

MUNITUES OF PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28th JANUARY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, AT 7.30 P.M.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Estimate of Expenses for 1985 and for that purpose the Manager's Estimate of Expenses and his Report thereon, as set out on the attached appendix to these minutes, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. The Manager in response to a request from His Worship the Mayor outlined the main points of his report and estimate. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche it was agreed that details of the increase in the valuation of the Borough for the current year would be submitted to the next Estimates Committee Meeting of the Borough Council. On the proposal of Ald. Roche it was agreed that a list of all of those in arrears of rates would be submitted also for the next estimates Committee Meeting of the Borough Council. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche that the valuation system be considered for discussion at first available General Purposes Committee Meeting after the Estimates had been adopted.

The Manager referred to the possibility of using some of the Corporation lands at Coolcotts for co-operative or joint venture housing using the services of the N.B.A. and it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche that this would be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee. Arising out of discussion on this matter it was agreed that details of the £5,000 grant to Local Authority tenants who vacated their local authority houses and move to permanent alternative accommodation of their own, would be circulated to all members.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche to request S.E.R.T.O. for positive replies to the re-opening on a full-time basis of the Rosslare Tourism Office, the granting of assistance for organisers of conferences being held in Wexford and a contribution towards the cost of erecting "Welcome to Wexford" signs prior to the Corporation determining the estimate and providing therein for a contribution to S.E.R.T.O. Following further discussion it was agreed that meetings as follows would be held:-

Traffic Management Committee & General Purposes Committee meetings to be held on Friday 15th February, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

Swimming Pool Committee Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 25th February.

Preliminary Estimates Committee Meeting on Monday 25th February at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF February, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28th  
JANUARY, 1985 AT 7.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,  
WEXFORD.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,  
N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

At the outset of the meeting following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Mahoney that Alderman P. Roche would take the Chair for the purposes of the meeting.


Alderman Roche stated that the meeting had been called in accordance with the Statutory Requirements to elect a Mayor for the remainder of the current year of office. He then called for nominations. Cllr. O'Flaherty was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Hayes. There being no other nominations Cllr. O'Flaherty was then declared to be unanimously elected as Mayor for the remainder of the current year of office.

His Worship the Mayor then assumed the Chair and thanked his proposer and seconder and all the members for his election to the high office of Mayor of Wexford. He paid tribute to his late predecessor and pledged his fullest energies for the betterment of Wexford. All members present congratulated the Mayor on his election and the Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expressions of congratulations.

In reply to comments made by the members His Worship the Mayor stated that he would be reluctant to intervene at this stage in the dispute at Dunnes Stores due to the presence of a mediator who was now acceptable to the Unions side. However he stated that he would always be available should he be required to intervene in the dispute. His Worship the Mayor also stated that he would examine the possibility of forming a local development committee for the purposes of promoting employment in the town and that he would report on this matter to a further meeting of the Borough Council. The members of the Borough Council congratulated the Mayor and all officials concerned on the excellent manner in which the Civic Funeral of the late Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris, had been conducted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup><sub>4</sub> DAY OF February 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 22nd JANUARY, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, Deputy Mayor.

Aldermen:- P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck.

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

The Deputy Mayor stated that the meeting was for the purposes of finalising arrangements for the Civic Funeral of the later Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris. The Town Clerk outlined the arrangements that had been made with the Church for the seating of the visiting Mayors and dignitaries and the arrangements for the funeral cortege as had been agreed with the Gardai and the arrangements proposed for the graveside at Crosstown. Following a lengthy discussion the arrangements for the Funeral were finalised and agreed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> DAY OF February, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st JANUARY, 1985 AT 6.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty,  
B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

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

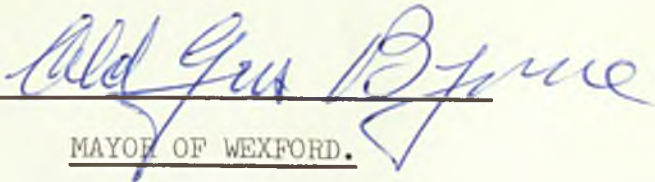
At the outset of the meeting it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor Reck that Cllr. O'Flaherty would act as Chairman for the meeting and as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Civic Ceremonies. Councillor O'Flaherty then took the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor then referred to the unfortunate and untimely death of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris on the day of the meeting and proposed a sincere vote of sympathy to the Brothers, Sisters and family of the late Mayor. He referred to the late Mayor as a man of great personality, generous and of deep thought and character and of most outstanding loyalty. He referred to his strong interest in athletics and gaelic games and stated that his passing would leave all of us poorer. The vote of sympathy was seconded by Alderman Roche and all members associated with the vote of sympathy. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff also associated with the vote of sympathy and the remarks and tributes paid to the late Mayor. The Assistant County Manager, The Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer also associated with the vote of sympathy.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Protocol Committee would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 22nd January, 1985 to discuss arrangements for the Civic Funeral and it was further agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Cllr. Roche that a luncheon would be provided for the visiting Mayors and other dignitaries who would be attending the funeral and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February 1985.

  
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th JANUARY, 1985 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

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

EMPLOYMENT

At the outset of the meeting it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Alderman Roche that His Worship the Mayor would make a public statement to the effect that the Corporation and the Mayor acting on behalf of the Corporation had at all times in the past and would continue to do in the future all that was necessary to safe-guard employment in industries in the town.

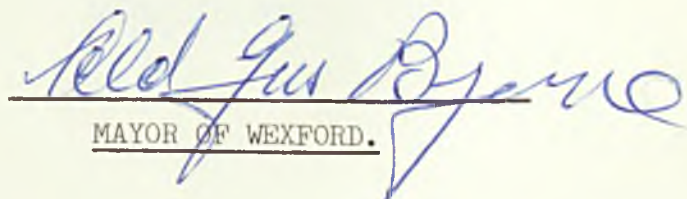
SPECIAL CONFERENCE - A.M.A.I.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Special Meeting had been called to discuss a brief for the representatives of the Borough Council at the forthcoming Special Conference of the A.M.A.I. The Special Conference had been arranged to discuss a submission to a working party on the employment and recruitment of staff within local authorities and a circular from the A.M.A.I., copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A discussion on the contents of the circular was then held to which all members contributed and the comments contained in the circular from the A.M.A.I. were noted.

Alderman Roche outlined the work of the Committee of the A.M.A.I. which had been involved in the preparation of the documents circulated. Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that Cllr. J. Roche would attend the Special Conference in lieu of Ald. Roche who was unable to attend.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS <sup>14th</sup> DAY OF February, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th  
JANUARY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,  
N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

In Attendance:- Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. W. Ringwood, County Development Officer.  
Wexford Trades Council - M. Enright, J. Byrne, F. Bolger,  
T. Lydon, G. Murphy.  
Chamber of Commerce - Mr. D. Burke.  
I.D.A. - Mr. F. Burke.  
Oireachtas Members - Mr. M. D'Arcy, T.D., Minister of State,  
Mr. J. Browne, T.D., Mr. H. Byrne, T.D., Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D.,  
Mr. I. Yates, T.D.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford with all of the various bodies and groups involved in this field. He thanked the Oireachtas members the I.D.A., the Chamber of Commerce and the Trades Council for attending at the meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. The members of the Borough Council outlined the critical unemployment levels in the town and of the need for immediate and urgent action by all parties concerned including particularly the members of the Oireachtas and the I.D.A. In reply to questions Mr. Burke of the I.D.A. stated that the I.D.A. were aware of the critical unemployment levels in Wexford. He referred to the recession and the recession effects on industry and to the fact that manufacturing industry would only create only some of the jobs necessary to alleviate the unemployment situation. He outlined the history of the I.D.A. in Wexford and named some of the successful industries still working in the area. He spoke the re-organisation of small industries section of the I.D.A. which would have a direct positive influence on the situation in Wexford and of the expectation of further visits from interested industrialists from Europe in the Wexford area. He also stated that a proposal for food processing industry situated in Wexford would be welcomed.

A further lengthy discussion ensued on the comments of Mr. Burke during which criticism of the activities of the I.D.A. was levelled by the members of the Borough Council. The Trades Council representatives and the T.D.'s individually spoke of the difficulties facing Wexford because of the high unemployment levels arising out of which it was unanimously agreed by the Borough Council on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Cllr. Morris seconded by Cllr. Howlin that Wexford Borough Council support <sup>the</sup> call of Wexford County Council for the re-designation for I.D.A. Grant purposes of Wexford in line with the western counties of the country. During the discussion reference was also made of the potential of the fishing and forestry industries for the county of Wexford. Arising out of further discussion the County Manager stated that at present there were over 3,000 unemployed in the town of Wexford including an increase of 248 in the month proceeding the meeting. The employment in the manufacturing industry in Wexford was one of the lowest percentages in the country and he called for the support of the I.D.A. in the call for the re-designation of Wexford for I.D.A. Grant purposes. He also called for an I.D.A. presence in Wexford which would be supportive of the County Development Team and for the establishment of a Regional Technical College in Wexford. He also stated that a "Buy Local" emphasis by the consuming public of Wexford would help in the securing of existing employment and the possible establishment of new industries.

Following further discussion to which all members contributed His Worship the Mayor thanked the representatives of the various organisations present at the meeting for their attendance. THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

14th DAY OF February 1985  
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY, 1985 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, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

Apologies from Ald. G. Byrne for his 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.  
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION - TOURIST OFFICES

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. B. Walsh of S.E.R.T.O. to the meeting and thanked him for attending to discuss the closing of the Rosslare Tourism Office during the winter months.

Alderman Roche, the Borough Council's representative on S.E.R.T.O. outlined the history of the events under discussion to-date. All members contributed to the discussion and spoke of the importance of tourism in the area and of the need to keep the tourism office at Rosslare open for the full year. Mr. Walsh in reply to the discussions spoke of the seasonality of tourism and of the embargo on recruitment in the public service being a major consideration in the closure of the Rosslare Office. He pointed out that S.E.R.T.O. were left with a choice of a temporary closure of either the Rosslare Office or the Wexford office because of this public service embargo on recruitment. He further pointed out that he was of the opinion that it was of prime importance to have a fully staffed office in Rosslare for the full year and that the office would be re-opening on 4th March next. In reply to further questions Mr. Walsh stated that his budget for the 1985 year had not yet been notified to him and that he would note the unanimous view of the Borough Council that the Rosslare Tourist Office should remain open on a full-time basis all year round.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked Mr. Walsh for his attendance and Mr. Walsh departed from the meeting.

Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck that Alderman Roche as the Borough Council's representative on S.E.R.T.O., would insist at S.E.R.T.O.'s budget meeting that any extra finance made available to S.E.R.T.O. in 1985 would be used to keep the office in Rosslare open on a twelve-month full-time basis.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Cllr. Kevin C. Morris, seconded by Alderman Roche a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Pat Hanton, a member of the staff of Wexford Corporation, was unanimously adopted. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Corporation associated with the vote of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on the 3rd December, 1984, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Reck.

The minutes of the following committee meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein, were unanimously adopted on the proposal Cllr. Mahoney seconded by Cllr. Reck:-

A) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 19th December, 1984.

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URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Circular Letter FIN 27/84 of 19th December, 1984 from the Department of the Environment regarding Estimate of Expenses 1985, copies of which were circulated, was then considered. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche that the terms of the circular would be considered in conjunction with the consideration of the Estimate of Expenses 1985. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on Monday 4th March, 1985 at 7.00 p.m. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin that the first preliminary estimates meeting would be held on Monday 28th January, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Roche that the Minister for the Environment be requested to clarify the position regarding the holding of local elections in the current year.

MOTIONS

Pay & Display Car-Parks.

It was agreed that the following motions be considered together:-

"That this Council consider the parking requirements of residents in the area of our Pay & Display Car Parks".

"That the Traffic Management Committee look into position of residents in areas where Pay & Display parking is about to be introduced and the parking of their cars".

The motions were proposed by Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. P. Roche who spoke of the possible difficulties for residents if pay & display parking were introduced in the areas now proposed and they requested details of methods by which residents in Peter's Square and Keyser's Lane could be accommodated. Following discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Footpaths at William Street.

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

"That this Council deplores the neglect by Wexford County Council of footpaths at William Street and Upper William Street".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the bad condition of the footpaths in William Street and Upper William Street and stated that people were falling on these footpaths because of broken pavings. Following discussion during which Cllr. J. Roche stated that the County Council had programmed for the footpath at Upper William Street to be repaired in the week of the meeting, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Medical Examination facilities at Labour Exchange.

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

"That the Minister be requested to restore the medical examination facility in Anne Street Exchange."

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the fact that the facility of medical examination had always been available in Wexford up to recently and complained that a person in the biggest town in County Wexford could not be examined in Wexford because of the lack of medical referee facilities in the town. Cllr. Howlin stated that accommodation had been provided at the Community Service Council's building at Roche's Road and that the service would be re-commencing on the day following the meeting. This was noted by the meeting.

Arising out of discussion on the motion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche to request the Minister for Health & Social Welfare to expedite the final allocation for the provision of a Day Car Centre in Wexford. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Howlin to request the Minister for Social Welfare to improve facilities for users of the Labour Exchange at Anne Street.

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### Family Income Supplement.

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

"That the Minister be requested to review the family income supplement and its shortcomings".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the fact that after a period of operation of any new scheme, it needed to be reviewed. Reference was also made to the fact that advertising was only carried out in the National Newspapers and persons who would benefit under the scheme were not generally aware of the terms of the scheme. Following further discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously agreed.

### Social Employment Scheme.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to immediately implement the special employment scheme for long-term unemployed people, for which £57,000,000 was allocated some months ago and that the operation of this scheme be left totally to the discretion of the local authorities".

On the proposal of Cllr. Hayes it was agreed that the motion be amended to read "Minister for Labour" instead of "Minister for the Environment". Cllr. Howlin stated that it was his information that the scheme was to be launched on a private basis in County Wexford in the immediate future. The scheme was generally welcomed by the members and the motion was agreed with Cllr. Mahoney dissenting.

### Withdrawal of forces from the Border.

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

"In view of the totally inadequate staffing of our Garda forces to combat the tremendous increase in crime and vandalism, I move that this Borough Council calls on the Taoiseach Garret Fitzgerald for the withdrawal of our forces from the artificial border of this island who at present are only facilitating the British Government".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to <sup>the</sup> increase in crime and vandalism rates in the country and because of this the obvious need for Gardai from Border duties to combat this situation. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed, following which a vote was taken on the motion which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs. J. Roche, J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes, T. Roche (7).

Against:- Cllrs. P. Reck, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh (3).

Abstained:- Cllr. O'Flaherty. (1).

The majority being in favour of the motion the motion was declared carried. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by Alderman Kelly that the motion as amended be circulated to all local authorities.

### Social Welfare Pensions.

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

"That this Borough Council ask the Government to make the following amendments re payment of Pensions:-

- (i) To increase the present ceiling of six pounds which non-contributory pensioners may earn before assessing a persons means.
- (ii) That contributions paid prior to 1953 be taken into consideration when calculating the yearly average of claimants for a retirement or contributory old age pension.

- (iii) That allowances available to old age contributory and non-contributory pensioners be made available to the lower paid state pensioners".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that the effect of the existing situation was that persons who **were** thrifty were being discriminated against in the operation of the Social Welfare system. The motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Roche that the motion be sent to the Association of Municipal Authorities for their consideration.

#### V.A.T. Rates.

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

"That this Council request the Government to reduce the present V.A.T. rates over a number of years to a figure comparable with our E.E.C. partners".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the difficulties in the manufacturing, retail and tourism industries due to the existing excessive vat rates. The motion was unanimously adopted.

### QUESTIONS

#### Staff Numbers.

In reply to Cllr. J. Roche the Town Clerk stated that the total number of staff both indoor and outdoor employed by the Borough Council was 86.

#### Days Municipal Buildings Closed to Public.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Town Clerk stated that apart from Saturdays and Sundays the Municipal Buildings were closed to the Wexford Public on nine Bank and Public Holidays and Four Church Holidays in each year.

#### Emergency Telephone.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Town Clerk stated that all officials of the Corporation were available to be contacted by telephone by the members of the public or Gardai or the Fire Brigade in the event of an emergency at weekends, night-time, etc.

#### Water Charges.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Town Clerk stated that Wexford Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1983 were enabled to introduce water charges for the local financial year 1983.

