Engineer stated that "The sale of the houses could not be accompanied by normal certification on the structure as the all wooden framework is clad with a hessian based (canvas sacking) cement plaster slab which can become unstable due to age. Also the concealed frame has in some cases shown deterioration due to wet rot".

This report also stated that "Dwellings in this type of semipermanent construction could normally be considered to have a useful safe life of 25 to 30 years. These houses are already over 40 years built and while still safe, and weather proof, considerable maintenance has in some cases been necessary to maintain them so. Outside Corporation ownership they may become dangerous".

The Borough Engineer has now given an up-to-date report as follows:-

"The situation has only deteriorated in the interim due to ingress of moisture through cracks and weak points in the plastered hessian, particularly around windows and doors which gives rise to rot in the timber frame. These are repaired as they occur and is to be expected in timber frame houses of this design and age. Such a level of repairs makes these houses ultimately unsafe.

To bring these houses up to standard for timber frame structures would require at least the following:- Remove existing plastered hessian; replace all defective timber; reclad external wall; dry-line internal wall to achieve the necessary insulation.

With this done at a cost of say £10,000 per house, a high level of maintenance, due to it being a timber frame house would be required".

The report was noted.

GAS COOKERS AT PHASE 4 - COOLCOTTS HOUSING SCHEME.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report to the meeting:-

"The Department of the Environment has written as follows in relation to the above scheme:-

"I am directed by the Minister for the Environment to refer to the above-mentioned housing scheme. With regard to the Corporation's proposal to install cookers in Phase 4 of this scheme, it is noted that the building contract provides only for wiring and fixing an electric cooker control box and there is no provision for supplying a cooker of any type. In addition, the Memorandum on the Procedures to be followed and the Standards to be applied in providing Local Authority Dwellings, which accompanied Circular N8/82 issued by the Department, prescribes that kitchens may be fitted for electric or gas cookers to be supplied by tenants. There is no provision for local authorities to install such cooking equipment. Consequently the Corporation's proposal to install cookers in this instance is not considered in order".

In accordance with the above, arrangements are now being made to have kitchens fitted for cooking facilities with the cookers to be supplied by the tenants".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion it was noted that cookers in the housing scheme would now have to be supplied by the tenants and that this new policy would also apply in the case of existing houses. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Kelly to investigate the feasibility of introducing a scheme whereby cookers could be provided for people who could not afford the lump sum payment for them and where the cost would be recouped over a period.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF October, 1984.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor Cllr. K. Morris.

ALDERMEN:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,
N. Kavanagh.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

At the outset of the meeting Councillor Roche stated that the new Prime Minister of Canada was of Wexford extraction and proposed that a Mayoral invitation be extended to the Prime Minister to visit Wexford during his term of office. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously agreed.

PLANNING

The list of planning applications received since the date of the last meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

TIDY TOWNS REPORT

The results of the Tidy Towns Competition, copies of which had previously been circulated, were then considered. A lengthy discussion on the results in respect of Wexford was held to which all members contributed. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed that the Green in front of Springs Factory should be improved if possible. It was further agreed that St. Michael's Cemetery should be cleaned up. A consensus view was expressed that the town generally was in good condition and compared favourably with a lot of towns in the country. Some reservations were expressed regarding the quality of the judging. Further arising out of the discussion it was agreed to request the Borough Engineer to examine the amenity area at the Monument with a view to restoring those parts of that area which had been damaged by the removal of trees. Following further discussion the results of the competition were noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invalidity Pensions.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Social Welfare & Health thanking the Borough Council for their letter regarding Invalidity Pensions, was noted.

Main Drainage & Water Augmentation Schemes.

An acknowledgement and a further letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment regarding Main Drainage & Water Augmentation Schemes, copy of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. The Town Clerk stated that the Contract Documents for the Water Supply Augmentation Scheme, referred to in the letter from the Minister, had been submitted by the Corporation to the Department in July 1984 and that the Corporation were now awaiting approval to both those documents and to the Preliminary Report for the Main Drainage Scheme which was also with the Department. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Department requesting early approval for both schemes.

Environment Grants Scheme.

A letter of acknowledgement from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment regarding the Borough Council's letter concerning Environment Grants Scheme, stating that the documents had been noted, was noted.

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A. Loans.

An acknowledgement and a further letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment regarding H.F.A. loans, copy of which had previously been circulated, and both of which had arisen out of representations made by the Borough Council, was noted.

Job Creation through growing & marketing vegetables.

A letter from Mr. N. McCormack, Chief Agricultural Officer, County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, thanking the Borough Council for their letter regarding "Job creation through growing & marketing vegetables", and stating that the matter would be brought before their next meeting which would be held on Monday July 23rd, was noted.

Anco Centre.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Labour stating that he would bring the Borough Council's resolution regarding Anco Centre in Wexford, to the Minister's attention as soon as possible, was noted.

Old Age Pension Committees.

A reply from Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare & Health to representations made by the Borough Council regarding cessation of Old Age Pension Committees, copy of which reply had previously been circulated, was noted.

Seminar for Elected Representatives.

Details of a Seminar for Elected Representatives organised by the Institute of Public Administration to be held in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise, on 15th October, 1984, copy of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Regret was expressed that this seminar was being held in Portlaoise and not in Wexford as had previously been intimated. Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty to send two delegates to the Seminar. Cllr. O'Mahoney was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Ald. Roche. His Worship the Mayor was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty. Both nominations were unanimously adopted.

St. Selskar Church.

A reply from the Office of Public Works through representations made by the Borough Council regarding the St. Selskar Church, copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

London/Wexford Association.

A letter from Mr. M. Sills, Chairman, London/Wexford Association inviting the Mayor to be Guest of Honour at the Association's Annual Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday 17th November, 1984 was then considered.

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Roche that His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. K. Morris would go to London as invited for this function and it was further agreed that the mayoral allowance be adjusted accordingly.

Conference - Strategies for employment.

Details of conference organised by An Foras Forbartha with a theme of "Strategies for Employment" to be held in Dublin on October 3rd/4th, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed that two delegates would attend this conference. Cllr. O'Flaherty was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Mahoney. Cllr. Roche was proposed by Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Mahoney. Cllrs. O'Flaherty & Roche were then declared nominated to attend this conference on behalf of the Wexford Borough Council.

International Youth Year.

Correspondence from the International Youth Year National Committee regarding the designation of 1985 as International Youth Year, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

S.E.R.D.O.

A letter from the Director of S.E.R.D.O., copies of which had previously been circulated, in which the agreement of the Borough Council to amendments to the constitution of the Organisation was requested, was then considered. The changes which were suggested in the constitution were outlined in the letter and following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Howlin that the Borough Council would not agree to changes as outlined in the letter in the constitution of S.E.R.D.O.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Protocol Committee would be held on Monday 24th September, 1984, at 7.00 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

PROPOSED LIME QUARRY AT JACKETSTOWN

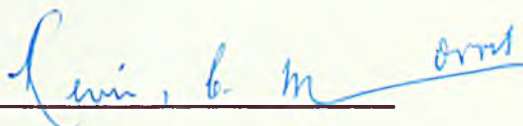
Cllr. Reck referred to the report by Wexford County Council on the planning application for the Lime Stone Quarry at Jacketstown and in particular to paragraph 7 of this report on which he expressed reservations. There followed a general discussion to which all members contributed and arising out of this discussion the Manager outlined the position, stating ~~that~~ ^{same} the report was in response for same by the Borough Council and that the report had been submitted to the Wexford County Council.

SECURITY AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Arising out of incidents during the meeting whereby members of the public had been waiting outside the Council Chamber to discuss some of the matters under discussion at the Council Meeting with some Council Members, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that the Town Clerk would investigate the introduction of means by which access to the Municipal Buildings and grounds would be limited during Council meetings.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF October, 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER, 1984, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, AT 7.30 p.m.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Supt. D. Kelly, Garda Siochana.
Insp. Conneely, Garda Siochana.
Mr. M. Maher, President, Chamber of Commerce, & Industry.
Mrs. A. Bartlett, Wexford Trades Council.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Supt. Kelly to Wexford and noted that this was his first day on duty in Wexford. He wished him well for his time in Wexford. His Worship the Mayor also welcomed Insp. Conneely, Mr. Maher and Mrs. Bartlett to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He stated that the meeting arose out of discussions at previous meetings of the Borough Council in relation to the traffic situation at Main Street and particularly in relation to pedestrianisation proposals for that street. A lengthy discussion on this matter then ensued and all members present contributed to the discussion. In this discussion the members referred to previous discussions on pedestrianisation with the Chamber of Commerce in which the Chamber of Commerce had agreed then to carry out a survey of all traders on the Main Street to establish their views on pedestrianisation proposals. In reply Mr. Maher stated that the Chamber did send out detailed questionnaires to members of the Chamber concerned and that they were still waiting for a substantial number of these replies. It was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes and agreed that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to submit the results of the survey and that the Traffic Management Committee would again meet within 4/5 weeks to further discuss the pedestrianisation proposals. Mr. Maher indicated that he would arrange to have a report available for the committee for that date. Following further discussion, this matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

PARKING AT EMMET PLACE

Cllr. Reck referred to the recent granting of planning permission for a residential development at the rear of the Faythe Guest House and stated that to enable the applicant to properly develop the area, 'no parking' rules on Emmet Place were required. The developer had indicated that he was prepared to make sites available for car parking for the residents of Emmet Place on his own land and Cllr. Reck requested that the matter be given consideration. The Town Clerk stated that planning permission had been granted for this development subject to a condition that the entrance to the proposed development would be from the Faythe and not through Emmet Place as this roadway was not of sufficient width to cater for the development and the existing houses in the area. In addition this decision of the Corporation had been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and their decision was awaited. Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche that the Gardai and Borough Engineer investigate the feasibility of dis-allowing parking on Emmet Place having regard to the offer of the developer of the new development to provide car parking facilities for the residents.

CYCLISTS ON MAIN STREET

A number of members referred to cyclists using the Main Street in contravention of the one-way system and the Gardai agreed to investigate this matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

CHAIN FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

The Town Clerk submitted drawings prepared by the Goldsmith in Rowe Street showing suggestions for the Deputy Mayor's Chain which had previously been discussed. The chain and medalion were agreed upon and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would make the necessary arrangements to have the chain completed.

STANDING ORDERS

Copies of the existing Standing Orders were circulated and the Town Clerk stated that he was currently preparing a draft revision in the Standing Orders for the consideration of the Council. Following discussion it was agreed to await the draft revision and it was further agreed that the recommendations of the Protocol Committee in relation to any proposed revisions would be circulated together with copies of existing Standing Orders to the G.P. Committee of the Borough Council when same were available.

AMENITY GRANTS

The following report from the Town Clerk in relation to a procedure for the reception of applications for amenity grants from the Borough Council was then considered.

"DRAFT PROCEDURE CHART RE AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME."

- (1) Application for amenity grants will be invited in January of each year by way of Public Advertisement. The advertisement will specify a closing date for such applications after which no applications received will be considered.
- (2) All applications must be on the official application form which shall incorporate questions on the details of the project proposed and reasons why the grant is sought. It shall also incorporate a question on whether applications for grants have been made to other local authorities or state agencies. In the case of a club or group, a financial statement showing the finances of the club shall be attached to the application form.
- (3) All applications for grants will be considered in conjunction with the estimates and the decisions will be notified to the applicants upon the adoption of the estimates. "

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend the adoption of this procedure on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

BARRY DAY MEMORIAL

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was agreed that the Barry Day Commemoration would be held on Sunday 28th October, 1984 at 12.00 noon. It was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the function following the ceremony would be held in the County Hotel if this was available and in the event of it not being available would be held in Whites Hotel. Following further discussion it was agreed that the following be invited to lay wreaths at the Ceremony.

Barry Memorial.

- (1) Minister for the Environment.
- (2) U.S. Ambassador.
- (3) Mr. P. Redmond on behalf of the Wexfordmens Association, New York.
- (4) Cllr. J. Hayes on behalf of the descendents of the Barry family.

Maritime Memorial.

Cllr. J. Browne, T.D.

COUNTY WEXFORD LADIES FOOTBALL BOARD

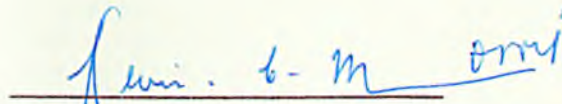
A letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor from the County Wexford Ladies Football Board requesting that a Civic Reception for the under 16, under 18 and senior ladies football teams be accorded in recognition of the achievements of the teams, was then considered. It was agreed to recommend that a Civic Welcome be afforded to the teams, arrangements for which would be made by His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

CORAS TRACHTALA

An invitation from An Coras Trachtala to His Worship the Mayor to attend at a lunch in the Towers Hotel, Waterford, on Thursday 20th September to mark the occasion of a group visit of British Buyers to the South East Region was then considered and on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck it was agreed to recommend that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted in respect of travelling expenses payable to the Mayor in respect of his attendance.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd, DAY OF October, 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,
N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

At the outset of the meeting a unanimous vote of congratulations to the Sarsfield Football Club on winning the County Championship was adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Roche. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the vote of congratulations.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Reck a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted to the Moran family of Killinick on the recent death of Ms. Bridie Moran who was an employee of Wexford County Council and whose father was a member of Wexford Corporation. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the vote of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence all standing.

WATER SUPPLY AT JOHN STREET

Cllr. O'Flaherty referred to a problem at some John Street houses where a water service pipe which serviced six houses was in need of repair and outlined the difficulties experienced by the householders in having the service repaired. The Borough Engineer stated that he was aware of this problem and that since the leak was occurring in a private service, the Corporation could not incur any expenditure in having it repaired. The Borough Engineer also outlined the advice which he had given to the residents to enable them to proceed with the necessary repair work. Following further discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Roche that the possibility of grants being available to the residents to provide individual connections from the main would be investigated and that the Borough Engineer would further investigate this problem.

MINUTES

The minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 3rd September, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

- a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 10th September, 1984.
- b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 10th September, 1984.
- c) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 24th September, 1984.
- d) Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 24th September, 1984.

SALE OF LAND AT TALBOT STREET

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. O'Mahoney the sale of a small piece of land at Talbot Street to Mr. Brendan Cullimore, 32, Kennedy Park, Wexford, in accordance with the terms of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved.

SALE OF LAND AT TALBOT STREET

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty the sale of a small piece of land at Talbot Street to Mrs. Mary E. Cullimore, Talbot Street, Wexford, in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved.

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MOTIONS

Unemployment in Construction Industry.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

"In view of the fact that there are now over 70,000 people unemployed in the construction industry, many of them in the Wexford area and that this Government intends to increase these numbers even further by abolishing the £1,000 grant and £3,000 subsidy in their so called economic plan, I move that this Borough Council call on the Taoiseach Garrett Fitzgerald to give a committment that this insane attitude be dropped immediately".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion the following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Howlin;

"That Wexford Borough Council call on the Government to give maximum aid to young couples buying houses."

Further arising out of the discussion a second amendment was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche as follows;

"That Wexford Borough Council call on the Government and Taoiseach to ensure that the present levels of new house grant and subsidy be retained for first time house buyers until such time as suitable alternatives are available".

Following further discussion the second amendment was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

WELSH MINERS STRIKE.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Ald. Kelly:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion to contribute the expenses of this meeting as a gesture of support to aid the Welsh miners and their families in their courageous struggle for the right to work. Also in view of the fact that these same people gave aid to Wexford workers and their families during the great lock out".

A discussion was held on the motion to which all members contributed. Arising out of this discussion the following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"That each individual member of the Borough Council who wishes to do so, would contribute the expenses of the meeting to aid the striking welsh miners, on a private and individual basis".

Following further discussion the amendment was agreed with Alderman Kelly abstaining.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Kelly:-

"That this Council delete objectives H.1 and H.8 from the Development Plan;

H.1 - Provision of housing at Talbot Street (later stage).

H.8 - Investigate feasibility of using part of open space at Corish Park for housing".

The Manager stated that in relation to the open space at Corish Park it should be noted that the site involved measured 3 acres and that the land was easily developed. In addition, adjoining Corish Park was an open space of 1½ acres which was licenced to Albion Soccer Club as a playing pitch. The cost of 3 acres of comparable land including development would be £75,000. A discussion ensued during which a consensus view was expressed that the Manager was correct in bringing this matter before the Council. Following further discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted. The Town Clerk stated that the procedure for making the plan was the same as the procedure for the making of the Development Plan and it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche that the Statutory procedure be

FREE FUEL SCHEME.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"That this Council call for an increase in the Fuel Voucher to at least cover the rise in inflation".

Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

HOUSING RENTS ON T.P. HOUSES.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Mahoney:-

"That this Council is of the opinion that when a tenant makes application to purchase his dwelling his rent should be frozen until such time as deal is completed."

The motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed that the motion would be submitted to the Department of the Environment requesting sympathetic consideration of it.

PURCHASE OF GROUND RENTS.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

"That this Council condemns the loopholes in purchase of ground rents by people anxious to do so and also tenant purchase delays caused by fee simple problems".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed and during which individual problems which had come to the attention of members were outlined. The Manager stated that the Landlord & Tenant legislation was very complex and that he would investigate the position of all applicants to purchase either ground rents or the houses in which they were tenant and would report further to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. Mahoney:-

"That this Borough Council recommend to the Government the implementation of a scheme for the part-time employment by Local Authorities of long-term recipients of unemployment assistance, the scheme to be funded as follows:-

- a) The amount they would have received from Department of Social Welfare.
- b) Grant from Department of the Environment.
- c) Local Authority to pay the balance of the wages"

A lengthy discussion on the motion ensued and all members contributed to this discussion. Reference was made to the works necessary throughout the town which could be carried out if such a scheme as outlined in the terms of the motion were implemented. However reservation was expressed that the motion reserved the scheme to long-term recipients of unemployment assistance and following discussion the proposer and seconder agreed to amend the motion by deleting the words "long-term" from the motion. The amended motion was then put to the meeting and a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Roche, Cllrs. J. Mahoney, P. Reck, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (7).

Against:- Ald. Kelly (1)

Abstained:- Cllr. Roche (1).

The majority being in favour of the motion the motion was declared carried.

QUESTIONS

End of Term Report.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that an end of term report similar to that published by the Wexford Local Authorities in 1979, was currently being prepared.

Coolcotts Housing Scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the building programme at Coolcotts Phase 5 was slightly ahead of schedule and that the projected finishing date of the 55 house scheme was June 1985.

Ground Rents.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Accountant stated that the ground rent bills recently issued by the Corporation had been prepared by existing staff in normal working hours at no extra cost and that similarly the distribution and collection of the accounts was carried out by existing staff in normal working hours. The cost of stationary for the bills was £50.