#### Repairs - Footpaths - Menapia Avenue.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the carrying out of repairs on the footpaths at Menapia Avenue would be considered in conjunction with the programme of works in 1985 and would be dependent on available finance.

In further reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would arrange to have the matter of the improvement of the Mulgannon Road raised with the Wexford County Council who were the appropriate authority.

#### Main Drainage Scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that arrangements would be made to have a meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Main Drainage Scheme and the Consultants and Engineers involved in the scheme.

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Urban Renewal Schemes.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that plans were currently being prepared for three further infill schemes which it was hoped would commence in the coming months.

Old Housing Stock.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Accountant stated that £77,263.00 had been spent to-date on the upgrading of the old housing stock in the town.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4 DAY OF February 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Town Clerk stated that His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty had submitted his apologies to the meeting for his inability to attend due to illness. On the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Alderman Roche it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Roche would assume the Chair for the meeting. Councillor Roche accordingly took the Chair.

AMENITY GRANTS/GRANTS UNDER THE ARTS ACT

The lists of applications made for grants under the Amenity Grants Scheme and under the Arts/Cultural Activities Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated, and the recommendations contained therein, were then considered. Following discussion it was agreed that grants as follows would be awarded:-

- (1) Wexford Maritime Museum .... £150
- (2) Bishopswater Community Playscheme .... £200
- (3) St. Joseph's Boys & Girls Club, Bishopswater .... £500
- (4) St. Martin's G.A.A. Community Centre, Piercestown .... NIL
- (5) Clonard Community Games .... £50
- (6) St. Iberius National School .... £60
- (7) Paire Carman .... £750
- (8) Wexford Fly-Fishing Club .... £220
- (9) Wexford Festival Trust .... £850
- (10) Loch Garman Silver Band .... £230
- (11) Bishopswater Community Play-Scheme .... £100
- (12) Talbot Street Play-Scheme .... £100
- (13) C.B.S. Band .... £125
- (14) Comhaltas Ceoltoiri (Wexford Branch) .... £500
- (15) St. Martin's G.A.A. Community Centre, Piercestown .... NIL
- (16) St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band .... £450
- (17) Clonard Community Festival .... £50
- (18) Wexford Light Opera Society .... £250
- (19) Maudlintown Play-Scheme .... £100
- (20) Clonard Youth Club .... £100
- (21) Ashfield/Belvedere Grove Play-Scheme .... £100
- (22) Wexford Arts Centre .... £750
- (23) Wexford Festival Singers .... £250
- (24) Jim Maguire & Barry Barnes (Stagefright Drame Co.) .... £25
- (25) Holy Family Confraternity Band .... £340

It was further agreed that an application from Tony Robinson, Selskar Street, for a grant for the painting of a mural either on gable of Arts Centre or junction of Faythe/William Street would be considered for a special grant.

REPORT ON VALUATION SYSTEM

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

"As requested at the meeting of 28.1.1985 the following are the details of the current rateable valuation of the Borough:-



(1)	Total Valuation 1984	..	£50,423.70
	Total Valuation 1985	..	£51,320.65
	Increase	..	£896.95

The increase arose as follows:-

Increase in Land Valuation	+	£17.70
Increase in Domestic Valuation	-	£6.91
Increase in Commercial Valuation	+	£886.16
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Total		£896.95

The increase in valuation is almost totally due to the transfer from the "exempted lists" to the "live lists" of property formerly owned by the Department of P. & T., and now in the ownership of Bord Telecom and An Post. However, this does not accrue any major benefit to the Corporation's funding base since rates on State Property were paid and are accounted for in this years and previous receipts estimates, under the heading of "Contribution in lieu of Rates". It will be seen in Programme 8 of the Estimates as circulated that provision under this heading in 1985 is substantially lower than in 1984. Conversely, the estimated nett effective produce of lp in the £ for 1985 (at £509) is substantially higher than that pertaining in 1984 (£494).

(2) An outline of the Valuation system is as follows:-

Lists of properties requiring revision are submitted each year to the Commissioners of Valuation. The Commissioner after his investigations submits new valuation lists to the Local Authority who implement the new valuations in the following year. There are rights of appeal against any revision for those affected but the final valuation fixed after the appeal process becomes affective from the date the new valuation would have been in operation.

In previous years revision lists were submitted to the Commissioner of Valuations on 1st December, each year. The Valuation Officer would carry out the revisions generally in July each year which would become operative from the 1st of January of the following year.

The revision date now(1985) is 14th February, and new valuations arising therefrom will not become operative until 1st January, 1986.

Furthermore revisions are not made by the Valuation Office until alterations, renovations or building works are fully completed on a premises.

The revision lists submitted on 14.2.1985 will be available for inspection at the meeting. ||

The report was noted. Arising out of discussion on the report it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne to recommend to the Minister that the technical officers of Local Authorities were capable and competent to assess the valuation and that local authorities should be empowered to assess valuations thereby reducing the lengthy delays currently experienced in valuing new development. It was further agreed that this proposal would be submitted to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland for their consideration.



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ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES

The Manager's Estimate of Expenses and statement thereon, copies of which had previously been circulated, were then considered. The provisions in each of the programmes and sub-programmes were then discussed. Arising out of discussion on the Estimates it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh that the Borough Engineer would investigate and report to the Borough Council on alternative heating systems for the flats at John Street and John's Gate Street.

It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate and report to the Borough Council on the provision of a proper access from Corish Park to Clonard Church.

The Manager stated that he would be discussing in the near future with officials of the South Eastern Health Board the level of support in the fuel scheme for heating of elderly persons flats at John Street and John's Gate Street and that he would report further to the Borough Council on these discussions.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne to request the Department of the Environment to increase substantially the allocation to Wexford Corporation for the Block Road Grant.

Arising out of discussion on the operation of the Domestic Water Charges waiver, the Manager stated that the scheme was operated in as flexible a manner as possible and would continue to be so.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh to investigate the feasibility of graffiti proofing the public conveniences.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hayes to request Wexford County Council for an up-to-date pollution report on the Slaney estuary and Wexford Harbour.

The proposed increase in burial fees, as had previously been discussed, was approved with Councillor Reck dissenting.

The recommendations of the Swimming Pool Committee in relation to increasing the charges for the Swimming Pool were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Mahoney. Arising out of discussion on this matter Councillor J. Roche was congratulated by all members present for pursuing the increasing of the grant from Wexford County Council to Wexford Corporation for the Swimming Pool in successive years with successful results.

It was agreed to discuss with the Wexford Town V.E.C. the feasibility of introducing supervision/games organisation in Redmond Park to be financed by the Social Employment Scheme and it was noted that the Corporation were open to discussion from parent groups in this regard.

Improvements proposed for the Municipal Buildings were discussed and noted.

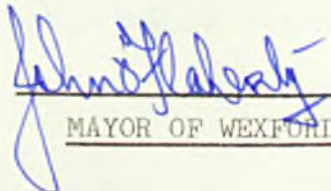
It was agreed to investigate the feasibility of sign-posting the offices in the Municipal Buildings for the convenience of the public.

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

It was agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting fixed for the 4th March, 1985 would be deferred to 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th March, 1985. It was further agreed that the March General Purposes Committee Meeting would be held at 8.00 p.m. on the 14th March, 1985.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 1985.

  
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,  
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche.

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

DEPUTATION FROM ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche it was unanimously agreed that a deputation from St. Joseph's Boys & Girls Club would be received at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

CIVIC RECEPTION - MR. LIAM O'LEARY

A request from Wexford Arts Centre to accord a Civic Reception to Mr. Liam O'Leary, a film historian, who was reared in Wexford, was then considered. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Civic Reception would be accorded to O'Leary at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th March, 1985 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

CIVIC RECEPTION - IRISH PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION.

Councillor Roche referred to the previous of the Borough Council regarding the affording of a Civic Reception to the Executive of the Irish Photographers Association who would be holding their Annual Conference in Wexford on the final weekend of March and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Civic Reception be afforded accordingly to the Executive on Saturday 30th March, 1985 at 5.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

USE OF TOWN CREST BY ST. IBERIUS NATIONAL SCHOOL

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to authorise the Committee of St. Iberius National School to use the Town Crest in a letterhead badge which would be used on school stationery.

PLANNING

Details of planning applications received since the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, were then considered. Questions raised in relation to individual applications were answered by officials in attendance. Arising out of discussion on the applications and in reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the change of use from a music shop to an amusement arcade on the premises at John Street was being investigated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(1) The following motions from Kinsale Urban District Council, were noted:-

- a)"That this Council deplores the termination of Irish Shipping Ltd., and urges the provision of a merchant navy for the country".
- b)"This Council demands, that the Department of the Environment implements Part S of the Draft Building Regulations (I.E., Accessibility to all public buildings for the Physically Handicapped) and request the support of all other Local Authorities".



- (2) A request from the Wexford Festival Opera Singers for permission to use the steps (and grounds) of the Municipal Buildings for an open-air concert on the evening of June 21st was unanimously approved on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche.
- (3) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking the Borough Council for their letter regarding increase in payments on vouchers under Free Fuel Scheme, was noted.
- (4) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications thanking Borough Council for their letter regarding the liquidation of Irish Shipping Ltd., stating that the Minister was having the matter examined and that a further letter would issue as soon as possible, was noted.
- (5) A letter from the Private Secretary to Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's letter regarding provision of adequate facilities for open visits at Portlaoise Prison, was noted.
- (6) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Agriculture stating that he would bring the Borough Council's resolution regarding future of Clover Meats to the Minister's attention, was noted.
- (7) A letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re Borough Council's resolution regarding local authority rents stating that the Minister had noted the contents, was noted.
- (8) A letter from Mr. Myles Redmond thanking the Members for their kind wishes on his recent illness, was noted.
- (9) The following motion from Dungarvan Urban District Council, was noted:-  
"That we, the members of Dungarvan Urban District Council, request that application be made by the Fire Authorities to the Insurance Companies for adequate contributions to help defray the recently imposed Fire Service Charges by these Authorities".
- (10) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour stating that he would bring the Borough Council's resolution regarding Clover Meats to the Minister's attention as soon as possible, was noted.
- (11) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance thanking Borough Council for their letter regarding Clover Meats and stating that the Minister had noted the Council's views on same, was noted.
- (15) A letter from Supt. D. Kenny re parking at Talbot Hotel, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (16) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding free fuel scheme (S.E.H.B.), was noted.
- (17) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment regarding tenant purchase schemes, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (18) The following motion from Castlebar Urban District Council, was noted:-  
"That Castlebar Urban District Council call on the Minister for Justice to prohibit all persons under 18 from using amusement machines".
- (19) The following motions from Limerick Corporation, were noted:-  
a) "Limerick City Council is gravely concerned at the implication of paragraph 7.32 of the Government's plan Building on Reality which states as follows:-

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Over 50 per cent of the exchequer current account funding of Local Authorities is paid in the form of a Rates Support Grant. This grant covers the balance between the resources that Local Authorities generate locally together with other block grants and their overall expenditure. The allocations decided on by Government will provide for only modest increases in this grant over the period of the plan. The level of the grant will be kept under review in the light of the ongoing review of local authority finances including the provision for a farm tax. Local Authorities will be expected to meet any financial difficulties which may arise by a combination of better management of available resources and the further generation of local sources of revenue".

b) The Limerick City Council calls on the Government to give greater protection in the preservation of our salmon stocks and to allow the Irish Navy to operate on its own in combatting illegal sea salmon fishing".

(20) Notice of Annual Conference for Elected Representatives to be held in Malahide, County Dublin, was noted.

(21) A letter from Contracts Manager, Telecom Eireann, stating that it is not possible to accede to the Borough Council's request to resite existing telephone kiosk located at Bishopswater, was noted.

(22) Correspondence re Membership of Local Authority Members Association, as had previously been circulated, was noted.

(23) Letter from Mr. J. Bruton, Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce & Tourism re industrial development, as had previously been circulated, was noted.

(24) The following motion from Limerick Corporation, was noted:-

"As members of the European Community, we, the elected members of Limerick City Council, call upon the elected members of the other Irish Local Authorities to pass the following Resolution, placed before Limerick City Council on the 10th December, 1984;  
We call upon the E.E.C. to give a firm commitment to release on a continuing basis sufficient grain to alleviate famine in African Countries".

(25) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution regarding the Social Employment Scheme and stating that he would bring the letter to the Minister's attention as soon as possible, was noted.

(26) The following votes of Sympathy to the Borough Council on the death of the late Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris, were noted:-

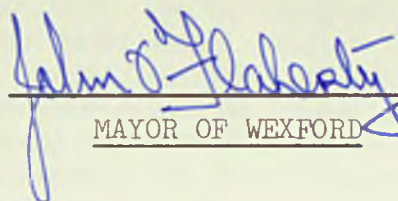
- a) Clonmel Corporation.
- b) Staff, Wexford Arts Centre.
- c) Board of Wexford Arts Centre.
- d) Wexford Branch of I.N.T.O.
- e) Mr. D. Spring, T.D., Tanaiste & Minister for Energy.
- f) Galway Borough Council.
- g) Parents Advisory Council - C.B.S. Secondary School.
- h) Dundalk Urban District Council.
- i) Board of Management - Scoil Mhuire, Coolcotts.
- j) Wexford Community Games.
- k) Wexford Festival Council.

(27) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's letter regarding the holding of local elections in the current year, stating that a further letter would issue shortly, was noted.

(28) A letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Environment re local elections, as had previously been circulated, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD



MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- G. Eyrne, P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

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

HOUSE AT 6, COLLEGE VIEW

A discussion was held on the allocation of the tenancy of a house at 6, College View arising out of the refusal by the two remaining applicants on the 1-bedroomed housing list to accept this house. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reck seconded by Councillor Howlin to recommend Mrs. Mary Salmon of 9, Mary Street, for the tenancy of the house. The Manager agreed to look sympathetically at Mrs. Salmon's application.

A discussion on other applicants for 1-bedroomed accommodation was also held arising out of which the applications of a Mrs. Stafford of Davitt Road and John Moran were recommended for consideration for the future.

REPORT ON PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLES

The Town Clerk submitted the following report:-

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRESENT POSITION</u>
1) Carrigeen Street	The title of this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for first registration.
2) Roche's Terrace	The title of this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for first registration.
3) Hill Street (Nth).	The title to this land is now freehold	Corporation Solicitors are preparing Certificates of Fee Simple on the various titles involved.
4) Emmet Place	The title to this property was originally leasehold, but following a freehold acquisition in recent times is now freehold.	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
5) William Street	The title to this property was originally leasehold, but now is freehold.	Freehold has now been lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
6) St. Enda's Tce.	The title to this property is complex, but following the acquisition of 2 title interests in recent years the Corporation now own a freehold title.	Solicitors are now investigating the matter of lodging the freehold in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
7) Grattan Tce.	Title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
8) Carrigeen St., West	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
9) Carrigeen St.,	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.



PROPERTY	TITLE	PRESENT POSITION.
Distillery Road.	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
Vill Street South side.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
Westgate	The title to this property is under lease, but negotiations for the acquisition of the freehold are now nearing completion and within one month or so, the Corporation will own the freehold of the property.	Application to the Land Registry for 1st registration will then proceed.
St. Ibar's Villas	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
St. John's Ave.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st Registration.
Menapia Ave.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st Registration.
O'Connell Ave.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st Registration.
St. John's Road Part thereof which includes 7 houses.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
St. John's Road	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
Davitt Road South	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
St. Magdalen's Tce.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
St. Ita's Tce.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
John's Gate Street 1 house	The title to this property is freehold	Investigations by the Solicitor are proceeding with a view to lodging in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
Davitt Road North	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
Wolfe Tone Villas	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
Davitt Road North	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
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PROPERTY	TITLE	PRESENT POSITION
Croke Avenue	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
28) Col.amba Villas	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
29) The Housing Schemes at Maudlintown.	The title to these properties <del>are</del> freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
30) Whiterock View	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
31) William Street, St. Brendan's Road	These properties were sold in fee simple	Freehold no longer held by the Corporation.
32) Davitt Road North	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
33) Devereux Villas/ Green Street	The title to this property is partly freehold which has been registered in the Land Registry and partly freehold which is not yet registered.	Part registered and part lodged for registration
34) St. Aidan's Crescent	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
35) Distillery House	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
36) Trinity Street	The title to this property is freehold	Application to the Land Registry for 1st registration is now being made
37) Bishopswater	The title to this property is in 3 parts, 2 of which are registered in the Land Registry and one has been lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration of the freehold involved.	Part registered and part lodged for registration.
38) Corry's Villas	The title to this property is freehold	First registration application is now being prepared.
39) Alvina Brook	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for first registration.
40) Casa Rio Tce.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
41) The Faythe, 3 houses.	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
42) Parnell Street	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
43) Corish Park	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.

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PROPERTY	TITLE	PRESENT POSITION
Monument Place/Hill St.	The title to this property is freehold	Corporation Solicitor is preparing an application for 1st registration to the Land Registry.
(45) Marian Row	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
(46) Spafield Ave.	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
(47) Wygram Place	The title to this property is freehold	Application for 1st registration is at present being prepared.
(48) Casement Tce.	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
(49) Tuskar View	This property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
(50) Fisher's Row	This property is freehold	Lodged in Land Registry for 1st registration.
(51) The Faythe, 9 houses.	This property is freehold.	1st registration application to the Land Registry is now being prepared.
(52) Mannix Place, Upper John Street.	The freehold of this property is now being purchased from the Hughes Estate and the acquisition should be completed within the next 2 months.	Application to the Land Registry for 1st registration will be made as soon as may be thereafter
(53) Davitt Road South.	This property is held in freehold	Application for 1st registration has been made to the Land Registry
(54) The Faythe, 2 houses.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(55) Parnell Street	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(56) Thomas Street	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(57) Davitt Road South	The title to this property is not yet complete as a leasehold interest has to be acquired. Negotiations have been proceeding for a number of years and it is hoped will be completed within the next few months.	Application to the Land Registry for 1st registration will be made as soon as may be thereafter.

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PROPERTY	TITLE	PRESENT POSITION
.) Kennedy Park	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
(59) Tuskar View, The Faythe.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(60) Davitt Road Sth.	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(61) Bernadette Place	The title to this property is freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(62) College View	The title to this property is freehold.	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(63) Liam Mellows Park	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
(64) Thomas Clarke Place, Lr. John Street.	The title to this property is freehold	Corporation Solicitors are at present preparing an application for 1st registration.
(65) Talbot Green	The title to this property is not yet complete though negotiations have been going on for a number of years now to purchase out the remaining interests involved. Negotiations are proceeding and it is hoped that the title may be put in order as soon as possible.	Application to the Land Registry to take place thereafter.
(66) John's Gate St.	The title to this property is under investigation by the Corporation Solicitor with a view to lodging the title involved with the Land Registry for 1st registration.	
(67) Ashfield Drive	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.
(68) Abbey Street, Mount George, John's Gate St.	The titles to these properties are freehold	Lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.
(69) Skeffington St.	The title to this property is freehold.	Application to the Land Registry for 1st registration is being prepared.
(70) Belvedere Grove	The title to this property is freehold	Part is registered in the Land Registry and part is now being registered under 1st registration application
(71) Bungalow at Coolcotta.	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in the Land Registry.

PROPERTY	TITLE	PRESENT POSITION
4) House at Carriglaw.	The title to this property is freehold	Registered in Land Registry.
(73) Lr. Abbey Street.	The title to these properties are partly freehold and partly under lease.	The freehold properties are now being lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registry. The freehold of the leasehold properties is to be purchased as soon as may be. Negotiations for the purchase are proceeding and it is hoped that the freeholds will be acquired as soon as possible. Application for 1st registration on these cases will be made to the Land Registry as soon as may be.
(74) Lr. John St. Flats	The title in this case is similar to that of Thomas Clarke Place.	
(75) The Faythe	The title in this case is similar to that of Bernadette Place	
(76) Bride St.	The title in this case is freehold	Application for 1st registration is being prepared to the Land Registry.
(77) Abbey Place	The title to this case is leasehold	Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of this freehold interest. As soon as this has been acquired, an application for first registration will be made to the Land Registry.

Please note that the above is a very brief outline of the titles involved in each of the 77 various properties on which <sup>the</sup> Corporation has built houses. The titles involved in each particular case are very complex and in some cases where major compulsory purchase orders were involved up to 100 different title interests had to be acquired out. Please note that at the present moment of time the titles are broken down into 3 major types.

(a) Titles registered in the Land Registry.

(b) Titles lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.

(c) Titles now being lodged in the Land Registry for 1st registration.

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The few remaining title cases where the freehold has yet to be acquired or where application to the Land Registry for 1st registration has not yet been prepared are in general of a very complex nature. Long and difficult investigations into these titles have been taking place over a number of years by Corporation staff in conjunction with the Corporation Solicitor. The Members should take careful note that every effort is being made to purchase out remaining freehold interests in the few remaining cases where the freehold has not been acquired. The Corporation Solicitor is in constant contact with Corporation officials to ensure that the time delays are kept to a minimum. However, these cases by their very nature tend to take long periods of time before agreements are made and before the actual transfers take place. The cases are made more difficult by the fact that the Landlords in some cases are residing outside the country, thus necessitating the engagement of foreign Solicitors."

The Manager outlined the position at Talbot Green and stated that additional capital allocation would have to be sought to offset the land compensation costs involved in the acquisition of the fee simple title in this case. Following further discussion on the report to which all members contributed the members paid tribute to the staff involved in the compilation of the report and the report was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 1985.

John Hobart  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF 'TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT' COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche.

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

DEPUTATION FROM ST. PETER'S SQUARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

His Worship the Mayor welcomed a deputation from the St. Peter's Square Residents Association who wished to make a submission on the extension of the Car Park Bye-Laws to St. Peter's Square. His Worship the Mayor outlined the procedure required by Standing Orders to be complied with by all deputations.

Mrs. I. Lowney, the Honorary Secretary of the Residents Association spoke on behalf of the deputation and thanked the Borough Council for receiving the deputation. Mrs. Lowney submitted to each member copies of a submission which she then read. The submission outlined the objections of the Residents Association to the proposed extension of the Car Park Bye-Laws in respect of St. Peter's Square and also made recommendations under headings of safety and amenity. The suggestions covered areas such as the re-routing of traffic and introduction of one-way systems around the square and in adjoining streets and the provision of an amenity area at St. Peter's Square. The deputation then answered questions from the members of the Borough Council following which His Worship the Mayor thanked the deputation for their submission and attendance and stated that the conclusions of the Borough Council would be notified to the deputation in due course. The deputation then departed.

A lengthy discussion then ensued on the deputation's submission during which it was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche that the following principle be adopted by the Borough Council.

- (1) The centre of St. Peter's Square to be used for amenity purposes.
- (2) A detailed discussion would be held with the Gardai regarding the traffic flows in the area.
- (3) The amenity scheme to be funded by way of the Social Employment Scheme.
- (4) The implementation of the scheme would be completed before December 1985.

Following further discussion a consensus view was expressed that there must be full acceptance of all residents and businesses in the area of a proposal to provide an amenity area in view of car parking facilities at St. Peter's Square and a consensus view was also expressed that if possible the proposal to provide an amenity area in the centre of St. Peter's Square would be proceeded with. Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck that His Worship the Mayor, the officials of the Corporation and the Garda Síochána would meet and discuss proposals regarding the amenity area and re-routing of traffic and introduction of one-way systems in the area and that a report from this meeting would be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee. Further arising out of the discussion the Manager stated that application would be made for assistance under the Social Employment Scheme for the amenity project.

CAR-PARK BYE-LAWS 1984.

Consideration was then given to the adoption of the Car-Park Bye-Laws 1984, details of which had previously been circulated, and consideration of which had been deferred from the February meeting of the Borough Council. Following discussion on the operation of the Bye-Laws and the implementation of the Car-Park and Road Traffic Bye-Laws, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh to adopt the Bye-Laws as amended by the exclusion of St. Peter's Square from the Bye-Laws, and to proceed with the statutory provisions in relation to the implementation of Bye-Laws.



PARKING AT NORTH MAIN STREET

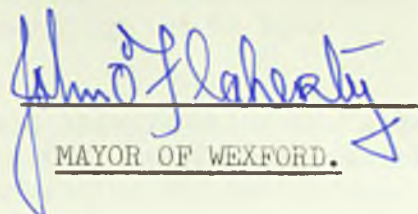
Arising out of discussion on the parking facilities available on-street at the North Main Street it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate this matter and report to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Garda Supt. regarding at the Talbot Hotel, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th  
FEBRUARY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche.

Apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. 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.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes that Alderman Byrne would assume the Chair for the meeting in the absence of His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Byrne accordingly assumed the Chair.

COMHALTAS CEOLTEORI EIREANN

With the consent of the Deputy Mayor Alderman Roche referred to the funding by the Arts Council of Comhaltas Ceolteori Eireann. He stated that though the Arts Council were receiving approximately £5.5m from the Government, only £50,000 approx. was being given by the Arts Council to Comhaltas. Ald. Roche stated that there should be far greater support and commitment for the promotion of Irish music and culture and proposed that the appropriate Minister and the Arts Council be made aware of the concern of the Borough Council at the low level of grant from the Arts Council to Comhaltas Ceolteori Eireann. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Roche and unanimously agreed.

MINUTES

The minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 7th January, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche 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 Cllr. Reck:-

- (a) Special Employment Meeting held on 14th January, 1985.
- (b) Special Meeting held on 14th January, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting held on 21st January, 1985.
- (d) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 22nd January, 1985.
- (e) Special Meeting held on 28th January, 1985.
- (f) Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 28th January, 1985.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY

Consideration was then given to the filling of the Casual Vacancy on the Borough Council caused by the death of the late Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris. Reference was made to a previous decision of the Borough Council by which seven days notice was to be given to each member of candidates to be proposed for the filling of any casual vacancy. The Town Clerk outlined the statutory provisions in relation to the filling of the casual vacancy and following further discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes to defer a decision on the casual vacancy to the March meeting of the Borough Council.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON V.E.C.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hayes it was unanimously agreed to defer the filling of two vacancies on the V.E.C. to the March meeting of the Borough Council.

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ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

A letter from the Secretary of the Electoral Area Boundaries Commission, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion was noted.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of 4th February, 1985 from the Hon. Sec., of St. Peter's Square & Environs Residents Association requesting that the Traffic Management Committee would meet a deputation from the Residents Association at their meeting of the 15th February, 1985, was then considered. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche that the deputation be received accordingly.

Cllr. Roche referred to a previous resolution of the Borough Council which invited the Canadian Prime Minister to visit Wexford. The Town Clerk in reply to Cllr. Roche stated that contact had been made with the Canadian Embassy in Dublin who in turn had contacted their Department of Foreign Affairs in Canada and a formal reply was still awaited. Cllr. Roche stated that the invitation had the full backing of the Tourism Council and on his proposal seconded by Ald. Roche it was agreed that the Town Clerk would further pursue this matter.

MOTIONS

Wet Time Social Welfare.

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

"That this Council call on Dr. G. Fitzgerald, Taoiseach, to guarantee a minimum weeks pay to workers on the building line for time lost through bad weather".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder spoke of the hardship which would be caused to families who depend on wet time insurance payments during bad weather. Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed. It was further unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne that the motion would be sent to I.C.T.U. calling for their support on the motion.

Irish Shipping Pensioners.

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

"That this Council call on the appropriate Minister to continue payments to ensure that Irish Shipping Pensioners are properly maintained in their old age and also their spouses".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the fact that prior to the liquidation of Irish Shipping the company pension was subsidised and they stated that the motion asks that this would continue. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Education facilities for Unemployed.

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

"That this Council calls on both the Minister for Social Welfare and Minister for Education not to penalise those unemployed people who wish to take a 2nd or 3rd level course".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that at present unemployed persons who wish to take education courses in many instances lost their entitlements under the Social Welfare Acts and they stated that such persons should not be penalised. The motion was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS

Domestic Water Charges.

In reply to Alderman Roche, Cllr. Hayes, the Town Clerk stated

that the nett amount provided in the Estimates for collection in 1984 in respect of Domestic Water Charges was £55,000 and a similar sum was provided for 1983. The total collected to date amounted to £43,963. The total charges waived amounted to £18,125.

The total number of premises in the Borough was 3,100.

The total number either paid in full or paying by instalments was 1,680.

The total number of premises where waivers applied amounted to 720.

#### Coolcotts Housing Scheme - Phase 5.

In reply to Alderman Roche the Town Clerk stated that the latest information regarding the availability of houses for letting in the Phase 5 Housing Scheme at Coolcotts was that the scheme would be completed in June 1985.

#### Visit to Wexford by An Taoiseach.

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

"That this Council call on the Taoiseach to visit Wexford to meet this Council and other relevant bodies to appraise for himself the economic situation in Wexford"

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion stated that only by a visit by the Taoiseach to Wexford would he become aware of the true situation and hardship being caused in the area because of the high unemployment rate of almost 25%. The motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Meeting with Minister for Finance.

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

"That this Borough Council seeks an immediate meeting with the Minister for Finance with a view to getting finance for projects in Wexford which are ready to start".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the large number of public works contracts which could be commenced and which would provide some much needed employment in the area such as the improvements at the County Hospital, the commencement of the Water Augmentation Scheme and Main Drainage Scheme, coastal protection work at Rosslare and the implementation of the Rosslare Harbour Development Plan prepared by C.I.E. Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Price of Coal.

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

"The price of coal is rising at a very unacceptable rate, I therefore call on the relevant Minister to investigate this matter".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the recent enormous increases in the price per bag of coal and they stated that the Prices Commission should investigate these increases. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

### QUESTIONS

#### Repairs to footpaths in Menapia Avenue.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated the repairs to footpaths in Menapia Avenue would be given priority in the current years work programme.

#### Parking at Main Street.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer outlined the terms of the Traffic & Parking Bye-Laws applicable to the Main Street.

#### Repairs to Mulgannon Road.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the request of the Borough Council to have repairs carried out to the Mulgannon <sup>road</sup> was being considered at present.



MOTIONS

Central Heating in Local Authority Houses.

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

"That this Council calls on the relevant Minister to provide the necessary funds for the installation of central heating in all future local authority housing schemes in Wexford".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the extra heating costs which tenants have to bear because of the lack of central heating radiators in local authority houses and outlined the hardship caused to some tenants because of this. Arising out of discussion on the motion the provision of gas cookers and gas facilities at the new housing schemes was referred to. The Town Clerk stated that some progress had been made in this area and that a full report on the matter would be made available to a meeting of the Borough Council as soon as they were available. It was then agreed to defer the motion under consideration to that meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing at Lr. John Street.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"That a pedestrian crossing be placed at Lr. John Street in the vicinity of this Council's flats at Thomas Clarke Place"

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the hardship caused to old persons particularly because of the lack of such a crossing. It was agreed that this matter be investigated and that a report on it would be discussed on it at the next available Traffic Management Committee Meeting.

Extension at Wexford County Hospital.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Health, Mr. Barry Desmond to immediately sanction the approval for the new building project to Wexford County Hospital".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need for the project to be undertaken in order to fulfill an existing need. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Divorce & Contraception.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on this Government to get on with solving the real problems that they seem to be ignoring, such as unemployment, crime and vandalism, instead of bickering and fighting over issues that will be of no great benefit to this country and its people, e.g., Divorce and contraception".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that the economic and employment needs of the people were presently more important than Bills such as those mentioned in the motion. Following discussion to which all members contributed a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>In Favour:-</u>	Ald. Byrne, Cllrs., Mahoney, Hayes (3).
<u>Against:-</u>	Ald. Kelly, Cllrs. J. Roche, B. Howlin, T. Roche (4).
<u>Abstained:-</u>	Cllr. Kavanagh (1).

The motion was declared defeated.

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QUESTIONS

Talbot Green Residents Association.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that no submission had yet been received from the Talbot Green Tenants Association arising out of their recent deputation to the Borough Council.

Painting at Mount George.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that arrangements had been made and provision had been made in the Estimates to have the exterior painting of Mount George carried out in the coming Spring.

Correspondence with D. McCabe.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Town Clerk stated that the letter issued by the Corporation to Mr. D. McCabe was on the lines agreed by the members and while correspondence had been received the requirements of the Corporation had not yet been met.

Traffic Crossing at Crescent Quay.

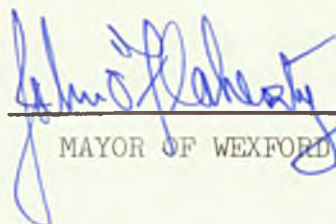
In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Manager stated that negotiations were in progress between the County Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and C.I.E. regarding the opening at Crescent Quay.