Water Charges.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Accountant stated that the collection of water charges was being carried out by existing collectors in the field and revenue collector in the office. The estimated cost of collection in the current year was £3,000.

Maximum economic rents.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Accountant stated that 26 tenants were paying the maximum economic rent on their dwellings and that the average payment was £12.10 per week.

Coolcotts Housing Scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the anticipated completion date of the Coolcotts Phase 5 housing scheme was June 1985.

Coolcotts Phase 6.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the commencement of the next phase of the Coolcotts housing scheme was dependent on capital allocation but that it was hoped that a scheme would commence in mid-1985.

Pedestrian Crossing at Wygram.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the question of providing a pedestrian crossing at Wygram was currently being discussed with Wexford County Council.

Weekly Rents of Local Authority Tenants.

In reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Borough Accountant stated that the no. of tenants paying rents under headings of two and three bedroomed houses in various categories were as follows:-

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>UNDER £2</u>	<u>£2 - £5</u>	<u>£5-£10</u>	<u>Over £10</u>
2 B/R Houses	115	62	19	5
3 B/R Houses	110	214	222	135

IN COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held on Monday 22nd October at 7.30 p.m. It was further agreed that a Traffic Management Committee Meeting would also be held on that same night if the results of the survey of the Chamber of Commerce were available.

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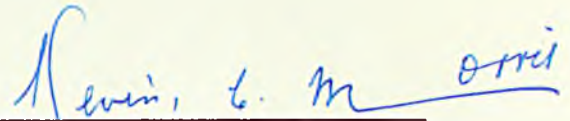
Foras Forbartha Conference.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor O'Flaherty was unable to attend at the Conference organised by An Foras Forbartha due to other commitments and on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Mahoney was nominated to attend the conference instead.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

5th DAY OF November 1984.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

GROUND RENTS AND T.P. PURCHASES

In reply to Cllr. O'Flaherty the Manager stated that work on the preparation of a report on the outstanding applications for the purchase of ground rents and tenant purchase applications had advanced considerably and that he would submit a comprehensive report on these matters to a meeting of the Borough Council in the near future.

LETTINGS

A lengthy discussion was held on the application of the letting priority scheme. It was noted during this discussion that the practise of letting of vacant tenancies in accordance with the lists as adopted would continue. Further arising out of this discussion, in relation to applicants for state new house grants and mortgage subsidy who had applied for rehousing with the Corporation, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche to recommend that in order to establish if applicants for rehousing qualified under the housing regulations as approved housing applicants for the purposes of the state new house grant and mortgage subsidy, all applications for rehousing would be examined by the County Medical Officer as soon as such applications were received.

REPORTS

Survey of tenants.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"Re/ Canvass of tenants who live alone in two/three/
four bedroomed houses but who could be adequately
housed in smaller units.

The following motion was adopted at the Statutory Meeting held on 7.5.84 namely:- "That this Borough Council carry out a survey and compile a list of tenants who live alone in three or four bedroomed houses with a view to providing them with more suitable accommodation thereby making available family-type houses and properly using the Corporation's housing stock".

A survey of the Corporation's rented houses was carried out to identify those family type houses which were occupied by one or two persons who could be adequately housed in 1 or 2 bedroomed units.

The result of the survey is as follows:-

(a) Tenants who live alone in 3 bedroomed houses.

No. of tenants canvassed	=	54
Replies received	=	4 (3 interested, 1 not interested)

No response

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(b) 3 bedroomed houses occupied by 2 persons.

No. of tenants canvassed	=	46
Replies received	=	6 (4 interested, 2 not interested)
No response	=	40

The 7 tenants interested in being considered for smaller units expressed preferences for the following areas:-

Esther Pender, 86 Bishopswater (Alone) - Marian Row.

Julia Lacey, 52 Talbot Green (Alone) - John Street/Davitt Road
(Back garden essential).

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Walsh, 98 Bishopswater - Lr. John Street/
John's Gate St.

Mr. & Mrs. D. O'Brien, 55 Talbot Green - No area nominated.

Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy, 73 Talbot Green - Marian Row,
Temperance Row,
Abbey Street
(2 bedroomed unit).

Mrs. Mary McCormack }
Miss Bridget Harris } 64 Wolfe Tone Villas - No area nominated.

Mr. William Murphy, 22 Distillery Road - Distillery Road.

Out of 100 tenants canvassed 90 did not reply at all and of those who did reply 3 were not interested. The position will be examined further at the next Review."

A lengthy discussion on this matter was held to which all members contributed. It was stated that persons other than those listed in the report as being interested in a transfer, would also be interested and arising out of this it was agreed to extend the closing date for applications from such tenants for a further month.

Capital Housing Programme 1985.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"The proposed new starts for 1985 are as follows:-

(a) Coolcotts - Phase 5 - 72 No. Houses made up as follows:-

6	x	2	bedroom houses
60	x	3	bedroom houses
6	x	4	bedroom houses

(b) Infill Schemes:-

- (i) 4 units in Bride Street;
- (ii) 6 No. Units in Talbot Green;
- (iii) 14 Units at Upper King Street.

It is proposed that the infill Schemes as above will be designed to incorporate both one and two bedroomed units with an emphasis on 2 bedroom units. The reason for this emphasis is that the stock of 1 bedroom units at present consists of 80 units in which there is a reasonably high turnover (5/6 per year), and the two bedroom units are more adaptable for non-family letting. In fact, therefore, it is proposed to have a total of 96 new starts in 1985 which would, of course, be subject to the capital allocation for new starts which would be made by the Department. "

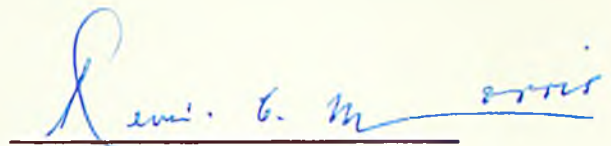
The programme was unanimously adopted. Arising out of the discussion on the report a consensus view was expressed that further large extensions to the housing stock at Coolcotts should not be provided in view of the many houses in this area at present. Arising out of this discussion Cllr. Roche stated that it had been agreed by the District Committee of the Wexford County Council to sell the remaining lands owned by Wexford County Council at Walnut Grove to the Corporation and this was noted. Cllr. Reck referred to the need for shopping facilities at Coolcotts and in reply to the discussion the Borough Engineer stated that it had previously been agreed that the Neighbourhood Centre site would be put on the market for development when housing development in the area was approximately 75% completed. It was agreed that this proposal be now proceeded with.

Deputation from Talbot Green.

A letter from the Committee of Talbot Green requesting a meeting with the General Purposes Committee Meeting was then considered. On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche it was agreed that the deputation would be received.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF November 1984.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Denis G. Morris", is written over a horizontal line.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER, 1984 IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

PLANNING

Arising out of discussion the proposed Lime Stone Quarry at Jacketstown it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes to seek a meeting with the District Committee of Wexford County Council to discuss this planning application.

GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT

In reply to Ald. Roche the Town Clerk stated that as had previously been agreed, the Gaming & Lotteries Act would be on the agenda for the November G.P. Committee Meeting.

WESTLANDS

The Manager stated that further to previous discussions regarding the property known as Westlands, progress on the acquisition of this site was proceeding satisfactorily.

REPORTS

Water Supply.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted:-

"Full supply of water was restored throughout the town last week after the recent rain which improved the stocks of raw water at Coolree. However, it should be noted that the water stocks are not yet at a level which would eliminate the possibility of further rationing this year. The restoration of full supply has been done in anticipation of a significant break in the drought but if this does not occur, rationing may again have to be introduced. However, every effort will be made to ensure full supply during the forthcoming Opera Festival."

Maudlintown Regatta Committee.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"In December 1980 the Borough Council requested that the Maudlintown Regatta Committee be allowed to use a vacant site at Hantoon Road (owned by Wexford Corporation) for the storing of their boats during the winter months. Arrangements were made by the Corporation to implement this request and to this end a Licence was drafted which would have permitted the Committee to use the site. However, despite many requests to do so, the Committee since 1981 have failed to complete the licence.

To protect the Corporation's interest in the site, the Committee are now being informed that consent for the use of the site by them is being withdrawn. The site will be fenced off in the immediate future and a proposal to provide local

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Correspondence.

- (1) Circular letter dated 13th September, 1984 re Local Authority Accommodation for Travellers, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (2) Letter of acknowledgement from Secretary to Minister for the Environment regarding Borough Council's resolution re Home Improvement Loans stating that the Minister had noted the contents, was noted.
- (3) Letter of acknowledgement from Secretary to Minister for Justice re Borough Council's resolution re Extraordinary Variations in Sentencing Offenders for various crimes, was noted.
- (4) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Foreign Affairs stating that he would bring the Borough Council's resolution re Northern Ireland to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity, was noted.
- (5) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach stating that the Borough Council's Resolution re Northern Ireland had been passed on to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, was noted.
- (6) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach stating that the Borough Council's resolution regarding a reduction in taxation to industries and business premises had been passed to the Minister for Finance for his information, was noted.
- (7) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister of State, Mr. Ted Nealon, stating that he would pass the Borough Council's Resolution re Local Radio on to the Minister and that a letter would issue as soon as possible, was noted.
- (8) A letter from the Director of Community Care & M.O.H., regarding Rat Infestation, copies of which had previously been circulated, was considered and noted. Arising out of consideration of this letter it was agreed to have investigated a problem of rat infestation at Batt Street and at Bishopswater.
- (9) Summary of findings and recommendation of S.E.R.D.O. Conference, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (10) Letter from Private Secretary to Chief Justice re sentences, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (11) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re Wexford Main Drainage Scheme and Wexford Augmentation Scheme stating that a further letter would issue as soon as possible, was noted.
- (12) The following motions from Macroom Urban District Council were noted:-
 - (a) "That the Minister for Health be requested to restore medical cards to handicapped children".
 - (b) "That we, Macroom Urban District Council, deplore the recent cuts in food subsidies thereby causing great hardship to the less well off sector of our society. We therefore request the Minister for Finance to make monies available to the Department of Social Welfare in order to cushion the burden caused to the less well off".
- (13) The following motion from Castleblayney Urban District Council, was noted:-

"That this Council supports the demand of the female prisoners in Armagh gaol, that the degrading practice of strip-searching of prisoners there, cease immediately".
- (14) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister of State at the Department of Communications re Local Radio, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (15) Letter from President, Chamber of Commerce stating that Borough Council's resolution re Promotional Brochure for Wexford would be brought before their October meeting and their observations would follow immediately afterwards, was noted.

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- (16) Consideration was given to an invitation to attend at the 1st Annual Conference of the C.I.E.L.A. to be held on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November, 1984 in Clonmel and following discussion it was agreed that two members would attend at the Conference, on behalf of the Corporation. Alderman P. Roche was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes. Cllr. O'Flaherty was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Hayes.
- (17) Letter from Noel McCormack, Chief Agricultural Officer re desirability of expanding horticultural production, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

Clerk

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town and Borough Engineer outlined the present position in relation to the three properties owned by Mr. T. Kehoe at Selskar and Skeffington Street and gave details of legal actions being taken against Mr. Kehoe by the Corporation together with details of remedial works which the Corporation were requiring to be undertaken in relation to the properties.

A discussion was held on dangerous boundary walls at a number of houses in Corish Park on which notice had been served by the Corporation requiring the householders to make safe the walls. Arising out of the discussion the Town Clerk stated that the owners/occupiers of the properties were responsible in law to make the boundary walls safe and that the Corporation could not undertake the necessary remedial work without a recoupment agreement with the persons involved. Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche that the Town Clerk would write to the persons involved to arrange a meeting with them to discuss the financing of the necessary remedial works. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of the persons involved obtaining improvement grants or unsecured loans for the necessary work.

A discussion on dangerous walls in other areas of the town was also held and queries in relation to these were answered by officials in attendance.

HISTORY OF MAYORALTY

A discussion was held on the preparation of the history of the mayoralty by Cllr. Reck which had previously been agreed by the Borough Council. Cllr. Reck outlined the costs of obtaining photographs and other material for the history and on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche it was agreed unanimously to provide in the estimates in 1985 a sum sufficient to defray these costs.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

5th DAY OF November 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

Apologies from Cllrs. Roche & Mahoney for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-
Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, Deputy Borough Engineer.
Mr. G.M. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Kelly a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Jack Dunne who was a former member of Wexford Borough Council was unanimously adopted.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Roche a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Fintan Coogan who had a long association with the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was unanimously adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Alderman Roche a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Breen who had made such an enormous contribution to the social life of the elderly in Wexford, was unanimously adopted.

All members present associated with the expressions of sympathy and the Manager on behalf of the County Manager, himself and the staff also associated with the expressions of sympathy.

The votes were passed in silence, all standing.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Roche a vote of congratulations to Mr. Peter Doyle formerly a reporter with the Free Press, Wexford, was unanimously adopted on his appointment as Editor of the Waterford News & Star.

MINUTES

A minute of the Statutory Meeting held on 1st October, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh:-

- a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 22nd October, 1984.
- b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 22nd October, 1984.

SALE OF 73, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.

On the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty the vesting of dwelling at 73, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford, to Mrs. Mary E. Kelly for the sum of £3,723 and in compliance with the provisions of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 90(7) of the Housing Act 1966, as had previously been circulated, was unanimously approved.

STAFFING

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The Manager stated that Mr. Griffin, Borough Accountant, was resigning from

his post to take up duty as Town Clerk with New Ross U.D.C. on 3rd December, 1984. The Manager proposed that the post of Borough Accountant be reclassified as a Staff Officer(Grade V) to conform with national rationalisation schemes for staff structures in local authorities. He stated that the title of Borough Accountant would be retained to facilitate administrative and communicative purposes of the members of the Council. Alderman Roche proposed and Councillor Reck seconded a proposal that the post of Borough Accountant remain as at present. Following discussion to which all members contributed an amendment to this proposal, was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Hayes as follows; That the post of Staff Officer (Grade V) be created and substituted for the position of Borough Accountant on condition that the term Borough Accountant be retained to facilitate administrative and communicative purposes of the members of the Council.

A vote on this amendment was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris, Ald. Kelly, Cllrs., Hayes, O'Flaherty and Howlin (5).

Against:- Ald. Roche, Cllrs. Reck & Kavanagh (3).

The majority being in favour of the amendment, the amendment was declared carried.

His Worship the Mayor and all members spoke highly of Mr. Griffin's contribution to the work of Wexford Corporation during his term as Borough Accountant and congratulated him on his new appointment. The Manager and Town Clerk associated with the remarks of the members and Mr. Griffin suitably replied.

The Manager then stated that he proposed to increase the established number of Clerical Officers by one to cater for increasing demands in the accounting field such as in the housing finance agency and other loans. On the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty the creation of one additional post of Clerical Officer was unanimously approved.

ROSSLARE & WEXFORD TOURIST OFFICES

A letter from the Regional Tourism Manager of South East Tourism regarding a proposal to close the Rosslare Tourist Office during the months of November/December/January/February, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A lengthy discussion on this proposal ensued to which all members contributed. The members referred to the many draw-back by diminishing the service presently been provided in a port with the present level of business and potential of Rosslare and arising out of this discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Howlin to give a mandate to Alderman Roche who was the representative of the Borough Council on S.E.R.T.O., to oppose forcibly the proposal to close the Rosslare Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

H.F.A. Loans Allocation.

The Town Clerk stated that an additional capital allocation for 1984 of £150,000 from the H.F.A. had been notified to the Corporation and that this increased allocation would mean that all loans which had been approved but for which finance was not available would now be capable of being serviced. The increased allocation was welcomed generally by the members. Arising out of this discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes to write to the Minister for the Environment to protest at the increase to 20% of income from 18% of income in repayment of H.F.A. loans.

People of the Year Awards.

An invitation to His Worship the Mayor to attend at the presentations of the People of the Year Awards in Dublin on 26th November, 1984 was then considered. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck that the Mayor would attend this presentation and that the Mayoral allowance be adjusted accordingly.

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Resignation of Councillor Murphy.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Councillor Murphy which had been received on the day of the meeting in which Cllr. Murphy stated that he was resigning from Wexford Corporation. All members expressed regret at the resignation and paid tribute to Cllr. Murphy for his work on the Council both as Mayor and as Member and wished every good wish for the future. The Town Clerk stated that the vacancy existed from the submission from the letter of resignation and that statutory notices to the members regarding the vacancy would be issued in the following days. It was unanimously agreed that the filling of the casual vacancy would be considered at the December Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council. The Town Clerk stated that prior to being nominated for the casual vacancy, all nominees must have previously assented to their nomination in writing prior to the meeting.

MOTIONS

Powers of Social Welfare Officers.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Kelly seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

"That this Council abhors the power given to certain Department of Social Welfare Officers, who on suspicion that a recipient of welfare has worked whilst drawing benefit, can suspend or stop entirely that persons claim".

In discussing the motion the members referred to cases where undue hardship appeared to have been caused to families without just cause and a consensus view was expressed that direct evidence that a recipient of welfare had worked while drawing benefit should be the requirement before a social welfare officer can suspend or stop that persons claim rather than suspicion of same as at present. The motion was unanimously carried.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris then departed from the meeting to attend at an official engagement and on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin, Cllr. Kavanagh was unanimously elected as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Disability Benefit.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"This Council once again expresses its concern at the hardship being inflicted on those in receipt of disability benefit by delays in payments of same and calls on the Minister to immediately decentralise this benefit to local level".

A lengthy discussion on this motion ensued to which all members contributed. All members referred to instances where many people and families in Wexford were left over weekends and for longer periods because of administrative difficulties and suggested that payment of benefit should be decentralised. The motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed to consider the submission of this motion to the 1985 Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Resurfacing lane - Maudlintown to the Rocks.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"That resurfacing of lane leading from Maudlintown to the Rocks be included in this years estimates".

Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed. Arising out of this discussion the Borough Engineer agreed to investigate the cutting down of trees in the Rocks and the feasibility of drawing up plans for the development of this area for amenity purposes.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

"That an explanation be given to this Council as to why seats erected around the town were not manufactured locally".

In reply to discussion on this motion the Manager stated that the views of the members would be borne in mind in the future.

QUESTIONS

Extention to Borough Boundary.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Manager stated that the contents of the forthcoming local government bill which was reputed to deal with boundary extensions, were being awaited.

Painting of Mount George.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the exterior painting of the houses at Mount George could not be undertaken until the Spring of 1985 because of present adverse weather conditions.