Main Drainage Monitoring Committee.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the Corporation's Consultants were presently finalising the final technical submission on the Preliminary Report to the Department of the Environment on the Main Drainage Scheme and that a meeting with the Monitoring Committee and the Technical Officers would be arranged at an early date.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> 4 DAY OF March, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD



MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck.

In Attendance:- Mr. DF. Curtin, Town Clerk.

CIVIC RECEPTION - IRISH PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION

Previous discussions regarding the Civic Reception for the Irish Photographers Association were noted. The Town Clerk outlined the arrangements for the Reception and these were agreed. It was further agreed that a small memento such as a plaque would be presented to the Association as part of the Reception.

CIVIC RECEPTION - VISITING GROUP FROM COUERON

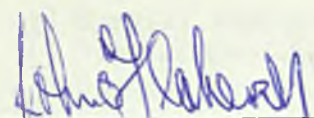
It was agreed that the Civic Reception for the Mayor of Coueron, the Minister of Sport and visiting group from Coueron would be held on Friday 12th April, 1985 at 7.00 p.m. at Whites Hotel. It was further agreed that on the same date at 6.30 p.m. the Mayor and Minister would be received by the Mayor and the Borough Council at the Municipal Buildings at which a presentation would be made to both the Mayor and Minister of Sport. It was agreed that the Town Clerk and His Worship the Mayor would make the necessary further arrangements.

VISIT FROM PRESELI LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Councillor Roche stated that over the coming months there would be an interchange visit with Preseli Local Authorities and Tourism interests and bodies in Wexford concerned with same. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Borough Council on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Mahoney that the Corporation would act as hosts for one meal for the visiting party (which would be approx. 10) during the visit, the date and time for which had yet to be arranged.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF April 1985.

  
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEXFORD CORPORATION AND THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25th MARCH, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche.

District Committee Members:-

Alderman G. Byrne  
Councillor J. Roche  
Councillor B. Corish  
Councillor L. Carthy  
Councillor T. Howlin

In Attendance:- Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. G. Forde, County Engineer.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. Casey, Deputy County Engineer.  
Mr. A. Murphy, Executive Engineer.

RETIREMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER

On the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor O'Mahoney the Borough Council unanimously paid tribute to Mr. Forde, County Engineer and wished him a happy retirement. All members present associated with the tributes and vote of good wishes and Mr. Forde suitably replied.

WELCOME

His Worship the Mayor then welcomed the members of the District Committee and the County Manager and other officials of the County Council to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

JACKETSTOWN LIME QUARRY

His Worship the Mayor then requested the County Manager to state the up-to-date position on the planning application for the development of a lime quarry at Jacketstown for the information and the benefit of the members of the Corporation. The County Manager stated that a planning application for this development was received in March 1984 and he outlined the main details of the application. Further information was sought by Wexford County Council in May 1984 and received in February 1985. He stated that the planning application was supported by farming organisations and that objections had been received from some tourism interests and from M/S. Lett Ltd. He had met with M/s. Lett Ltd., and their advisers in the recent weeks and considered a report commissioned by that Company on the possible effects of the limestone quarry development on the aquaculture in Wexford Harbour. The County Manager then read the conclusions of this expert and stated that in making the planning decision he had had regard to the findings of this expert. The County Manager also stated that in considering the application he had been concerned regarding the possibility of damage to aquaculture. Having regard to all of the circumstances he had made a decision granting permission but with some very restrictive planning conditions particularly in relation to limiting the amount of suspended solids in the discharge from the development to between 10 and 30 parts per million, restricting blasting operations to 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., restrictions on the operation so as to control dust, requiring contributions towards strengthening of access roads to the development and requiring bonding to ensure that the area would be left with a proper amenity upon completion of the quarry. Whilst he had granted planning permission, consideration was still being given to the terms under which a water discharge licence would be granted and this matter was already under discussion with the Department of Fisheries.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked the County Manager for his detailed explanation of the details concerned in the planning application. A lengthy discussion was then held. Mr. O'Mahoney then contributed and the County Manager replied to questions raised by the Members. The County Engineer and Mr. Murphy outlined the provisions in the planning permission regarding the monitoring of the discharge from the lime quarry.



Arising out of discussion and in reply to questions Mr. Murphy stated that it was accepted that Cooper's Pond was polluted and stated that the industry causing this pollution was currently being issued a licence to discharge their effluent which would alleviate this problem. Further arising out of the discussion the County Manager agreed to submit a technical report to the members of the Borough Council outlining the main provisions of the planning permission.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked the County Manager for his attendance at the meeting.

#### ROADS

Consideration was then given to the proposals of the County Council for the improvement and upkeep of the main roads in the Borough. The County Engineer gave details of the various roadworks which had been undertaken by the Council in the Borough area in the period 1981 to 1984 at a total cost of in excess of 1.1 million pounds. He also outlined the current years proposals which he stated had yet to be approved by the County Council. These proposals were to expend £20,000 on improvement of the Mulgannon Road and £10,000 for the improvement of the Spawell Road. A lengthy discussion was then held during which all members indicated areas of concern in relation to main roads in and adjoining the Borough and these areas were noted by the County Engineer. The County Engineer stated that the finance available to the County Council in the current year restricted the amount of work which they would be able to undertake to that already stated by him above. However where finance allowed he would endeavour to have as many of the complaints mentioned by the Borough Council undertaken as soon as possible. Arising out of the discussion the Deputy County Engineer stated that in relation to pedestrian crossings the County Council were governed by the national warrants which had to be achieved prior to introducing any form of controlled crossing. The areas in which these warrants had been met were (a) at Wygram where the Corporation were intending to install a pedestrian crossing in the current year (b) at King Street/Paul Quay for which there is no finance available in the current year and (c) at John Street/Georges Street where vehicular lights were warranted for which there was no finance available in the current year. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche it was agreed to prepare a specific plan for submission to the Department of Environment to obtain finance for (b) and (c) above. Following further discussion to which all members contributed Cllr. Howlin, Chairman of the District Committee expressed his appreciation for the meeting being held and His Worship the Mayor thanked the members of the District Committee and the officials of the County Council for their attendance at the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

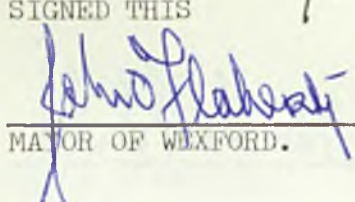
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY  
14th MARCH, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,  
N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. T. Roche Alderman P. Roche was unanimously elected as the nominee of the Borough Council to the Annual General Meeting of the I.P.B.M.I. Ltd.

CIVIC RECEPTION FOR VISITORS FROM COUERON.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hayes seconded by Ald. P. Roche it was unanimously agreed that a Civic Reception would be afforded to the Mayor of Coueron, the Minister of Sport for Coueron and a group of sportsmen from Coueron who would be visiting Wexford during the second week of April 1985, and it was further agreed that a presentation would be made to the Mayor and the Minister of Sport by the Corporation and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

PLANNING

Planning applications received since the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting, details of which had previously been circulated, were considered and noted. Arising out of discussion Councillor Hayes referred to a recent application for a major shopping development on the Enniscorthy Road and it was agreed that the Borough Council would further consider this application prior to a decision on the application being made.

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce & Tourism re Borough Council's resolution concerning the price of coal, was noted.

(2) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Health & Social Welfare stating that the Minister had noted the contents of letter from Borough Council re Wexford County Hospital, was noted.

(3) Letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare regarding Borough Council's resolution re unemployed people who wish to take a 2nd or 3rd level course, was noted.

(4) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding minimum weeks pay to workers on the building line for time lost through bad weather and stating that the Taoiseach had noted the contents of same and was bringing it to the attention of the Ministers for Finance, Environment and Labour, was noted.

(5) Letters of sympathy from the following to the Borough Council on the death of the late Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris, were noted:-

- (a) The No-Name Club.
- (b) Waterford Corporation.
- (c) Dublin Corporation.
- (d) Wexford County Council.



(6) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications thanking Borough Council for their letter regarding Irish Shipping Pensioners and stating that the Minister had noted the contents of same, was noted.

(7) The following motion from Waterford Corporation, was noted:-

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government Financial Provisions Act 1978 to enable G.A.A., Soccer Clubs and other sporting organisations to have playing pitches and dressing rooms free of rates and to provide that the rates so foregone be restored to the relevant rating authority by way of rate grant".

(8) Letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare regarding Borough Council's resolution concerning the provision of a Day Care Centre in Wexford and stating that he would be in touch again as soon as possible, was noted.

(9) Letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Barry Desmond, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare regarding Borough Council's resolution concerning improvement of facilities at Anne Street Employment Exchange and stating that he would be in touch again as soon as possible, was noted.

(10) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice re open visits at Portlaoise Prison, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

(11) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism re Borough Council's resolution concerning the unemployment situation in Wexford and stating that he would bring same to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity, was noted.

(12) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution concerning Pensions and stating that he would be in touch again as soon as possible, was noted.

(13) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding family income supplement, was noted.

(14) Letter from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding the withdrawal of Garda forces from the border stating that the Taoiseach had noted the contents and that he was forwarding same to the Ministers for Justice and Foreign Affairs, was noted.

(15) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Education thanking Borough Council for their resolution concerning unemployed people wishing to take a 2nd or 3rd level course stating that he would bring same to the Minister's attention as soon as possible, was noted.

(16) Letter from Secretary to An Taoiseach thanking Borough Council for their resolution calling on the Taoiseach to visit Wexford re economic situation and stating that she would bring same to the attention of the Taoiseach as soon as possible, was noted.

(17) Letter from the County Secretary regarding the proposed limestone quarry at Jacketstown, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed to request the County Secretary to ask the County Engineer and the appropriate staff to attend at a meeting of the Corporation to discuss this planning application.

(18) Letter from Mr. Alan Dukes, T.D., Minister for Finance re various projects for Wexford, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

(19) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance re VAT rates, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

(20) Letter from Mr. Barry Desmond re Employment Exchange at Anne Street, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

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(21) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment acknowledging Borough Council's resolution re valuations system for new developments stating that the matter is receiving attention, was noted.

(22) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour re wet time, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

(23) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour re Social Employment Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

(24) On the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to grant permission to Wexford Golf Club to use the Town Crest on notepaper for Wexford Golf Club subject to the usual conditions.

(25) On the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Kelly it was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from the National Graves Association to the Mayor, Members and officials of Wexford Corporation to attend the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford.

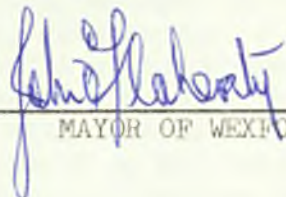
(26) On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to send a vote of thanks to the Young Scientists Exhibition Committee for their presentation to the Borough Council of a photograph taken at the 1985 exhibition opening at which the late Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris was in attendance.

#### INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The Manager informed the members that a national strike of Craftsmen's Mates was scheduled to take place on the week following the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF April 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH, 1985 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

UN-NAMED HOUSING BLOCKS

Arising out of a motion adopted at the meeting of the 4th March, 1985 further consideration was given to the naming of the blocks of flats owned by the Corporation. Following discussion during which the minute of the 15th March, 1984 was noted a consensus view was expressed that the blocks of flats would be allocated individual names and it was agreed that names for consideration would be submitted by those Councillors who wished to do so and would be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

HOUSING APPLICANTS

Ald. Roche referred to the application of Mr. J. Moran for a one-bedroomed unit and all members present indicated support for this application.

Cllr. Howlin referred to the application of Kathleen O'Sullivan, Corish Park who was presently no. 2 on the 2-bedroomed priority list and who now wished to change her application to the 3-bedroomed list.

Cllr. Reck referred to the application of Jack Lucking of The Faythe who was an applicant for an old persons dwelling.

Cllr. Reck referred to the application of Nellie Black of Wolfe Tone Villas who was an applicant for a transfer and suggested that consideration be given to allocating a family-type house to this applicant since her son was getting married in the near future and all of this family could live as a unit in a family-type house.

Cllr. Mahoney referred to the application of J. Cox, 11, Distillery Road who was an applicant for an old persons dwelling.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the application of Mrs. Stafford of Davitt Road South who was an applicant for an old persons dwelling.

Ald. Kelly referred to an application by Mrs. McLoughlin of 5, High Street who was an 82 year old widow living with her 45 year old son and requested that her application be considered as she was previously from Wexford and went to Dublin some years ago to look after her ill sister and returned to Wexford in 1983.

Ald. Kelly referred to the application of Mrs. Ellen Hanlon, 84, Belvedere Grove for a transfer to a three-bedroomed house and stated that Mrs. Hanlon was now reconciled with her husband and the size of the family required that a three-bedroomed house be allocated to her.

Cllr. Roche referred to previous discussions regarding the allocation of points in the Council's priority scheme for the severity of rent and following discussion the Manager stated that he would consider the views expressed when considering the housing applications.

The Manager referred to the report of the ad-hoc committee on the Homeless, and stated that steps should now be taken to get properties other than in Corporation housing schemes for the purposes of operating in co-operation with the Health Board and other authorities to provide accommodation and facilities for groups such as the homeless and other social need categories. This proposal was unanimously welcomed and supported by the Borough Council and following discussion the Manager agreed to refer the matter to the Borough Council with proposals in this regard.

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Gas Cookers for Coolcotts Phase 5.

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The following report/submitted by the Town Clerk:-

"As requested, the following is a report on the provision of gas cookers and facilities in the 55 house scheme currently under construction:-

At the September 1984 General Purposes Committee Meeting when plans for the 55 house scheme were being considered by the Borough Council, it was noted that the Department of the Environment refused to allow the Corporation to provide gas cookers in the houses as part of the capital cost of providing the houses.

Arising out of discussion on this matter, representations were made to the Department, who, though still refusing consent to instal cookers as part of the scheme, agreed to allow the cost of providing the mains to the scheme as part of the overall cost of the housing scheme. This cost had previously been borne by the Gas Company.

Because of the revised arrangements, the Gas Company were approached with a view to (a) providing cookers for tenants at a low cost which would be borne by the tenants and (b) providing an instalment scheme for tenants where required on the reduced cost. The Gas Company have now confirmed that they will supply cookers to tenants at a reduced rate of approx. 70% of normal retail price and will operate an easy instalment scheme for those tenants who require it. The saving to a tenant, paying by cash, will be almost £100".

The report was noted and the terms therein were welcomed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF April 1985.

John Flaherty  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF ANJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH MARCH, 1985 AT 7.50 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin,  
N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. M.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

WELCOME FOR COUNCILLOR O'GORMAN

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillor O'Gorman to his first meeting of the Borough Council since his co-option. All members and the Manager on behalf of the staff associated with the remarks of the Mayor and Councillor O'Gorman suitably replied.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1985

The Estimate of Expenses for 1985 and the Manager's Report thereon, copies of which had previously been circulated and considered at the Preliminary Estimates Meetings were then considered. Arising out of discussion on the Estimates it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche that a provision of £1,000 out of the estimates as circulated would be allocated towards the cost of providing a wall at the access at Corish Park to Clonard Church and towards the improving of a wall bounding the Mount George Housing Scheme. This provision was agreed to be allocated subject to further consideration being given to the projects when the Borough Engineer reported further to the Borough Council.

Following further discussion it was then proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh that Wexford Borough Council adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1985 the Estimate of Expenses as set out in Tables A & B hereunder and in accordance with the said Estimate the rate in the pound in the sum of £35.44 as set out in Column 10 of Table B.3 hereunder to be the rate in the pound to be levied for the 1985 local financial year for the purposes as set out in Column 10 Table B.3.