Joint Meeting with Wexford County Council District Committee.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that a meeting between Wexford County Council District Committee and Wexford Corporation would be arranged.

Commemorative Bandstand.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Town Clerk stated that permission to the Maudlintown Committee to erect a commemorative bandstand would issue in the immediate future.

Chimneys at Talbot Green.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer stated that problems with chimneys at Talbot Green had been investigated and the chimneys were being repaired as found necessary.

Extra public lighting.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer stated that extra lights in the town as provided for in the estimates were on order. Arising out of this question the Manager referred to difficulties being experienced with the E.S.B. and other local authorities in the county regarding public lighting.

MEETINGS.

Dates for the following meetings were unanimously approved:-

G.P. Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 26th November, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

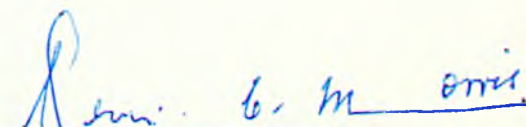
Public Lighting Committee Meeting to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 26th November, 1984.

Traffic Management Committee Meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 12th November, 1984.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

3rd DAY OF December 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORDBOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

Apologies from Ald. Byrne and Cllr. O'Flaherty for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Also Present:- Mr. M. Maher, President, Chamber of Commerce.
Supt. D. Kenny.
Garda Delaney.

At the outset of the meeting His Woship the Mayor welcomed Mr. Maher and Supt. Kenny and Garda Delaney to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the proposal to introduce pedestrianisation on at least part of the Main Street and recalled that at the previous meeting of the Traffic Management Committee Mr. Maher of the Chamber of Commerce had given an undertaking to complete the survey of their members and the traders on the Main Street with a view to establishing their views on the pedestrianisation proposals. He then called on Mr. Maher to outline the results of their survey.

Mr. Maher stated that though their survey was completed, because of the numbers who replied to their written questionnaire, it was the feeling of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce that the results of the survey did not accurately reflect the opinion of the traders on the Main Street. He stated that the results of the survey showed that 25% of those who replied were in favour of pedestrianisation whilst there were 65% against. However because of the low number of replies the proposal was discussed at a full meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and arising out of this discussion the Chamber adopted a resolution which agreed in principle with pedestrianisation subject to a) individual problems being discussed and solutions found where possible b) the pedestrianisation proposal would be incorporated into a detailed plan which would be fully discussed before the introduction of pedestrianisation, this plan to incorporate a full traffic flow plan for the town and c) subject to an adequate pilot project being introduced prior to the introduction of full pedestrianisation.

The Members of the Committee welcomed the adoption of this proposal by the Chamber of Commerce and a consensus view was expressed that this proposal was a progressive move in the right direction by the Chamber. Mr. Maher was congratulated on his input into this new move. Following further discussion to which all members contributed it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that a sub-committee of the Traffic Management Committee would now be formed to discuss with representatives of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce the pedestrianisation proposal, to work out what would be and would not be acceptable in general terms for the traders in the area and to report back to the Traffic Management Committee when their investigations were completed.

It was agreed that the Committee would consist of the Mayor, three members, the Town Clerk, Borough Engineer and the Garda Supt. The following members were then nominated as the representatives of the Borough Council on the Sub-Committee;

Alderman P. Roche and Cllr. P. Reck, Cllr. J. Roche.^{be}

It was further agreed that the Sub-Committee would/authorised to prepare a report on any other problems which they anticipated in the introduction of pedestrianisation and to submit recommendations on solutions for such problems with their main report.

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It was then agreed to await the report of the Sub-Committee before further discussing the pedestrianisation proposals.

OTHER BUSINESS

In reply to Alderman Roche the Garda Supt. agreed to investigate parking problems at the Talbot Hotel.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer agreed to investigate the provision of "pedestrian lights" on signs at Maudlintown to warn of the pedestrian traffic lights.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the provision of a crossing at Wygram was currently under investigation and was presently with the County Council for their proposals.

In reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that the introduction of one-way traffic at Barrack Street was presently awaiting the approval of the Commissioner.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Town Clerk stated that he would submit a report on the Statutory Provisions in relation to the placing of skips on roadways to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

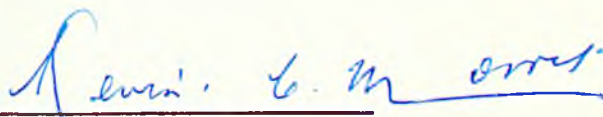
In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that restricted parking at the Faythe School had now been approved by the Commissioner.

C.I.E.L.A. Conference.

The Town Clerk stated that Cllr. O'Flaherty had informed him that he may be unable to attend at the C.I.E.L.A. Conference. Alderman Roche stated that he also would be unable to attend at the Conference. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Roche and Cllr. Kavanagh would deputise for the Councillors who were unable to attend.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF December 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- Councillor O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- P. Roche.

Councillor P. Reck.

In attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

At the outset of the meeting due to the inability of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris to attend, it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck that Cllr. O'Flaherty would assume the Chair for the meeting.

PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME 1984.

In response to the Chairman the Borough Engineer stated that the completion of the public lighting improvement programme for 1984 was in hands and the position was noted with satisfaction.

PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME 1985.

A preliminary discussion was held on the public lighting improvement programme for 1985. It was noted that the finance would be restricted in this area of the Corporation's activities. Arising out of the discussion a unanimous view was expressed and it was agreed to recommend that all existing public lighting in the borough should be retained on the dusk to dawn schedule and for the purposes of savings in 1985, the provision of new lights would be restricted.

It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would examine the public lighting at Spawell Road and Mannix Place Road and the feasibility of adjusting the location of a light at Tuskar View. It was further agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would incorporate a walk throughout the borough in accordance with an itinerary to be established by the Borough Engineer.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS *3rd* DAY OF *December* 1984.

Kevin. C. M. O'Flaherty
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 1984 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris due to his attendance at an official function on behalf of the Corporation, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Howlin that Cllr. O'Flaherty would assume the Chair for the meeting.

GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT

The Town Clerk stated that it had been decided by the Borough Council in November, 1983 to review the operation of the Gaming & Lotteries Act in twelve months and that the matter was now open for discussion. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche that the status-quo would be retained and that the position would be further reviewed in twelve months from the date of the meeting.

*with Cllrs. Hayes and Kavanagh dissenting.
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PLANNING

A discussion was held on the position regarding the dangerous structure at 21, Selskar. In reply to questions the Borough Engineer stated that the structure is a dangerous structure within the meaning of the Sanitary Services Act and that he could not recommend that the road be opened pending the elimination of the dangerous structure. The action of the Corporation to-date in dealing with this problem and associated problems at Skeffington Street were outlined for the meeting and the position was noted. A consensus view was expressed that the matter be resolved as quickly as possible. The Manager stated for the information of the members that if the Corporation were to enter onto this property and carry out the necessary remedial works, there would almost certainly be a claim from the owner of the property for compensation, and that in any event it was most unlikely that the Corporation would be able to recover the cost of the necessary works from the owner.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. Roche referred to the planning application on behalf of the South Eastern Health Board for the provision of health and welfare facilities for elderly and training facilities for handicapped at Belvedere Road and a consensus view was expressed that an early favourable decision should be made on this application.

A discussion was held on a planning application by William O'Connor, 8, Croke Avenue for the retention of the pigeon loft at the rear of his dwelling and it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Roche to recommend that permission be granted in this instance.

REPORTS

Car Park Bye-Laws 1984.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

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"Further to previous discussions during the Estimate Meetings I would advise that provisional approval has been received from the Department of the Environment to the new car park bye-laws. A copy of the said byelaws, known as the Wexford Corporation Car Park bye-laws, 1984 is attached hereto.

The effect of these bye-laws is to allow the "Pay and Display" system of pay parking as well as all the other provisions of the Wexford Corporation Car Park Bye-laws, 1982, to be introduced to four extra car parks in the Borough. The car parks are at Lower Bride Street, High Street, Mallon Street, Peter's Square.

By implementing these bye-laws it will be possible to properly control the time, manner and method of parking and the type of vehicles which park in these car parks, thereby improving the efficiency of the said car parks.

The proposal to proceed with these bye-laws will be put to the Borough Council at their G.P. Meeting on the 26th November."

"WEXFORD CORPORATION CAR PARK BYE-LAWS, 1984

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (No. 24 of 1961), as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1968 (No. 25 of 1968) hereby make the following bye-laws as to the use of car parks provided by them adjoining the public roads as set out in the definition of "car park" in bye-law 2 of these bye-laws.

- (1) In these bye-laws "the principal bye-laws" means the Wexford Corporation Car Park Bye-Laws, 1982.
- (2) Bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws shall be so amended that henceforth "car park" shall mean the car parks provided by the Corporation adjoining Crescent Quay, Custom House Quay/Common Quay Street, Bride Street, High Street, Mallon Street and St. Peter's Square, Wexford.
- (3) These bye-laws shall be known as the Wexford Corporation Car Park Bye-Laws, 1984. These bye-laws and the Wexford Corporation Car Park Bye-Laws, 1982 shall be cited together as the Wexford Corporation Car Park Bye-Laws, 1982 to 1984.

MADE AND ADOPTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL
OF THE CORPORATION THIS DAY OF
1984.

PRESENT WHEN THE COMMON SEAL OF THE
CORPORATION WAS AFFIXED HERETO:

MAYOR

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THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
HEREBY CONFIRMS THE FOREGOING BYE-LAWS.

GIVEN UNDER THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THIS
DAY OF 1984.

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT"

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin to adopt the Draft Car Park Bye-Laws and to pursue the statutory process for their implementation.

Arising out of discussion on the report it was agreed to investigate the feasibility of providing sign-posts in each of the car parks which would direct traffic to the nearest alternative car park should the car park they were in be full.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Letter from President, Chamber of Commerce re Promotion Brochure for Wexford, requesting that a meeting be arranged between the Chamber of Commerce and Wexford Borough Council to discuss overall imputinto the Brochure, was noted.
- (2) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re Borough Council's resolution re tenant purchase agreements, stating that the contents of same had been noted, was noted.
- (3) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Enviornment re Borough Council's resolution concerning new house grants, stating that the contents of same had been noted, was noted.
- (4) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach re Borough Council's resolution concerning new house grants and subsidy stating that same had beenpassed onto the Minister for the Environment, for his attention, was noted.
- (5) The following resolution from Naas Urban District Council, was noted:-

"That Naas U.D.C. calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure, that proper consultations be held with Local Authorities and their representative associations before any Bill is drafted regarding the reform of Local Government".
- (6) Letter from Department of Social Welfare stating that Borough Council's resolution re scheme for part-time employment by Local Authorities had been passed onto Mr. Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Labour, for his attention, was noted.
- (7) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour acknowledging receipt of letter regarding part-time employment by local authorities, stating that the matter was being examined and that a further letter would issue shortly, was noted.
- (8) Letter from County Secretary acknowledging request from Borough Council to have a meeting with the Wexford District Committee to discuss the planning application for proposed Limestone Quarry at Jacketstown, stating that he would bring the request before the District Committee at their next meeting and would let the Borough Council know of their response, without delay, was noted.
- (9) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re new house grants and mortgage subsidy scheme, as had been previously circulated, was noted.

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(10) The following resolution from Ballina Urban District Council, was noted:-

"That the Council write to the Minister for Justice urging him not to implement the extension of drinking hours as contained in the National Plan and further that extensions should not be granted for discos".

(11) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare stating that Borough Council's Resolution re Fuel Vouchers was receiving attention, was noted.

(12) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare stating that Borough Council's Resolution re part-time employment is receiving attention, was noted.

(13) Circular re New £5,000 grant for local authority tenants, as had previously been circulated, was noted.

(14) Details of Group Personal Accident Scheme for Members of Local Authorities, correspondence from I.P.B.M.I. Ltd., as had previously been circulated, was then considered. It was noted that a number of the members were already covered in this insurance scheme with other local authorities and it was agreed that any members who wished to do so would further discuss the matter on an individual basis with the Town Clerk.

(15) A request from the Ashfield/Belvedere Tenants Association that a deputation be received by the Borough Council was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Senator Howlin. It was agreed that the deputation would be received at the next G.P. Committee Meeting of the Corporation.

(16) A request from the Wexford Festival Opera Committee that a deputation from the Committee be received by the Wexford Borough Council was then considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that a deputation be received. Following discussion to which all members contributed a vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Aldermen; Byrne & Kelly, Cllrs., Roche, Hayes, O'Flaherty, Howlin and Kavanagh (7).

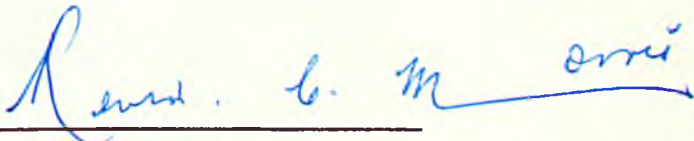
Against:- Alderman Roche, Cllrs., Mahoney & Reck (3).

The majority being in favour of the motion the motion was declared carried.

A discussion was held on the heating of the old persons' flats at John Street and a consensus view was expressed that money should be used from elsewhere to augment the heating budget for the current year. It was further agreed to investigate the feasibility of an increased subsidy for the heating of the flats from the South Eastern Health Board.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF December 1984.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris due to his attendance at an official function on behalf of the Corporation, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Howlin that Cllr. O'Flaherty would assume the Chair for the meeting.

GET WELL WISHES

On the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne a unanimous vote of best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Myles Redmond, Staff Officer, with the Corporation, was unanimously adopted.

DEPUTATION FROM TALBOT GREEN

As had been agreed at the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting, a deputation from the Talbot Green Residents Association was then received. The Chairman welcomed the members of the deputation and outlined the provisions of Standing Orders in relation to the receiving of deputations by the Borough Council. Mrs. Carthy and Mr. Browne spoke on behalf of the deputation. They stated their concern at the cost of maintaining the houses in Talbot Green on an ongoing basis and that the front panels should not have been put into these houses when they were being built but should have had a traditional block-built front. They suggested that the front of the houses now be blocked up and provided with standard walls and requested that the matter be raised with the Minister for the Environment. They stated that they were willing to make a submission on proposals to affect this suggestion. Following questions by members of the Borough Council to which replies were given by the spokespersons on behalf of the deputation, the Chairman thanked the members of the deputation for their attendance and the manner in which they had presented their submission to the Corporation. The deputation then departed from the meeting.

A discussion was held on the submission by the deputation arising out of which it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin that the Borough Engineer would investigate the submission which was to be made by the residents association and report to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

REPORTS

Revision of Letting Priority Scheme/Review of Housing Lists.

The following report from the Town Clerk was then considered, copies of which had previously been circulated:-

- "Re/- (a) Revision of Scheme of Letting Priorities.
(b) Review of Housing Lists.

Revision of Scheme of Letting Priorities.

The scheme of letting priorities as adopted by the Borough Council at their meeting on 25th October, 1983 has now been approved by the Minister for the Environment. A copy of the approval is attached hereto. It will be noted from this that the Minister has requested a review in 1 year of the effectiveness of certain aspects of the scheme. A report on the operation of these aspects will be submitted to the Borough Council at the requested date. In the meantime, the revised scheme as approved will operate for the forthcoming review of Housing

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Review of Housing Lists.

When the current housing priority lists were adopted in November 1983 it was agreed by the Borough Council to review the position in 12 months. The following is a list of applications on hands at 30th October, 1984:-

<u>New Applications</u> <u>10/6/83 - 22/11/84</u>	<u>Balances of</u> <u>'83 Priority</u> <u>Lists</u>	<u>Balances</u> <u>of 1983</u> <u>Lists</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>recommended</u> <u>in 1983</u> <u>Review</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>confirmed</u> <u>before</u> <u>1983</u> <u>Review</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>recommended</u> <u>in 1980</u> <u>Review</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
81	22	46	11	3	1	164
55	8 3x1b 5x2b	32 21x1b 11x2b	3	1	-	99
11	15	-	1	-	-	27
7	12	-	2	-	-	21
5	2	-	1	-	-	8
159	59	78	18	4	1	319

It is now proposed to undertake a major review of all housing applications in accordance with the following guidelines:-

- (1) The undertaking of the review will be publicised in the local paper over a period of weeks. All existing applicants listed or otherwise will be automatically included in the review.
- (2) The cut-off date for acceptance of new applications will be fixed at 31st January, 1985 and will be strictly adhered to. All late applicants will be so notified and not considered.
- (3) Existing priority lists will be used to fill vacancies arising up to the adoption of the new lists regardless of what needs may come to light in the review amongst applicants whose circumstances had not hitherto been established.
- (4) Applicants on the existing priority lists will retain their present positions on the priority lists and will not have their position disturbed by the review.
- (5) Regarding the survey of tenants of family-type houses opting for smaller units it does not appear that any of these applicants should be included in the general review as their present accommodation would in general give them very low priority. However, these applications will be checked by the Health Inspector to establish their priority within their own special group. The transfer policy for this special section of applicants has to be established and whilst the allocation of small units to applicants in the special section will hinder the chances of other applicants for one and two bedroom units, their being released will obviously benefit the family lists.

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Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the procedure as outlined in the report would be adopted and it was further agreed that on an annual basis the members of the Borough Council would be informed of the numbers of applications for rehousing on hands in the various categories.

Tenant Purchase Applications & Freehold Purchase Applications.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered.

"Re/- Applications to purchase Fee Simple and Tenant Purchase Applications.

At the Housing Committee Meeting held on 22nd October, 1984 the Manager stated that he would report to the Borough Council on the present position re (a) Tenant Purchase Applications and (b) Applications to purchase Ground Rents. The following is the position:-

(a) Tenant Purchase Applications:-

Attached in Schedule (1) is a list of all current applications for purchase received from tenants which cannot be completed for the reasons stated.

The principle reason for our inability to complete the sales is that the Corporation is obliged to register all of its property in the Land Registry before selling and all of the sales must be in fee simple. This requirement was introduced in 1967 and a substantial part of the land stock had been acquired prior to then. In addition, in some instances the Corporation did not own the fee simple of sites but held long-term leases of them. As the schedule shows, substantial progress is being made in rectifying the situation. At present in relation to properties where the Corporation own the fee simple, a total of 43 sites (which incorporate many of the outstanding estates) are with the Land Registry for registration. A further 40 applications for registration are being finalised and will be submitted in the coming months. In relation to properties where the Corporation do not at present own the fee simple, active negotiations are underway with a view to acquiring the fee simple at the earliest date.

(b) Ground Rent Purchase Applications.