A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, Ald. G. Byrne, Cllrs., J. Roche, P. Reck, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman. (8)

Against:-

Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Councillors J. Mahoney, J. Hayes (4)

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

TABLE A

## EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1985.

PAGE 1

(1)	YEAR 1985				CURRENT YEAR 1984			
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Estimated by Manager (2) £	Adopted by Council (3) £	Estimated by Manager (4) £	Adopted by Council (5) £	Adopted by Council (6) £	Estimated Outturn (7) £	Adopted by Council (8) £	Estimated Outturn (9) £
1. HOUSING & BUILDING.								
1.1. Local Authority Housing.	1,495,602		1,599,313		1,225,480	1,240,933	1,313,863	1,324,316
1.2. Assistance to persons housing themselves.	268,076		270,631		214,570	214,570	218,502	218,502
1.3. Assistance to persons improving houses.	19,000		19,000		16,039	16,039	16,039	16,039
1.4. Admin. & Miscellaneous.	172,096		7,790		154,492	154,492	7,040	7,040
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL	1,954,774		1,896,734		1,610,581	1,626,034	1,555,444	1,565,897
2. ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY.								
2.1. Road Upkeep	158,929		—		139,396	139,396	—	—
2.2. Road Improvement	14,000		14,000		14,000	13,200	14,000	13,200
2.3. Road Traffic	42,419		51,750		32,282	32,282	35,750	35,750
2.4. Administration & Miscellaneous	57,475		4,901		45,110	45,110	4,159	4,159
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL	272,823		70,651		230,788	229,988	53,909	53,109

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PAGE 2

Programme Group and Contents.	YEAR 1985				CURRENT YEAR 1984			
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Estimated by Manager (2) £	Adopted by Council (3) £	Estimated by Manager (4) £	Adopted by Council (5) £	Adopted by Council (6) £	Estimated Outturn (7) £	Adopted by Council (8) £	Estimated Outturn (9) £
3. <u>WATER SUPPLY &amp; SEWERAGE</u>								
3.1. Public Water Supply Scheme	248,740		236,633		245,268	245,268	234,613	175,113
3.2. Public Sewerage Scheme	100,034		49,383		99,406	99,406	47,492	47,492
3.8. Administration & Miscellaneous	86,481		5,463		76,182	76,182	5,043	5,043
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	435,255		291,479		420,856	420,856	287,148	228,628
4. <u>DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES &amp; CONTROLS.</u>								
4.1. Land Use Planning.	5,000		—		5,000	5,000	—	—
4.5. Tourist Promotion.	3,450		—		3,450	3,450	—	—
4.8. Administration & Miscellaneous	14,660		11,008		12,724	12,724	8,319	8,319
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	13,110		11,008		21,174	21,174	8,319	8,319

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EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1985.

PAGE 2

Programme Group and Expenditure	YEAR 1985				CURRENT YEAR 1984			
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Estimated by Manager (2) £	Adopted by Council (3) £	Estimated by Manager (4) £	Adopted by Council (5) £	Adopted by Council (6) £	Estimated Outturn (7) £	Adopted by Council (8) £	Estimated Outturn (9) £
(1)								
<u>Environmental Protection.</u>								
5.1. Waste Disposal	165,914		—		157,504	157,504	—	—
5.2. Special Grants	42,480		10,000		39,645	39,645	5,000	6,000
5.3. Safety of Structures & Places.	6,300		2,000		6,250	6,250	2,000	2,000
5.5. Pollution Control.	7,500		—		7,000	7,000	—	—
5.7. Contribution by other Local Authorities.	—		18,300		—	—	16,625	16,625
5.8. Admin. & Misc.	91,854		5,214		72,662	72,662	4,573	4,573
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	317,248		35,514		283,061	283,061	31,193	31,193
<u>6. RECREATION &amp; AMENITY</u>								
6.1. Swimming Pools	89,790		48,550		84,527	84,527	42,650	42,650
6.3. Parks & Open Spaces	46,540		28,500		47,826	47,826	27,420	27,420
6.4. Other Rec. & Amenity.	6,500		—		1,850	1,850	—	—
6.8. Admin. & Misc.	35,372		1,920		29,138	29,138	1,735	1,735
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	180,202		78,970		163,341	163,341	71,805	71,805



TABLE A

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1985.

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PROGRAMME Group and Programmes.	YEAR 1985				CURRENT YEAR 1984			
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Estimated by Manager (1) £	Adopted by Council (2) £	Estimated by Manager (4) £	Adopted by Council (5) £	Adopted by Council (6) £	Estimated Outturn (7) £	Adopted by Council (8) £	Estimated Outturn (9) £
<u>7. Agric., Educ., Health &amp; Welfare.</u>								
7.2. Education	54,300		38,950		53,657	53,657	38,816	38,816
7.3. Health & Welfare	120,950		119,000		109,900	109,900	108,000	108,000
7.5. Administration & Miscellaneous.	13,052		590		9,086	9,086	530	530
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	118,302		158,540		172,643	172,643	147,352	147,352
<u>8. Miscellaneous Services</u>								
8.2. Plant & Materials	82,830		82,830		80,167	80,167	80,167	80,167
8.3. Financial Management	13,973		16,330		13,534	13,534	31,000	29,000
8.4. Elections	5,000		—		—	—	—	—
8.5. Property Damage	—		—		—	—	—	—
8.6. Administration & Miscellaneous	58,502		6,566		50,675	50,675	3,975	3,975
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL</u>	160,305		105,726		144,376	144,376	115,142	113,142
<u>ALL PROGRAMME GROUP TOTALS</u>	3,531,999		2,648,622		3,046,820		2,270,312	

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TABLE B.3

## WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROGRAMME GROUP  (1)	Estimated Gross Revenue Expenditure  (2)	Estimated Revenue Income  (3)	Estimated Nett Revenue Expenditure  (4)	Services provided by the Co. Council		Estimated Balance at beginning of Year		Amounts to be levied  (9)	Rate in the pound  (10)
				General Charges  (5)	Separate Charges  (6)	Debit  (7)	Credit  (8)		
1. Housing & Building	1,954,774	1,896,734	58,040	4,875	—	—	—	62,915	1.2563
2. Road Transportation & Safety	272,823	70,651	202,172	76,767	—	—	14,974	263,965	5.1605
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	435,235	291,479	143,756	—	—	—	—	143,756	2.8245
4. Development Incentives & Controls.	23,110	11,008	12,102	6,348	—	—	—	16,450	0.3225
5. Environmental Protection	317,248	35,514	281,734	70,386	—	—	—	35,120	6.9192
6. Recreation & Amenity	180,202	75,970	104,232	36,486	—	—	—	137,716	2.7052
7. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare.	168,302	158,540	9,762	60,727	—	—	—	110,489	2.1711
8. Misc. Services.	160,305	105,726	54,579	51,640	10,120	—	12,406	103,831	2.0330
<u>ALL PROGRAMME GROUP TOTALS</u>	3,531,999	2,648,622	883,377	327,229	10,120	—	27,482	1,193,244	23.44

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1985 the Council by resolution adopted for the financial year ending 31st December, 1985 the estimate of expenses set out in Tables A and B by resolution determined in accordance with the said estimate and rates in the pound set out in Column (10) at Table B3 to be the rate in the Pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column (1) of Table B3.

SIGNED:-

MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK

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On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Byrne a unanimous vote of thanks to the Manager and officials of the Corporation for the assistance given to the Borough Council in the consideration of the estimates was unanimously adopted. The Manager suitably replied.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

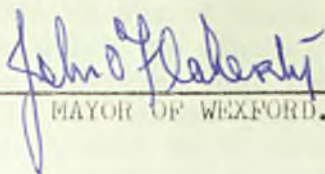
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DAY OF

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1989.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 4th MARCH, 1985 AT 7.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, N. Kavanagh.

Apologies from Ald. P. Roche for his 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.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

As discussed at the Preliminary Estimates Meeting it was unanimously agreed on  
the proposal of Cllr. John Roche seconded by Cllr. Mahoney that the Estimates  
meeting would be adjourned to 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th March, 1985.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

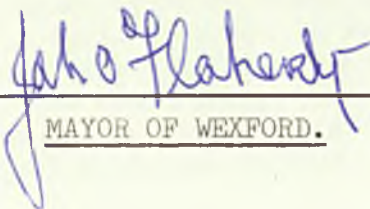
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, N. Kavanagh, B. Howlin, T. Roche.

Apologies from Alderman P. Roche for his 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.  
Mr. K.O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche votes of sympathy to Councillor P. Reck on the recent death of his Brother-In-Law and Mr. M. Stafford, Town Sergeant, on the recent death of his Mother, were unanimously adopted. The Manager on behalf of the 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 4th February, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. Roche.

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. Reck:-

- (a) Traffic Management Committee meeting held on 15th February, 1985.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 15th February, 1985.
- (c) G.P. Committee Meeting held on 15th February, 1985.
- (d) Swimming Pool Committee Meeting held on 25th February, 1985.
- (e) Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 25th February, 1985.

Arising out of the minutes Cllr. Roche referred to previous discussions regarding the Mulgannon Road and stated that at the Estimates Meeting of the County Council held on the day of the meeting, the County Engineer had indicated that provision had been made in the special works programme for the improvement of this road in 1985.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that the report on the provision of gas facilities in the 55 house development at Coolcotts would be submitted to the next G.P. Committee Meeting of the Borough Council.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Manager stated that the Borough Council were currently in negotiations to buy a ground rent in Talbot Green.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Manager stated that the proposals regarding St. Peter's Square considered and adopted at the Traffic Management Committee Meeting were being pursued.

Councillor Roche stated that at the County Council's Estimates meeting held on the day of the meeting, an additional £1,000 had been allocated by the County Council to the existing contribution towards the running costs of the Swimming Pool bringing the total contribution to £10,000. This was welcomed by the Borough Council.

CASUAL VACANCY

Mr. Sean O'Gorman, Coolcotts, Wexford, was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Byrne to fill the vacancy on the Borough Council caused by the death of the late Mayor, Cllr. Kevin C. Morris.

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Mr. O'Gorman had previously indicated his consent in writing to act as a Councillor if so elected. There being no other nominations Mr. O'Gorman was duly declared to be co-opted as a member of the Borough Council.

#### CASUAL VACANCIES ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk stated that since Cllr. O'Gorman had been an extern member of the V.E.C., there were now three vacancies to fill on the V.E.C., one internal and two external.

##### Internal Vacancy.

Cllr. S. O'Gorman was proposed by Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Reck. There being no other nominations Cllr. S. O'Gorman was declared elected to fill the internal vacancy on the Wexford Town V.E.C.

##### External Vacancies.

Mr. Oliver Murphy, 84, Talbot Green, Wexford, was proposed by Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. T. Roche.

Mr. Patrick Whelan, 163, The Faythe, Wexford, was proposed by Alderman Byrne seconded by Cllr. Reck.

There being no other nominations Mr. Murphy and Mr. Whelan were unanimously declared elected to fill the two external vacancies on the Wexford Town V.E.C.

#### CAR-PARK BYE-LAWS 1984.

Wexford Corporation Car-Park Bye-Laws, 1984 as set out hereunder were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"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, Church Street, Bride Street, High Street and Mallon Street, 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."

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1984. PROPOSED VARIATIONS.

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

"Delete objectives H. 1 and H. 8, as follows, from the Development Plan for the Borough of Wexford.

(As on Page 51 of written statement and on Town Details Maps No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4).

H. 1 - Provision of Housing at Talbot Green (later stage).

H. 8 - Investigate feasibility of using part of Open Space at Corish Park for housing,

and substitute revised Page 51 in written statement and revised Town Detail Maps No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4.



The three month display period for the above proposed variations expired on 11th February, 1985. No objections or representations in relation to these changes were made within the display period. It now remains for the Borough Council to formally make the variations of the plan".

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Kelly the variations as detailed in the report were unanimously approved and the Development Plan 1984 accordingly amended.

SALE OF LAND AT LR. BRIDE STREET.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne the sale of a plot of ground at Lr. Bride Street to Mrs. Kathleen Brennan 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.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Parade

A letter from the Hon. Secretary to the St. Patrick's Day/Committee, which set out details of the proposals for the St. Patrick's Day Parade 1985 was then read and noted. The Town Clerk stated that details would be circulated to all members in the coming days.

Housing at Coolcotts.

The Manager stated that he had received a letter from the N.B.A. in relation to the proposal to erect 72 local authority houses and 18 private houses at Coolcotts and that the layout of the proposal would be submitted to the Borough Council in the near future. Following discussion a consensus view was expressed that this matter would be further discussed before a final decision on the proposal outlined in the letter under discussion.

Rosslare Harbour Development Committee.

A letter from Cllr. Reck regarding a recent article in the Enniscorthy Echo regarding his Chairmanship of the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee was then considered. His Worship the Mayor stated that the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee had been set up by the Mayor of Wexford and was therefore under the auspices of the Wexford Corporation. He resented dictation from persons outside of the Corporation in relation to affairs of the Wexford Corporation. All members present supported His Worship the Mayor in his remarks and discussion on this matter concluded.

MOTIONS

Fire Safety/Security of Houses.

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

"That this Borough Council in co-operation with the Fire Services would agree to an acceptable approach to bring to the attention of the public the dangers of oversecuring their homes".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the difficulties caused by the introduction into houses of oversecure windows and doors without regard being had to the necessity to maintain fire escape in the event of fire. They stressed that it was important to take an emphasis on fire prevention and following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed. It was further agreed to invite the Chief Fire Officer to a General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Borough Council to further discuss this matter. Arising out of the discussion reference was made to the need to examine the Corporation flat complexes to establish that means of escape are available in the event of fire.

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Un-named Housing Blocks.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

"That this Borough Council at the next G.P. Meeting consider a list of suitable names for the un-named housing blocks which they have built and at that meeting final decisions re same be made".

Following discussion during which suggestions in relation to the naming of housing estates and blocks were made the motion was unanimously adopted.

General Purposes Committee Meetings.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly:-

"Requesting the conclusion of this Council's General Purpose Meetings, excluding housing".

There being no seconder for the motion His Worship the Mayor declared the motion to have fallen.

Road Repairs at Belvedere Road.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"This Authority calls on Wexford County Council to expedite road repairs at Belvedere from Hore's Shop to Corish Park Cross".

Whilst noting that the Belvedere Road was a 50/50 responsibility between the County Council and Corporation, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Money Lenders Legislation.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government to review the legislation concerning Money Lenders, in order to curb their activities, both legal and illegal, resulting in hardship and trauma among many people especially young married couples".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the excessive interest rates charged by some money lenders and to the hardships caused for many people because of the operation of some of the money lenders. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

Information Centre at Labour Exchange.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"That this Council call on the appropriate Minister to re-establish the information centre at the local Labour Exchange to facilitate people with problems".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need for the information service to deal with queries in relation to entitlements and following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Caretaker - Redmond Park.

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

"In view of the fact that Redmond Park is the only amenity park in Wexford Town I move that this Borough Council supports this motion to appoint a full-time Park Warden under the Social Employment Scheme".

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In the motion the proposer and seconder outlined the need for a caretaker in the Redmond Park. The Manager stated that the Social Employment Scheme could not be extended at present as envisaged in the motion for the Corporation. A discussion was held on the recent discussion on this subject regarding the involvement of the Wexford Town V.E.C. and it was agreed to await the outcome of these discussions with the V.E.C., before considering the matter further.



Toilet Facilities for Disabled.

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

"That this Borough Council supports this motion to provide adequate facilities for wheelchair people at our existing toilets at car park, Crescent Quay".

The Borough Engineer stated that the toilets at Crescent Quay had been provided in accordance with the specifications of the Wheelchair Association and following discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would discuss this matter further with the local branch of the Wheelchair Association.

QUESTIONS

Meeting with County Council.

In reply to Councillor Reck and Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that the District Committee of Wexford County Council would be considering the request for a joint meeting with that body and Wexford Borough Council at their meeting on Friday 8th March, 1985.

Mulgannon Road.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a reply from the County Council had not yet been received in relation to the improvement of the Mulgannon Road but referred to discussions / earlier in the meeting regarding same.

Footpath at John Street.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would refer the matter of the repair of the footpath at John Street outside Morris' shop to the County Council since this street was in the charge of Wexford County Council.

Trees at Airhill.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the Minister for the Environment had granted permission to the owner of lands at Airhill to cut down trees which had been declared to be dangerous and diseased and that 150 trees would be planted by the owners in lieu of those cut down.

New Library at Abbey Street.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Manager stated that the new library at Abbey Street would be opened in the course of the current year.

Housing at Coolcotts.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the commencement of the next phase of the Coolcotts Local Authority Housing Development would be dependent on capital allocation and that the necessary tender documents were currently being prepared by the N.B.A. for this scheme.

Boulders at Car Park at Kennedy Park.

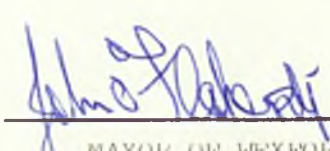
In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that there were no plans at present to remove boulders at the car park at Kennedy Park.

Amusement Arcade at Lr. John Street.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that he had had a meeting with the owner of the premises at which an amusement arcade had been opened at Lr. John Street and that the owner was now submitting an application for permission to retain this development.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF April 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
29th APRIL, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche and S. O'Gorman.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Howlin votes of sympathy as follows were unanimously adopted;

- (1) To the relatives of the late Mr. Jim Ryan.
- (2) To the sister and brother of the late Mr. Thomas Kelly of North Main Street.
- (3) To Dr. T. Walsh and other relatives of the late Mr. John (Sandy) Walsh.

All members and the Manager on behalf of the staff associated with the vote of sympathy. The votes were passed in silence, all standing.

PLANNING

A lengthy discussion was held on the planning application received for a major shopping development at New Road. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes that a meeting of the Corporation to which representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups would be invited, would be held before a decision on this application issued. His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the time within a decision was to be made on this planning application had been extended by agreement between the applicant and the Corporation to 31st July, 1985. This was noted by the meeting.

Arising out of discussion on this matter and on shopping facilities in general, in reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that when the present housing contract at Coolcotts was near completion, the site for the Neighbourhood Centre at Coolcotts would be advertised for tender.

REPORTS

Housing Capital Allocation

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion noted:-

"The Corporation has been informed by circular letter No. 10/85 received on 2nd April, 1985 by the Department of the Environment that the 1985 allocation for existing commitments for capital housing programmes has been set at £1,111,000. The allocation includes £222,000 to cover expenditure on N.B.A. schemes. The total allocation is sufficient to cover the anticipated needs for existing commitments. Applications for capital allocation for new housing starts in the current year are currently being considered and will be notified in due course."

Arising out of discussion on the report the Manager stated that he would have the report from the N.B.A. on the next phase of Housing Development at Coolcotts for the next General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Borough Council. Further arising out of the discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. Kelly to request the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the Borough Council regarding the making available of finance for the new local authority housing starts in the current year.



Road Improvement Programme

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

"I set out below the Road Improvement Works for the current year:-

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| (1) Signalised crossing at Wygram  | .. .. £9,000  |
| (2) Reshape 2,000 sq. m. of Helvedere Road over its level section. Provide drainage and repair footpaths.  | .. .. £11,000 |
| (3) Demolish house and construct extension to Keyser's Lane Car Park, including lining out.  | .. .. £ 3,000 |
| (4) Provide public lighting at various locations throughout the town.  | .. .. £1,000  |
| (5) Widening road at Kennedy Park/Corish Park, 110 m. by 3 m. wide. Include for breaking out existing concrete and rekerbing footpath, then laying new road surface. | .. .. £7,000  |
| (6) Relay concrete footpaths at Davitt Road South, 90 sq. m.   | .. .. £ 900   |
| (7) Relay section of road drainage at Talbot Street, 40 m. in length plus 2 manholes.  | .. .. £1,100  |
| (8) Relay tarmac section at Green St./Thomas St. 200 sq. m.  | .. .. £1,500  |

In addition to the above improvement works on all footpaths in the town together with some improvement works to Waterloo Road will be undertaken given the availability of necessary finance."

Arising out of discussion on the report the Borough Engineer <sup>in</sup> reply to questions stated that the report outlined the major works which would be undertaken during the course of the year and that in addition to these works, provision had been made in the ordinary maintenance estimates for the carrying out of works on roads and footpaths in other areas of the town. Further arising out of the discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the re-lining and erecting of appropriate signs on the junction at Pike Corner.

Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

The following report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

REPORT ON UP-TO-DATE POSITION ON WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE.  
SCHEME

The Preliminary Report on this Scheme was submitted to the Department in July, 1983. Subsequently, a series of meetings was held between the Department Inspector, Wexford Corporation and County Council Engineering Staffs and the Consultants. The modifications of the Preliminary Report resulting from these discussions were incorporated in an Addendum Report which was submitted to the Department in February, 1985. We are now awaiting sanction to these Reports.

The following is, therefore, an up-dating of the suggested contract allocation cost and periods of construction and installation of work. Note that the adjustment of the 1983 costs to 1985 is an approximation as it is arrived at by applying the Building Cost Index increase of 13.5% for that period. This is a rough estimate towards increasing cost rather than the Civil Engineering Works, .. location of Pumping

CONTRACT	DESCRIPTION	1983 COST £	1985 COST £	CONSTRUCTION PERIOD
(1)	(i) Stage 1, 2 and 3 of Quay Extension and Marina Development (less interceptor sewer, Pumping Station and Rising Main and Surface Finish).  (ii) Main Outfall Sewer Section from Maudlintown to Main Channel  (iii) Combined Sewer at Selskar.	2,900,000	3,291,500	Start of 1986 to End of 1989.
(2)	(i) Main Quay Extension Sewer, Pumping Station, Rising Main and finished surface.  (ii) Phase (1) of Sewage Treatment Works and Remaining Outfall pipework.  (iii) Coolcotts Pick-Up of Outfall.  (iv) Combined Sewer King Street Area	1,870,000	2,122,450	Mid 1988 to Mid 1990.

CONTRACT	DESCRIPTION	1983 COST £	1985 COST £	CONSTRUCTION PERIOD
(3)	(i) Combined Sewers  (ii) Foul Interceptor Sewers Distillery Road Pumping Station, Rising Main and Outfall sewer section	1,500,000	1,702,500	Start of 1991 to end of 1993
(4)	All remaining works, including storm, rest of combined and foul sewers, overflows, Outfalls and Work at Bishopswater	1,950,000	2,213,250	End of 1993 to End of 1997
	Total Value	8,220,000	9,329,700	

The following is a Resume of the modifications detailed in the Addendum Report.

Coolcotts Drainage

- (1) The existing outfall and basic treatment of the drainage from the Coolcotts area has now been included in the Scheme as their capacity has been exhausted. The increased cost is included above.

(2) Pumping Station

The aesthetic consequences of locating the main pumping station i.e., a 15 ft. high building immediately South of the Crescent is of concern. The Addendum Report costed out the alternative of locating this structure on C.T.F. property at the South Station and would be of the order of £500,000. The concern is based on the intrusion of the building on the view of the harbour, although it has always been intended to build on the Quay Extension somewhat smaller structures such as a Harbour Master's Office, chandellers offices, etc., at the Marina and a loading crane adjacent to the vertical berthing. The Pumping Station will have to be protected by screens which will require periodic cleaning, with an hourly process. (see attached drawing for proposed location of Pumping Station)



### Treatment Works

The Reports considered four locations for the Treatment Works (see attached maps).

- (A) At mouth of Kerlogue Stream - abandoned due to distance from town and resulting lengths of double piping required to reach outfall point.
- (B) Closer to town but site is higher - abandoned due to pumping and site costs and proximity to food processing plants, i.e., Creamery and Buidare.
- (C) On Foreshore between Wexford Creamery and Maudlintown not favoured due to proximity to Maudlintown and Creamery.
- (D) On reclaimed land beside South Training wall. This location is favoured as it has the advantage of significantly reducing pumping costs, is close to the optimum outfall point and is further away from Maudlintown and Creamery. It would also provide a retaining area, which could be reclaimed as an amenity or industrial area in the future. It has the disadvantage of infringing the view from part of Maudlintown although the impact of this could be reduced in the design and screening.

The annual running costs of the overall scheme will be dealt with in a future report."

Arising out of discussion on the report it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Roche to request the Department of the Environment for approval to the expending of additional finance for the purposes of re-locating the pumping plant proposed for the area adjacent to the Crescent so that the pumping plant building would not be sighted so as to seriously damage the open sea-front of Wexford. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche to request the siting of the treatment works for elsewhere other than the Maudlintown area in view of the fact that this area had for many years suffered considerable discomfort from the existing drainage network and the siting of the treatment works in the area would damage the visual amenity and be a possible source of bad odours in the area. It was agreed that the Borough Engineer would further investigate the above matters and report to a meeting of the Main Drainage Scheme Monitoring Committee which was agreed to be held on the proposal of Ald. Roche. Arising out of the discussion a consensus view was expressed that the amendments sought should not be the cause of any delays in the implementation of the scheme which it was unanimously agreed should be implemented at the earliest possible date.

### Water Augmentation Scheme.

The following report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered:-

#### REPORT ON UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON WEXFORD WATER AUGMENTATION SCHEME.

"This scheme is at an advanced stage. A Preliminary Report has been sanctioned and Contract Documents submitted to the Department. Some delay in progressing the Scheme resulted from the fact that between the time of the Sanction of the Preliminary Report and the preparation of the Contract Documents, the L.B.A. purchased some 80 acres of land within the area of the Scheme, thus requiring a significant increase in the scope of the Scheme and, therefore, beyond the terms of the original Sanction. This has been discussed in detail with the Department and is now accepted by them in principle. However, it also requires greater areas of land to be purchased for pumping and treatment works particularly to overcome the iron and manganese content in the borehole water and an increased area for the Bulk Storage Reservoir.

Negotiations for the purchase of the necessary lands are in progress and though some problems are being experienced it is hoped that these will be resolved in the immediate future.

The Department and Wexford Borough Council have submitted applications to the Scheme, these are being designed and reaching completion and are basically the treatment to deal with iron and manganese and the increased Bulk Storage Reservoir.

The Scheme consists of the following:-

- Contract (1) (a) Pumping Station and Treatment Works at Sinnottstown Lane.  
(b) Rising Main to Starvehall.  
(c) One million gallon storage Reservoir at Starvehall.  
(d) Trunk Main to Town.

The cost of this Contract £1,500,000 approx.

- Contract (2) (a) Developing Borehole at Sinnottstown, Kellystown, Rowestown, Killykillane.  
(b) Building the pumping well and sumps for these boreholes.  
(c) Some mains laying.

The cost of this Contract £700,000 approx.

Sanction to prepare Contract Documents for this element of the Scheme has been agreed in principle and the design work is at an advanced stage."

The report was noted.

### Heating of John Street Flats.

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

"At the meeting on 1st April, 1985 details of the provision in the Estimates for the current year as set out again hereunder for the heating of the flats at John Street/Lr. John Street were notified to the members:-

<u>Estimated Expenditure 1985</u>	.. .. £51,650
<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Contribution from tenants	.. .. £2,360
Contribution from S.E.H.B.	.. .. £3,720
Contribution from Cheap Fuel Scheme	.. .. £,440
<u>Total</u>	.. .. <u>£12,600</u>

We have now been informed by the Supt. Social Welfare Officer that a heating supplement will no longer be available from the S.E.H.B. for tenants of these flats from S.W.A. flats. The Officer states that taking into account the household income of each of the flats they are all above S.W.A. rates. They further state that all persons living throughout the county have to pay at least £10 p.w. towards their fuel costs.

The effect of this decision is that there will now be a shortfall in the current year of £3,720. The supplement payable by the Health Board was for the months May to September and to receive this amount from each of the tenants will mean payment of an additional £2.00 p.w. from each tenant for that period."

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. It was a unanimous view that there should not be any increase effected on the residents of these flats at the present time and on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck it was agreed to write to the South Eastern Health Board and to inform the Board of the Borough Council's strong opposition to their proposal to cut-out the heating supplement payment, particularly having regard to the amount of payment involved.

Arising out of discussion on the above report, it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate alternative heating systems for the flats including the provision of solar panels and individual back-boilers.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, as had previously been circulated, regarding resolutions, was noted.

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- (2) A letter from the Committee of the Wexford Film Society thanking the Borough Council for the civic reception afforded to Mr. Liam O'Leary, was noted.
- (3) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications thanking Borough Council for their letter re Irish Shipping Ltd., and stating that the contents had been noted, was noted.
- (4) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution re Irish Shipping Ltd., and stating that same had been passed onto the Minister for Communications, for his attention, was noted.
- (5) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance re Borough Council's resolution re money lending and stating that same had been forwarded to the Minister for Justice for his attention, was noted.
- (6) A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their letter re information centre at local Labour Exchange, was noted.
- (7) Letter from County Secretary re pollution count in Wexford Harbour, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (8) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance re Borough Council's letter concerning the Arts Council allocation to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and stating that same had been forwarded to the Minister of State and Culture at the Department of The Taoiseach, for his attention, was noted.
- (9) Letter from Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Arts & Culture re Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (10) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications re liquidation of Irish Shipping Ltd., as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (11) Correspondence from Institute of Public Administration re recommendations of the Local Authority Members Association, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (12) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare re Pensions, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (13) A letter from the Management Committee of Páirc Charman requesting permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on a C.C.A. Banner, was considered and on the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. J. J. Roche the use of the Wexford Coat of Arms as requested was unanimously approved subject to the usual conditions.
- (14) The following resolutions from the Wexford Health Committee were unanimously endorsed on the proposal of Cllr. J. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Beck:-

#### "WEXFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL"

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED that the Wexford Health Board call on the Minister for Health to issue immediate sanction to stage five (working drawings) of the first phase development for the new Wexford General Hospital and to proceed to stage six; and to make funds available for the employment of a paediatrician and all necessary support staff in the hospital.

#### "ATTACKS ON THE ELDERLY"

##### THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

1. the Minister for Justice be requested to re-structure the organisation of the Garda Síochána to ensure that there are adequate manning levels in all Garda stations; that particular attention be given to the demands on the Wexford Garda Station to meet the requirements of Rosslare Harbour port; that rural Garda stations be re-opened; that a Garda Sergeant be re-assigned to the Ferns Garda Barracks; and that persons convicted of attacks on elderly people be punished in a manner befitting their crimes.

AND

- (2) The Minister for Communications be requested to waive the fee for installing a telephone for an old person.

AND

- (3) The Minister for Social Welfare be requested to exclude all money deposited in the post office and banks when calculating means for the purpose of determining eligibility for old age pensions"

OTHER BUSINESS

Graffiti

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would arrange for the removal of graffiti from the walls of premises in the centre of the town.

Unauthorised Caravans at Coolcotts.

In reply to Cllr. O'Gorman the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation were aware of caravans recently sighted at Corporation land at Coolcotts and that proceedings to remove these caravans were already in hands.

Nissan Cicycling Classic.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had had discussions with the organisers of the Nissan Cicycling Classic which was to be held on September 1985 with a view to ensuring that Wexford was nominated as a stage-stop for the race. The race would have many competent national stars and would be widely covered by television and to ensure the organisers arranged for a stage-stop in Wexford, His Worship the Mayor was seeking a local contribution from a number sources towards the cost of holding the race. The action of the Mayor in this matter was unanimously welcomed.

European Music Day.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he was organising a celebration to take place on European Music Day which would be 1st June, 1985 and planning for a number of events to be held on that day was already well in hand. He stated that the European Music Year Committee had made available a grant of £475 towards the cost of organising the events. The Town Clerk stated that this was 50% of the estimated total expenditure involved and on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Mahoney expenditure up to £475 by the Corporation was unanimously approved. Arising out of the discussion on the matter Cllr. Roche agreed to raise this matter with the County Council with a view to a contribution being made by the County Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 1985.

John Flaherty  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 29th APRIL, 1985 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

- Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.
- Aldermen:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.
- Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche.
- In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Insp. Gilhooly, Garda Siochana.  
Sgt. Darmody, Garda Siochana.  
Mr. P. Kinsella, Chamber of Commerce.  
Mrs. Bartlett, Wexford Trades Council.

ST. PETER'S SQUARE AMENITY AREA

His Worship the Mayor stated that the sub-committee of the Traffic Management Committee that had been appointed at the last meeting of the Committee had met on two occasions and considered the creation of an amenity area at St. Peter's Square. The results of the deliberations of the sub-committee were as circulated to all members of the Committee. Sgt. Darmody referred representations that had been made regarding difficulties caused to Messrs. Nunn's Ltd. because of the introduction of the one-way traffic system at Peter's Street. It was noted by the meeting that the proposal under discussion would not alter the traffic flow situation in this area.

Cllr. Roche stated that the residents of St. Peter's Square had requested him to make the following points for the consideration of the meeting:-

- (a) The flow of traffic should be reversed;
  - (i) Southwards down Peter's Street.
  - (ii) Southwards down Cinema Lane.
  - (iii) Northwards up Henrietta Street.
- (b) To use old bollards presently stored in the South Station for the purposes of making seating for the proposed amenity area.
- (c) That the roof of the bandstand would be trellis with climbing plants for decoration if necessary.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the feasibility of creating a small children's play area in the proposed amenity area for the use of the Family Centre and St. Brigid's Cresh School.