Attached in Schedule (2) is a list of all applications received to purchase the fee simple of dwellings already leased. This schedule shows that in the majority of cases, the sales cannot be effected principally because of acquisition and registration of fee simple titles which have been dealt with in the preceeding paragraph. In those cases where no comment is made, sales will be effected over the next 2/3 months.

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A lengthy discussion was held on the report to which all members contributed following which the report was noted with satisfaction. Further arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Roche to write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that (1) The Reform of Local Government Provision be made whereby a local authority who are presently precluded because of statutory requirements from selling houses not capable of being certified as structurally fit (such as in Croke Avenue) to tenants where the tenants were anxious to do so.

(2) In cases where tenant purchase applications could not be finalised because of difficulties encountered by local authorities in the acquisition or registration of fee simple titles, the tenant purchasers be allowed to pay the purchase money pending the resolution of the title difficulties and (3) in the event of the proposal at (2) not applying, the rent for all prospective tenant purchasers be frozen at the level of the rent applying at the date of application.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS.

Councillor Howlin referred to the discussion at the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting regarding an application for a mutual exchange of tenancies between a tenant of the Corporation in Belvedere Grove and a tenant of Dublin Corporation in Dublin and following discussion to which all members contributed it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Alderman Kelly to recommend that the mutual exchange of tenancies be allowed.

Cllr. Hayes referred to the housing application of a Mrs. Stafford living at 20, Davitt Road South and requested that her application be reviewed. The Chairman stated that the Corporation had previously decided that the priority lists would not be interfered with and the position was noted.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Town Clerk stated that the Borough Engineer had reported that the house occupied by Mrs. Salmon of Mary Street/^{who} was a housing applicant with the Corporation, was not immediately dangerous. He further stated that he had had discussions with members of Mrs. Salmon's family and had advised that Mrs. Salmon seek alternative private accommodation pending her application being considered by the Corporation in the next housing review.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

3rd DAY OF December 1984.

Kevin L. M. O'Neil
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th
NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr, K. Morris.

Aldermen:- P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, P. Reck.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Supt. D. Kenny.
Garda Delaney.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting was for the purpose of considering the brief given to the sub-committee by the Traffic Management Committee and to establish the best approach towards the possible introduction of pedestrianisation of all or part of the Main Street.. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a survey would be carried out of all traders in south main street on a one to one basis by officials of the Corporation with a view to establishing if any of the following sections of South Main Street could be pedestrianised:-

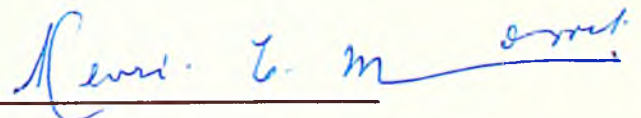
- (1) Bullring to Rowe Street.
- (2) Rowe Stree to Anne Street.
- (3) Anne Street to Allen Street.

It was further agreed that the Town Clerk would meet with the President of the Chamber of Commerce and explain the approach which the sub-committee were adopting. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk would draft a press statement outlining the approach of the sub-committee in the gathering of information for the purposes of a traffic management plan for the town centre and it was further agreed that the next meeting of the sub-committee would be in early 1985 when the results of the survey should be known.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

3rd DAY OF December 1984



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,
B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
MR. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 5th November, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. Reck.

The minutes of the following committee meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

- a) Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 1984.
- b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 26th November, 1984.
- c) G.P. Committee Meeting held on 26th November, 1984.
- d) Public Lighting Committee Meeting held on 26th November, 1984.
- e) Traffic Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28th November, 1984.

Prior to adopting the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 26th November, 1984, it was agreed to amend the minutes as circulated by noting that Cllrs. Hayes and Kavanagh dissented from the agreed proposal in the Gaming & Lotteries Act discussion contained in that minute.

Further arising out of consideration of the minutes it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Roche that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting once adopted by the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation, would be circulated to the members of the Press.

Further arising out of discussion on the minutes Alderman Roche stated that he had, as requested at a previous meeting of the Borough Council outlined the Borough Council's opposition to the closure of the Tourism Office at Rosslare at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of S.E.R.T.O. Arising out of this, the Town Clerk and Regional Manager were ~~arranging~~ for the Regional Manager to attend at a future meeting of the Borough Council to discuss the matter. This was noted by the meeting.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Consideration was then given to the filling of the Casual Vacancy on the Borough Council caused by the resignation of Cllr. Noel Murphy. Mr. Tommy Roche, P.C., was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin. The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Roche had written to the Borough Council indicating his consent to act as a member of the Borough Council if selected. There were no other nominations and Mr. Roche was then unanimously declared to be selected to fill the Casual Vacancy. All members congratulated Mr. Roche on his selection.

The Town Clerk stated that the co-option of Cllr. T. Roche meant that there were now two vacancies on the Wexford Town Vocational Educational Committee, one arising out of the resignation of Cllr. Murphy from the Borough Council and the second by the co-option of Cllr. T. Roche who was an external member of the Vocational Educational Committee. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty that Cllr. T. Roche would remain on the Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr. N. Murphy from the Borough Council and it was further agreed that the filling of the external casual vacancy would be considered at the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council.

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Revised Rents Scheme.

The Manager stated that contrary to recent newspaper articles, no notification of an increase in rents had been received from the Department and consequently the details outlined in the aforementioned newspaper articles, were refuted. Arising out of discussion on this matter it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes to write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that in view of the many financial difficulties currently being experienced by local authority tenants and others, that there be no increase in the level of rents at this time. The members in discussion on this matter complemented the Manager on bringing this matter to their attention.

MOTIONS

It was unanimously agreed that the motions and questions from Cllr. Hayes would be taken at this stage of the meeting since Cllr. Hayes had to leave early to attend another meeting.

Community Facilities in Housing Estates.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"In view of the lack of community facilities in many of our housing estates, I move that it be now a policy of this housing authority to designate in all future schemes a portion of land for this very important purpose".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. In reply to questions the Borough Engineer stated that land was set aside for a community centre at Coolcotts. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that the motion be amended to exclude the word "future". The amended motion was then unanimously adopted.

Unemployment

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

"In view of the fact that many months ago this Borough Council met with the I.D.A. to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford and that the situation of same has increased since that period, I move that an immediate meeting be convened with the I.D.A., Rep. from Trade Union, Rep. from Chamber of Industry & Commerce and Rep. from Local Press".

Cllr. Hayes in proposing the motion requested the consent of the members to amend the motion to include the Oireachtas representatives in the meeting proposed in the motion. Consent was unanimously given to this. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed and referring to increasing unemployment in the town due to closures in existing industries and lack of new industries the amended motion was unanimously adopted. It was agreed that the date of the meeting would be fixed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

QUESTIONS

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that there were no plans at present to remove the rocks from car park at Kennedy Park.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that when requested some time ago to investigate the acquisition of land at South Station from C.I.E. for car parking purposes, he had written to C.I.E. and had received no reply at that time. However he understood that the land maybe on the market again and that he would pursue this matter further.

On the suggestion of the Borough Engineer it was agreed to refer a question from Cllr. Hayes in relation to either allowing parking for a period along the North Main Street or the provision of parking metres along same to facilitate the business premises in the area, to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

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MOTIONS

Fee Simple of Corporation Houses.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Mahoney seconded by Ald. Kelly:-

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to remove the Act he introduced some years ago to stop all Local Authorities from taking out a C.P.O. Order to take the fee simple that Corporation houses were built on".

A lengthy discussion on the acquisition of the fee simple interest in land occupied by Corporation housing estates was held and all members contributed to this discussion. Arising out of the discussion the Manager stated that he was investigating this question and would have a report on each of the outstanding estates as soon as possible. From his preliminary investigations there was some cause for concern in some of the estates involved but the full situation would be outlined to the members in his report. It was then agreed on his suggestion on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne that a special meeting of the Borough Council would be held in the immediate future to consider the report of the Manager on this matter.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Reck's motions and questions be then taken.

Housing Estates.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That this Borough Council takes immediate steps to ensure that all new housing estates are given names which are related to the area and that such a clause is written into the planning permission and furthermore that we put our own houses in order also".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need to name housing developments for the purposes of clarity and cited as examples the recent flats development by the Corporation. Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Fuel Vouchers.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council strongly condemns the South Eastern Health Board for the long and unnecessary delay in sending out fuel vouchers".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the fact that persons were getting free fuel vouchers at the end of November and stated that this was creating hardship for the individuals concerned since the people were entitled to free fuel vouchers from October. Arising out of the discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne that the motion be amended to read as follows:-

"That this Borough Council call on the Minister for Health & Social Welfare to make adequate facilities and staff available to the South Eastern Health Board for the proper and efficient administration of the free fuel scheme and for health boards to be informed well in advance of the operation date in each year of their functions in relation to the free fuel scheme."

The amended motion was then unanimously adopted.

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QUESTIONS

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he was aware of the need for repairs to the footpath opposite the Franciscan's Car Park at Lr. John Street and that this matter had been referred to the County Engineer for his attention since the road in question was a main road.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would ask the County Engineer why the road at Clonard which had just been repaired had to be cut open with a channel.