Mr. Kinsella stated that the Chamber of Commerce in principle supported the idea of providing amenities in the town but stated that his Chamber were concerned at the loss of car parking space at St. Peter's which was close to the Main Street and convenient for shoppers. His Worship the Mayor in reply stated that this matter had been considered by the sub-committee who considered that Bride Street Church Car Park and the Friary Car Park were in the immediate area and are presently underutilised and that this coupled with the recent introduction of limited parking on South Main Street would more than cover the objections in relation to the loosing of the St. Peter's Square Car Park. Following further discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Cllr. J. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Roche to (a) Adopt the proposed amenity scheme for St. Peter's Square as outlined in the plan, as circulated for the meeting and (b) To refer the suggestions of the residents of the area regarding the one-way traffic systems to the Gardai for their consideration.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF May 1985  
  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15th APRIL, 1985 AT 4.00 p.m., COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

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

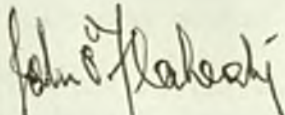
Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. M. Maher, President, Chamber of Commerce.

AMENITY AREA - ST. PETER'S SQUARE

Discussions which had commenced at meeting held on 4th April, 1985 were then continued. A unanimous view was expressed that the proposal as outlined in the plan as circulated at the previous meeting should be adopted. A discussion was then held regarding the loading and unloading facilities for M/S. Nuns Ltd and Supt. Kenny agreed to discuss possible solutions for the anticipated difficulties of M/s. Nuns directly with the Company. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Traffic Management Committee that the proposal as outlined in the plans be adopted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 1985.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY  
4th APRIL, 1985 AT 4.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

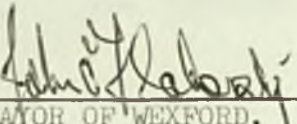
Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Supt. D. Kenny, Garda Siochana.  
Sgt. Darnody, Garda Siochana.  
Mr. M. Maher, Chamber of Commerce.

His Worship the Mayor outlined the reasons for the setting up of the sub-committee and stated that the Borough Council had approved in principle of the creation of an amenity area at St. Peter's Square in view of the existing car park in this area. In addition one-way traffic systems were mooted for the area. Draft plan which had been prepared by the Borough Engineer was then circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was agreed that the sub-committee would again meet on Monday 15th April at 4.00 p.m. to finalise the submission to the Traffic Management Committee on this matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 1985.

  
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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st APRIL, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy to the family of former Councillor of Wexford Corporation, Mr. P. Bierney on the recent death of Mr. Bierney was unanimously adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Howlin. All members present and the Manager on behalf of himself and his staff associated with the vote of sympathy.

MINUTES

The minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 4th March, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

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 Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche:-

- (a) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 4th March, 1985.
- (b) Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 14th March, 1985.
- (c) Housing Committee Meeting held on 14th March, 1985.
- (d) G.P. Committee Meeting held on 14th March, 1985.
- (e) Joint Committee Meeting held on 25th March, 1985.
- (f) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 25th March, 1985.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Nomination of Director of S.E.R.T.O.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Hayes, Alderman P. Roche was unanimously selected to act as Director on the S.E.R.T.O.

Rosslare Harbour Ferry Services.

Correspondence regarding the changes proposed for the Rosslare Harbour Ferry Services from S.E.R.T.O. to His Worship the Mayor and the Mayor's reply to this correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. The Borough Council unanimously congratulated His Worship the Mayor on his action in this matter. Arising out of discussion on the correspondence it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Byrne to request the Minister for Finance to take cognisance of the hardship being caused to exporters and importers and others users of the ferry services due to the go-slow presently being operated by Customs Officials at Rosslare.

MOTIONS

Press Attendance at G.P. Committee Meetings.

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

"That this Council allow press attendance at General Purposes meetings".

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

In Favour:- Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Ald. J. Roche, D. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche (9).  
Against:- NIL



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

South Railway Station.

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

"That this Council call on C.I.E. to clean up eyesore at South Railway Station".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the derelict condition of this property and to the prominence of this eyesore at the major entrance to the town from the ferry port. In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had recently approached C.I.E. with a view to opening negotiations for the property but this offer of negotiations had been rejected by C.I.E. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted, and it was further agreed that the Corporation would investigate the acquisition of the property under appropriate legislation.

Wexford Year in 1986.

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

"That the present Mayor consider initiating a Wexford year in 1984 to promote Wexford industrially, socially and culturally".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need to promote Wexford and suggested that particular emphasis should be placed on promoting the cultural, sporting and industrial life of Wexford. His Worship the Mayor stated that he was currently pursuing a proposal to promote such activities in Wexford initially on Mid-Summers Day and on other dates in the future and that he intended to discuss this matter in the near future with the Protocol Committee. This was welcomed by the Borough Council and following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Pollution levels in Wexford Harbour.

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

"This Council requests as a matter of urgency an investigation into pollution levels in Wexford Harbour".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to air pollution at Maudlintown during the summer months. A discussion was held on water pollution discharge licences. In reply to the lengthy discussion the Manager stated that at a meeting in the immediate future he would be submitting up-to-date progress reports on the Main Drainage Scheme and Water Augmentation Scheme. He expressed concern at some of the remarks made regarding the County Council and asked for the withdrawal of a statement which suggested that the County Council officials deliberately gave false information in relation to pollution levels in Wexford. The Councillor concerned withdrew his statement. Following further discussion the Manager stated that he would circulate reports to the members on the pollution levels in the harbour.

Identity Card System.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne the following motion was deferred to the May meeting of the Borough Council:-

"That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Justice as a matter of urgency, to introduce a compulsory identity card system for all aged over 16"

QUESTIONS

Heating of Flats.

In reply to Ald. Byrne the Borough Accountant stated that the estimated expenditure on the heating of the flats at John Street and John's Gate Street in 1985 was £36,650 which included £5,000 authorised over-expenditure from 1984. The receipts were estimated as £12,520 made up as follows:-

Contribution from tenants	£23,560
Contribution from S.E.H.B.	£5,720
Contribution from Cheap Fuel Scheme	£6,440

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### Main Drainage Scheme.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk stated that final approval of the Preliminary Report on the Main Drainage Scheme was still awaited and that all technical submissions required of the Corporation had been submitted to the Department.

### MOTIONS

#### Refuse Collection.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kelly:-

"This Council calls on Wexford County Council to provide facilities to hold refuse, at all collection points".

Following a brief discussion at the request of His Worship the Mayor who stated that this motion would be proper for Wexford County Council, the motion was withdrawn.

#### Postal deliveries at Liam Mellows Park.

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

"That this Council call on Mr. J. Mitchell, T.D., Minister for Communications to see to it that a regular daily post be delivered to Liam Mellows Park".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that on two to three occasions during each year there was no postal deliveries at Liam Mellows Park for two to three weeks and that this caused hardship particularly to persons in receipt of Social Welfare allowances through the post. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the position would be clarified with the Post Master and that the Post Master be also requested to submit a schedule of deliveries throughout the town.

#### Mud from Horse River.

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

"Will Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer, have the mud removed from the bank that was taken out of the Horse River near the houses at Devereux Villas".

#### Sub-standard Housing.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Roche:-

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to expand the programme of works at present allowed on sub-standard housing covered by Government Grants.".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the restrictive elements of the scheme for the improvement of sub-standard housing as had been introduced by the Government early in the current year and to the need for the broadening of the scope of this scheme. Following discussion it was agreed to defer the submission of this motion to the Minister but to submit the motion suitably amended to the Association of Municipal Authorities for the consideration of the Executive of the Association.

#### Local Government Financing.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government to review the Local Government financing system as a matter of urgency."

Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

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### Fire fighting service.

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

"That this Borough Council support this motion in view of the increasing demand on our fire fighting service call on Wexford County Council to consider the possibility of making same a full-time permanent service".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the high costs of the present fire service and stated that the provision of a full-time service should be seriously examined. Arising out of the discussion on the proposal of Councillor Hayes a consensus view was expressed that a rostering system of fire service personnel should be introduced. It was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche that the Corporation should have a representative on the Fire Services Committee of Wexford County Council. The Manager stated that efforts were made at all times by the County Council to ensure a cost effective service in all of the areas of service. At the request of Alderman Roche the Manager agreed to submit a report on the operation of the service in the Wexford area to the Borough Council. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

### Stamp Duty.

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

"That this Borough Council support this motion calling on the Minister of the Environment to recognise the fact that the present system of Stamp Duty charged is a scandal and is creating a tremendous disincentive to many young people to house themselves. That the Minister implements a new policy to alleviate this unjust system".

Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche that the motion also be sent to the Minister for Justice for his attention.

### The Folly.

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

"The Folly is a death trap at the moment, I therefore call on this Borough Council to take immediate steps to improve the traffic flow in this area".

Following discussion it was agreed to refer to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

### Glue Sniffing.

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

"Now that the Minister has more or less agreed to restrict the sale of glue and other solvents, I ask the members of Wexford Corporation to support this call for to make the same glue and solvents illegal when in the possession of teenagers".

Following discussion to which all members contributed the proposer and seconder agreed to amend the motion as follows:-

"Now that the Minister has more or less agreed to restrict the sale of glue and other solvents, I ask the members of Wexford Corporation to support this call for to make the same glue and solvents illegal when in the possession of teenagers who gather for the purposes of glue sniffing".

The motion was unanimously adopted.

## QUESTIONS

### House Improvement Grants.

In response to Ald. Roche the current regulations regarding house improvement grants were circulated to each member.

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Public Light at Tuskar View.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he would examine the need for a light at Tuskar View.

Joyriding at the Rocks.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he would investigate allegations of motorcyclists joyriding on Corporation property at the Rocks.

Springs Factory.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the Receivers at Springs Factory had been contacted by the Corporation and that it had been pointed out to them the very delapidated and dangerous condition of this building.

Refuse Dump at Carcur.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the Refuse Dump at Carcur would be finally closed during the course of the current year.

Improvements at Redmond Park.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer outlined the improvements to the pond and other amenities and perimeter wall of Redmond Park proposed under the new Social Employment Scheme.

Social Employment Scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that no exact date had yet been approved by the Department for the commencement of new projects under the Social Employment Scheme but that the Corporation's schemes were ready to commence when final approval issues from the Department.

In further reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer outlined the areas in which it was proposed to operate schemes under this Social Employment Scheme and further stated that approximately 100 people would be employed by the Corporation in the implementation of these schemes.

Main Drainage Scheme and Water Augumentation Scheme.

In reply to Councillor Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the Main Drainage Scheme was awaiting final approval of the preliminary report and that the Water Augumentation Scheme was awaiting department approval of the contract documents.

Playing Equipment at Redmond Park.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that there were no plans at present for increasing the childrens playing equipment at Redmond Park.

One-Way system at Barrack Street.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a one-way traffic system would be introduced at Barrack Street within two weeks of the date of the meeting.

Flooding at Upper John Street.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that flooding in Upper John Street was under investigation.

Barrier At King Street/Joseph Street.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a barrier would be placed on the King Street/Joseph Street footpath within the coming weeks.

General Purposes Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held on Monday 22nd April, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

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John Kelly



MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY 17th MAY, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

ALDERMEN:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Myles Redmond, Staff Officer.

HOUSING APPLICANTS

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Alderman Roche it was agreed to examine the feasibility of providing family-type housing for Mrs. N. Black of Wolfe Tone Villas who was the first person remaining on the transfer list for two-bedroomed units. This proposition was agreed on the basis that Mrs. Black's son was getting married in the near future and that the rehousing of Mrs. Black in family-type housing would obviate the need for housing of her son in the future.

Cllr. Hayes referred to the applications of Mrs. Stafford of Davitt Road South and Mrs. Roche of Croke Avenue and urged that they be given priority.

Following further discussion the meeting concluded.

SIGNED THIS *7th* DAY OF *June* 1985.

*J. O'Flaherty*  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 17th MAY, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

ALDERMEN:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh,  
T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Myles Redmond, Staff Officer.  
Mr. D. Foley, Managing Director, N.B.A.

PRESENTATION BY I.P.P.A.

At the outset of the meeting a presentation of a photograph taken at the Civic Reception afforded to Irish Professional Photographers Association was made by Mr. R. Flynn on behalf of the Association. His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Flynn for his presentation and Mr. Flynn suitably replied.

FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES.

His Worship the Mayor then welcomed Mr. Dermot Foley, Managing Director, N.B.A., to the meeting. Mr. Foley outlined the current development and proposals for the immediate future on the Coolcotts site. He stated that there were 55 houses presently under construction and that these would be completed in August 1985. In addition the N.B.A. on behalf of the Corporation were finalising plans and tender documents in respect of a scheme of 43 houses which would extend the Coolcotts development. It was intended that this scheme would go to tender in June 1985. He stated that the number of houses in this stage had been reduced from that sought because of some site difficulties and particularly because of a recent development whereby the Department of Education had informed the Corporation that they no longer required a site at Coolcotts for a second level school. This site would now be re-incorporated into the Corporation's lands and he stated that an action plan for the remainder of lands at Coolcotts would be prepared in conjunction with the Corporation officers in the coming weeks.

He suggested that consideration be given by the Corporation to the allocation of land on which the N.B.A. would erect a scheme of approximately 18 expandable houses which would be for sale to clients who would be approved by the Corporation. The intention behind this scheme would be to make attractive houses available for purchase by existing tenants of local authorities at, because of the grants structures for local authority tenants, attractive rates. By so doing the Corporation would be increasing the numbers of tenancies available for allocation.

A lengthy discussion on Mr. Foley's comments then ensued and all members contributed. The advertising for tenders for the 43 houses in June 1985 was unanimously welcomed and a consensus view was expressed that a further stage should be commenced at the earliest possible date but in any event within the current year. The discussion included discussion on the provision of shopping facilities and it was noted that the development of the Neighbourhood Centre site would be advertised for tender in June 1985. In relation to the proposed private scheme of approximately 18 houses a consensus view was expressed that more information on this project should be made available to the Borough Council before a decision on the matter could be made, and that regard should be had to speculative builders presently building in Wexford on private lands. Reference was also made during the discussion to land at Mulgannon acquired by the N.B.A. for housing purposes. It was suggested that this land should be used for Local Authority housing. Reservations were expressed by some members in relation to the cost of development of these lands. The Manager stated that the development of this land was a matter for the Board of the N.B.A. and that the Corporation would have discussions with the N.B.A. in this regard. Mr. Foley in reply to the discussion stated that because of the changes in relation to the allocation of a site for a secondary school, the need for an action plan for the remainder of the site was imperative and as already stated a draft plan would be prepared by the N.B.A. in conjunction with the Corporation officials in the immediate future. In reply to queries regarding the impact of some of the housing

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schemes in Coolcotts, Mr. Foley stated that no maintenance would be needed of this paint napp finish because of the materials used in construction. He further stated a decision on the allocation of land for the private housing scheme would be a matter for the Corporation and that he would submit further information to the Borough Council on this.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked Mr. Foley for his attendance and Mr. Foley suitably replied. Mr. Foley then departed from the meeting.

#### INFILL HOUSING SCHEMES.

Proposals incorporating plans for the development of infill housing schemes at the following locations were then considered:-

King Street - A proposal for 12 two-bedroomed flats was considered and on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to proceed with the proposal as outlined in the plans.

Talbot Street - A proposal for 6 by two-bedroomed units was considered and on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Reck it was agreed to proceed with the development as outlined in the plans.

Bride Street - A proposal for 4 by one-bedroomed units was considered and on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche it was agreed to proceed with the development in accordance with the plans.

Hantoon Road - A proposal for two by three-bedroomed houses was considered and on the proposal of Cllr. Mahoney seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed to proceed with the proposal as outlined in the plans. In relation to this site it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche to favourably consider the disposal of approximately two to three feet of the site to an adjoining householder to facilitate an extension of this householder's existing premises.

#### ROSSLARE STRAND

A request from Wexford County Council for the Corporation to contribute towards the cost of coast protection works in accordance with a coast protection scheme under the Coast Protection Act 1963 for Rosslare Strand was then considered. The Town Clerk stated that the total estimated cost of the scheme was in excess of £5m of which a maximum grant of 80% would be available from the state. The balance of the cost over and above the grant would have to be raised from local contribution and a contribution from the Corporation towards this local contribution was requested. The sanction of the Minister for the Environment would be required to the making of any such contribution. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche to agree in principle to the making of a contribution by the Borough Council towards the coast protection works at Rosslare and that a decision on the level of contribution would be made when full details of the local contribution requirements were available.