MOTIONS

Derelict & Dangerous Buildings.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Roche seconded by Senator Howlin:-

"That this Council use all its legal powers to ensure derelict and dangerous buildings are speedily dealt with".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to difficulties currently being experienced in relation to properties at 21, Selskar Street and 14, Skeffington Street and stated that if the powers of the Local Authority under the Acts were not strong enough, additional powers should be sought from the Government. They also referred to previous discussions at a level regarding amended legislation which had not yet been introduced regarding derelict sites. The Manager stated that in relation to the property at 21, Selskar Street, the Corporation were pursuing the owner of this property through the Courts and that the case was due to be heard on the Wednesday following the meeting. The Manager pointed out that the Corporation would be obliged to have the owner, who was also occupying the premises, vacate 21, Selskar Street prior to the Corporation being in a position to enter on the property to carryout the necessary works to make the premises safe. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

Free Fuel Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"That this Council requests Department of Social Welfare to increase payments on vouchers under Free Fuel Scheme".

Following discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed to request the Department of Social Welfare to ensure that if it was not possible to back-date any increase in the Free Fuel Scheme vouchers, at least that the vouchers be increased from the current date in the current year.

Open Visits at Portlaoise Prison.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Kelly seconded by Ald. Roche:-

"This Council calls on the Justice Minister to allow and provide adequate facilities for open visits at Portlaoise Prison."

Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Work of Public Representatives.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Kelly seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Council meet at the earliest possible date to discuss methods of improving all aspects of our work, as elected public representatives".

Following discussion to which all members contributed it was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh that the motion be incorporated on the next G.P. Committee Agenda for discussion and this proposal was unanimously adopted.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

"That Wexford Corporation views with grave concern the liquidation of Irish Shipping Ltd., and calls on the Government to:-

- (i) provide for a strategic deepsea fleet;
- (ii) ensure the future of I.C.L. Ltd."

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the maritime position of Wexford and the number of Wexford people employed in the shipping industry. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

Heating - John Street Flats.

It was unanimously agreed that the following motions be taken together:-

"That Wexford Corporation requests the Borough Engineer to undertake a comprehensive examination of the heating systems in John Street and John's Gate Street Flats and to report on the following:-

- (i) cost relative to other systems/forms of fuel;
- (ii) alternative systems/grants available;
- (iii) ways of improving existing system."

"That this Corporation seek the help of the S.E.H.B. and the Minister to improve the heating in John Street Flats".

The motions were proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Ald. Byrne and in moving the motions the proposer and seconder referred to the inadequate heating of the flats and to the lack of hot water on occasions for the washing of incompartated persons in the flats because of the type of heating facilities available. Arising out of discussion to which all members contributed the Manager stated that to increase the heating in the flats from its current level of 3½ hours to 7½ hours from the week of the meeting an additional £5,000 was required to be authorised as over-expenditure on this account and if so authorised would have to be provided for in the 1985 estimates. This over-expenditure of £5,000 was unanimously approved on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Clover Meats Plant - Wexford.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche:-

"That this Corporation call on the Government and relevant Ministers to ensure the future of Clover Meats Plant in Wexford".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the viability of the Wexford Plant and to the necessity to ensure the Company was retained in operation in view of the appalling unemployment levels in Wexford. The motion was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS

In reply to Alderman Roche the Town Clerk stated that 95 new applications including 16 transfer applications had been received since January 1984.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he was investigating the condition of footpaths at the Faythe.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the openings made into lofts to facilitate re-wiring at Maudlintown would be repaired by the end of the week following the meeting.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the old-type metal gutterings at Wolfe Tone Villas had been inspected and that repairs are presently being carried out where found necessary.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the public toilets are inspected on a regular basis and that it is intended to paint exterior woodwork.

In reply to Cllr. Howlin the Town Clerk stated that formal sanction of the preliminary documents in respect of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme had not yet been received. Some technical details were still being discussed between the Department and the Corporation Engineers and when the Preliminary Report was sanctioned the Corporation would immediately commence preparations of Contract Documents, the preparation of which would take approx. six months. The commencement of the scheme would then be dependent on finance being made available by the Department.

In reply to Senator Howlin the Borough Engineer stated that he would investigate the feasibility of marking the road at the Faythe/William Street junction with right and left turn lanes.

In reply to Senator Howlin the Borough Engineer stated that some trimming would be carried out on the trees outside the Corporation flats in the near future.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that the results of a survey regarding chutes and gutters along Main Street had not yet been submitted by the Chamber of Commerce.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that the surface of Upper Georges Street would be replaced where it is broken on the left-hand side going up.

In reply to Cllr. Kavanagh the Borough Engineer stated that the provision of additional traffic lights in the town had been referred to the County Council.

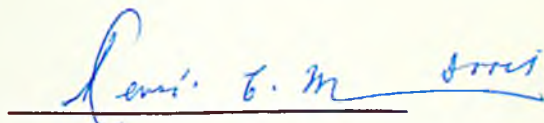
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held on Wednesday 19th December, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

27th DAY OF January 1985.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD on WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER, 1984 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly,

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

Apologies for inability to attend from Alderman P. Roche and Cllr. B. Howlin were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Morris welcomed Cllr. T. Roche to his first meeting of the Corporation and wished him every success and good wish in his activities in the Corporation. All members present associated with the expression of good wishes.

DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD OPERA FESTIVAL

A deputation was then received from the Wexford Festival Opera. Mr. J. Golden on behalf of the deputation thanked the Borough Council for receiving the deputation and stated that the deputation was requesting the restoration of amenity grants to the Wexford Festival Opera Committee in 1985. He outlined the prestige of the festival in international circles and the financial benefits of the Festival to the economy of the town. He also outlined the costs of staging the Opera Festival and the importance of being able to state when approaching other sponsors that the Corporation were contributing to the sponsorship of the Festival. Mrs. Furlong on behalf of the deputation also re-iterated the points made by Mr. Golden and outlined the contributions by other local authorities to arts events in their areas.

The deputation replied to questions of the members in relation to their submission following which the Mayor thanked the deputation for their attendance. The deputation then departed.

Following discussion it was then agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche that further consideration of the provision for a grant for the Opera Festival in 1985 would be returned to the Estimates Meeting.

DEPUTATION FROM ASHFIELD/BELVEDERE TENANTS ASSOCIATION

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Morris welcomed the deputation from the Ashfield/Belvedere Tenants Association. Mrs. Roche on behalf of the deputation referred to the results of a survey, details of which had previously been circulated to all members, which had been undertaken by the tenants association. She stated that the survey showed that tenants of the houses in Ashfield Drive/Belvedere Grove were satisfied that their housing accommodation was second to none in Wexford. She referred to the large number of children in the pre-teen age bracket and to the very high unemployment levels in the adult population. On behalf of the deputation she stated that the association wished to work in harmony with the Corporation for the betterment of the area including the provision of facilities for children on an ongoing basis. Mr. K. Cousins also spoke on behalf of the deputation and requested details of the proposed Neighbourhood Centre for the Coolcotts area. With the prior agreement of the Borough Council the Borough Engineer stated that approximately three acres of land at Coolcotts had been designated by the Corporation for Neighbourhood uses which would be for shopping centre/community facilities. He further stated that it was hoped to advertise the availability of the shopping centre land for sale in the Spring of 1985 when the current housing development in the area would be near completion.

The members of the deputation replied to questions from the members of the Borough Council following which His Worship the Mayor thanked the deputation for their presentation and attendance and the deputation then departed.

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Arising out of discussion a concensus view was expressed that tenders for the shopping centre be sought at the earliest possible date. It was further unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Tenants Association thanking them for their attendance and outlining the Corporation's plans for the area.

MOTION

The following motion from Alderman Kelly which had been deferred from the Statutory Meeting was then considered:-

"That this Council meet at the earliest possible date to discuss methods of improving all aspects of our work, as elected public representatives".

The motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Cllr. Roche. A lengthy discussion was held on the motion during which a number of suggestions were made in relation to the use of the Municipal Buildings by the Borough Council members. The Manager outlined the legal restrictions on the members in relation to a number of the proposals made. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that further consideration would be adjourned to a future date.

PLANNING

A list of applications for planning permission received since the date of the previous meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated were considered and noted. Questions arising therefrom were answered by officials in attendance.

In reply to questions the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer outlined the further developments since the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting in the cases in which the Corporation were pursuing Mr. T. Kehoe in respect of three properties owned by him. The position was noted by the Borough Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer agreed to investigate the condition of access from Anne Street to Crescent Quay Car Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter from Rev. Gregory O'Connor, Texas, thanking Mayor & Borough Council for their letter of congratulations to him, was noted.
- (2) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their letter regarding delays in payments of disability benefit, was noted.
- (3) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their letter regarding suspension of welfare benefit, was noted.
- (4) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re tenant purchase, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (5) Circular re International Youth Year, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (6) Notice of Regional Conference - "Housing in an Unsettled Community", copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (7) Letter from Secretary to Minister for Environment acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's letter regarding increase in repayments of Housing Finance Agency Loans stating that the contents had been noted, was noted.
- (8) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour re part-time employment schemes, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (9) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Environment re Borough Council's resolution concerning purchase of Fee Simple and Tenant Purchase Applications, stating that the matter was receiving attention, was noted.
- (10) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare re delays in payment of disability benefit, copies of which had previously been noted, was noted.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Kelly referred to a publication called "The Pikeman" issued by Des McCabe, William Street and to comments therein which intimated that machinery hired by Wexford Corporation had been used by a member of Wexford Corporation for his own private use. A discussion on this matter was held arising out of which the Manager stated that the Corporation could not legally pursue this matter. Arising out/further discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Mr. McCabe requesting on behalf of the Borough Council, details of his allegations and the Manager agreed to respond to questions which may be raised at the next public meeting of the Borough Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

7th DAY OF January 1985.

Kevin E. Morris

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.