#### REPORTS

The Town Clerk stated that notification had been received from the Housing Finance Agency increasing the expenditure limit for the Corporation for 1985 by £140,000 bringing the total to £400,000. The increased allocation was welcomed. However it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Howlin to write to the Housing Finance Agency and inform the agency of the concern of the Corporation that monies would be available for the rest of the current year. It was further agreed that the reply of the Housing Finance Agency would be circulated to each member when received.

#### PLANNING

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Manager stated that the proposed amenity scheme at St. Peter's Square was to be provided out of the social employment scheme funding and there was no intention of providing for same out of Corporation funds. There were adequate car parks in the area other than the car park at St. Peter's Square and the car parking spaces available had been increased recently due to the amendment of the parking restrictions contained in the on-street traffic bye-laws in respect of South Main Street.



A discussion was held on an application for permission to retain a mobile home at the rear of bungalow at Whitemill Road, Wexford (P&D Reg. No. 3259) and it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. Reck to recommend that temporary permission would be granted for this development until such time as the applicant was permanently housed.

A discussion was held on an application for the retention of an aerial at Georges Street, Wexford, (P&D Reg. No. 3277). In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had become aware of an unauthorised development consisting of the erection of an aerial on a premises at Georges Street and that the application for permission to retain this aerial now under consideration arose from the Corporation's pursuance of this matter. The purpose of the aerial was not a matter being considered in conjunction with the planning application as this was a matter for other authorities.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the question of an unauthorised development at John Street consisting of the change of use from shop to amusement arcade was being pursued.

#### DIRECTORSHIPS OF I.P.B.M.I. LTD.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed to nominate Alderman P. Roche for selection to one of the vacant directorships of the I.P.B.M.I. Ltd.

#### JUNE STATUTORY MEETING

Because of the due date for the June Statutory Meeting falling on the Bank Holiday it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche seconded by Cllr. J. Roche that the Statutory Meeting would be deferred to Thursday 6th June, 1985.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Letter from Secretary to Minister for Justice re Moneylending, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (2) The following motion from Ballina Urban District Council, was noted:-  
  
"That Ballina Urban District Council call on the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Commerce to introduce legislation to regulate the closing hours of Take-Aways and Fast Food Shops".
- (3) Letter from the Post Master re postal deliveries at Liam Mellows Park, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (4) Letter from Ho. Secretary, Christian Brothers Wexford Past Pupils Union requesting permission to use the Wexford Town Crese on membership cards and official notepaper for the P.P.U., was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Roche.
- (5) Letter from Minister for the Environment re Block Road Grant commitments stating that the funds available for road grants in the current year have already been fully allocated and that there are no additional monies available to increase the allocations notified, and that the contents of the Borough Council's letter had been noted and would be borne in mind when the road grant commitments for 1986 are being determined, was noted.
- (6) Letter from Private Secretary to An Taoiseach thanking Borough Council for their letter of 19th February, 1985 and stating that because of the very heavy schedule in the coming months the Taoiseach would unfortunately not be in a position to make a visit to Wexford, was noted. It was also noted that the Taoiseach stated that he is kept informed of the economic situation in Wexford through the three Fine Gael Deputies for Wexford.
- (7) Letter from Dr. T. Walsh thanking Borough Council for their letter of sympathy on the recent death of his Brother, was noted.
- (8) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment to Borough Council's resolution re Stamp Duty and stating that the contents of same had been noted, was noted.

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- (9) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re valuations, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (10) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re Borough Council's resolution concerning local government finances and stating that the contents of same had been noted, was noted.
- (11) Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited - Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 1984, was noted.
- (12) Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (13) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment re finance for new local authority housing starts in current year, as had previously been circulated, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

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DAY OF

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6th MAY, 1985 AT 8.50 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

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

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

The minutes of the statutory meeting held on 1st April, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Ald. 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 Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. P. Roche:-

- (a) Traffic Management Sub-Committee meeting held on 4th April, 1985.
- (b) Traffic Management Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th April, 1985.
- (c) Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 29th April, 1985.
- (d) General Purposes Meeting held on 29th April, 1985.
- (e) Housing Committee Meeting held on 29th April, 1985.

Arising out of the minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 1st April, 1985 the Borough Engineer in reply to Cllr. Mahoney stated that he would investigate the feasibility of having mud cleared from the Horse River area.

REVISION OF REMUNERATION

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded Cllr. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to apply the 24th Pay Round to the General Workers and related grades as detailed in Circular Letter EL 5/85 dated 19th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment.

On the proposal of Cllr. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh it was unanimously agreed to apply the revised rates of remuneration to Grades IV to VII and Analogous Grades arising out of Arbitration Report No. 103 details of which were contained in Circular Letter EL 4/85 dated 4th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to apply the 24th Pay Round to Craftsmen details of which were contained in Circular Letter EL 3/85 dated 16th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment.

MOTIONS.

Identity Card System.

On the request of the proposer Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to withdraw the following motion from consideration of the meeting:-

"That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Justice as a matter of urgency to introduce a compulsory identity card system for all aged over 16".

Private Rented Accommodation.

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

"That this Council call for immediate implementation of Sanitary, Health and Fire Laws as they apply to private rented accommodation - particularly flats".



In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the appalling conditions under which a minority of landlords allowed their tenants to live whilst charging exorbitant rents and gave some examples/which they were familiar of such cases. A lengthy discussion with ensued to which all members contributed. In reply to the discussion the Town Clerk outlined the statutory provisions in relation to fire safety, housing bye-laws and onus of owners of houses to ensure that the structures were in good habitable condition. The Town Clerk also outlined the numbers of cases which had been pursued by the Corporation in the previous twelve months including cases where court action was required to enforce the carrying out of repairs/demolition of properties. Following further lengthy discussions the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Retail Outlets at Main Street.

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

"That the Town Development Plan be amended to include a specific objective that the Main Street be zoned Retail Outlets only on ground floor premises".

In moving the motion the proposer stated that he was so doing to ensure that any part or all of the Main Street would not turn into an office block complex instead of the existing shopping retail outlets. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. The Manager stated that a survey of existing shopping facilities in the town was currently being undertaken by the Corporation and suggested that consideration of the motion be deferred pending the results of this survey being compiled. It was proposed by Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Hayes that the motion be taken. A vote on this proposal was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Byrne, Cllrs., P. Reck, J. Hayes, N. Kavanagh, S. O'Gorman. (5)

Against:- Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs. J. Roche, J. Mahoney, B. Howlin, T. Roche (6).

The majority being against the motion the motion was declared defeated. It was then proposed by Cllr. T. Roche seconded by Ald. P. Roche that the motion outlined in the agenda be deferred pending the outcome of the survey of shopping facilities currently being undertaken. A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Byrne, Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs., J. Roche, J. Mahoney, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, T. Roche (8).

Against:- Cllr. Hayes (1).

Abstained:- Cllrs., P. Reck, N. Kavanagh, S. O'Gorman. (3).

The majority being in favour of the proposal it was then declared that the motion as appearing on the agenda would be deferred pending the outcome of the survey of shopping facilities, currently being undertaken by the Corporation.

#### Wexford Fire Services.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Management Committee of Wexford Fire Services to permit the use of the Brigade in cases of flooding".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the existing procedures regarding alleviating flooding at King Street, John Street, South Main Street, Selskar and stated that these procedures were cumbersome and should be reviewed. Cllr. Hayes stated that he opposed the rostering of the Fire Service Personnel because he believed that this would be a down-grading of the service. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Roche to again request Wexford County Council to allow representation from the Wexford Borough Council on the Management Committee for the Wexford Fire Services. Further arising out of the discussion a consensus view was expressed that the fire brigade should be readily available at times of high tides to deal with all cases of flooding in the town. The Manager stated that the Fire Service had as its first priority the protection of life and as a second priority the protection of property. If the brigade responded to a call it obviously would not be available to respond to another call whilst dealing with the first call.

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The Manager also stated that the cost of the service for many years had been increasing substantially, that calls were being made on the Fire Brigade Service to relieve flooding on roads only and that this was the back-ground to the decision regarding the setting up of procedures in the case/calls on the fire brigade to alleviate flooding. He stated that the Main Drainage Scheme would clear up all of the current flooding problems and that it had been decided that the fire brigade would be available on the next two occasions to deal with flooding in King Street so that the situation could be assessed. Following further lengthy discussions to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Bicycle Park.

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

"That this Borough Council agrees to the provision of a bicycle park or more than one if necessary at suitable locations".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need to provide the facility of a bicycle park for shoppers. The motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed that the terms of the motion be implemented as soon as possible.

#### Price of Coal.

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

"That seeing the recent rises in the price of coal to the consumer and seeing that some of the factors blamed are now resolved we call for a full inquiry into the price of coal by the appropriate Department".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder requested permission to extend the motion to include "and bottled gas after "coal" where this word appeared in the motion. This was unanimously agreed. The proposer and seconder stated in moving the amended motion that householders were confused regarding the different countries or origin of coal and the quality of such coal and referred to the substantial and increasing costs of coal and bottled gas. The amended motion was unanimously agreed. Arising out of discussion on the motion it was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche to call on the Department of the Environment to provide in local authority house design for alternative heating systems to those presently pertaining.

#### Dereliction.

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

"The C.P.O. orders be used more frequent by this Council to stop dereliction and protect residents of town's property both in value and structure".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the condition of properties in the town such as at Springs Factory at Maudlintown and to the difficulties such properties created for residents adjoining these properties. The Town Clerk outlined the record of the Borough Council in the previous twelve months in relation to the pursual of dereliction and to proposals which would be considered at the General Purposes Meeting for infill development on a number of derelict sites. The Borough Engineer stated that in relation to Springs Factory he had had discussions with the Receivers and the new owner of the property and that the situation in this site should be improved in the immediate future. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Means Testing of Unemployment Assistance.

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

"That this Borough Council supports this motion calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to abolish the present degrading system of means testing those people who unfortunately have to apply for unemployment assistance.



In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred individual cases of hardship caused by the present system. Arising out of discussion to which all members contributed an amendment as follows was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

"That Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Social Welfare to review the conditions of payment of unemployment assistance".

A vote on this amendment was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Roche, Cllrs., Howlin, Kavanagh, T. Roche. (4)

Against:- Ald. G. Byrne, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs., J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, S. O'Gorman (7).

The majority being against the amendment the amendment was declared defeated. A vote was then taken on the original motion which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. G. Byrne, Ald. P. Kelly, Cllrs., J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, S. O'Gorman (7).

Against:- NIL.

Abstained:- Ald. P. Roche, Cllrs., J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche (5).

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

#### Deputation to Minister for the Environment.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Kelly:-

"That this Council requests a meeting with the Minister(deputation) re finance for our housing programme".

It was noted that a decision in favour of seeking a deputation with the Minister for the Environment had already been made at the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 29th April, 1985 and that the request to the Minister had been sent and a response was awaited.

#### Decentralisation of disability benefit payments.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Kelly seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

"This Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare to initiate a pilot scheme re localisation of disability benefit payments".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to delays of up to 3 to 4 weeks in payments being received by persons entitled to payment and it was considered that these delays were caused because of the centralised payments system of disability benefits. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously agreed.

#### Employment of unemployed persons in Local Elections.

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

"That this Borough Council supports this motion calling on Minister for the Environment to serve immediate notice on all local authorities and County Councils to employ as far as possible unemployed people at the various areas in the forthcoming Local Elections".

A discussion on the motion was held to which all members contributed. In reply to the discussion the Manager stated that a Circular Letter had already been received from the Minister for the Environment requesting the employment of unemployed persons where possible in the forthcoming local elections. It was intended to employ as many unemployed persons as possible on the day of the poll to act as poll clerks. The Manager however pointed out the difficulties of employing inexperienced persons for the purposes of the count and this was noted by the meeting. Following further discussions the motion was unanimously agreed.

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### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The time then being 10.00 p.m. it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. P. Roche to adjourn standing orders to allow the meeting to continue to conclude the business set out on the agenda.

#### Repairs at Mount George.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mahoney seconded by Ald. Kelly:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion to have all the necessary repairs carried out on our houses at Mount George".

In moving the motion the proposer handed a list of repairs prepared by the tenants in Mount George to the Borough Engineer. It was noted that a question in relation to Mount George would be dealt with later in the meeting and following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Acquisition of Fee Simple.

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

"That this Borough Council call on Mr. L. Kavanagh, T.D., Minister for the Environment, to speed up the hand-over of the fee simple which Corporation houses are built on, so that all our tenants who have applied to purchase same on the tenant purchase scheme can start paying off same".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that the purpose of the motion was to speed up the sales of houses and ground rents to tenants and tenant purchasers of local authority houses in Wexford. The Town Clerk stated that the major cause at present for the inability to proceed such sales was that a substantial number of the Corporation's housing estates were on lands for which first registration applications had been made to the land registry and which had not yet been registered by the land registry. The Town Clerk further stated that it was the Minister for Justice to was responsible for the operations of the land registry and following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed to amend the motion to refer to the Minister for Justice rather than the Minister for the Environment and the amended motion was unanimously adopted.

### QUESTIONS

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the relining of the junction at Pike Corner was currently under investigation.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would take up the matter of footpath repairs at John Street opposite the Franciscan Church with the County Engineer.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that there was an ownership dispute in relation to a dangerous wall in Michael Street but that the Corporation were persuing the matter.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that a name-plate would be erected at Mannix Place in the month of June.

In reply to Ald. Roche the Borough Accountant stated that 44% of water rates due for 1983/1984 had been credited to the account and that 1985 accounts had not yet been issued and that 54% of people billed had paid or are paying the accounts.

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In reply to Ald. Roche the Borough Accountant stated that in 1984 £161,275 was allocated for housing repairs and £163,397 was spent. For the running of the Municipal Buildings £18,269 was allocated and £16,360 was spent.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Engineer that quotations were being sought for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Wygram.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that plans for infill housing schemes and new housing estates would be presented to the next General Purposes Meeting of the Borough Council and that the commencement of these schemes would depend on capital allocation being made available by the Department of the Environment.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that he was pursuing the matter of a promotional brochure for Wexford with the Chamber of Commerce and was awaiting a reply from them.

In reply to Ald. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that there was no provision in the current years estimates to supply showers/lockers for outdoor staff of the Corporation.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Town Clerk stated that preliminary discussions had been instituted with the South Eastern Health Board regarding the provision of a property in Wexford for homeless persons.

In reply to Alderman Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the exterior painting of Mount George had been delayed because a pattern of cracking which had become evident on the walls of the houses and which was currently under investigation. As soon as the investigations were complete, if favourable, the painting would commence.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that he would arrange to have Bishopswater swept once a week.

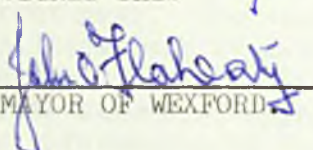
In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that he would arrange to have the grass cuttings removed from the Green at Bishopswater and that he would arrange to clean around the curbing of the green.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that there was no allocation available to have the houses at 34, Croke Avenue and 27, Devereux Villas re-wired.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee meeting would be held on Friday 17th May, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June 1985.  
  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 7th JUNE, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.

ALDERMEN:- G. Byrne, P. Roche.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, B. Howlin, N. Kavanagh, T. Roche, S. O'Gorman.

Apologies from Alderman Kelly for his 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.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor congratulated Mr. K. O'Brien, on his appointment as Borough Accountant with the Corporation. All members present associated with the remarks of the Mayor and Mr. O'Brien suitably replied.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche a vote of congratulations to the Fife & Drum Band on winning the All-Ireland competition, was unanimously agreed. It was further agreed that the incoming Borough Council would consider making a small civic presentation to the band on their achievement.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Roche a unanimous vote of sympathy was adopted to the family of the late Ald. J. Cummins former Mayor of Waterford who had died in recent days.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was adopted to the wife and family of the late Paddy Grant who had died in recent days and who in his life-time had contributed enormously to various social causes in Wexford.

All members present and the Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the votes of sympathy. The votes were passed in silence, all standing.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 6th May, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Howlin.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed and the recommendations contained therein adopted on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Howlin:-

- (a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 17th May, 1985.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 17th May, 1985.

REVISION OF REMUNERATION

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche it was unanimously agreed that the revised rates of remuneration arising out of the implementation of the 24th Pay Round in respect of officers employed by Wexford Corporation, details of which were set out in Circular Letter EL 8/85 dated 14th May, 1985, from the Department of the Environment, be implemented.

LOAN FOR COOLCOTTS STAGE 4.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor B. Howlin, the Borough Council unanimously authorised the raising of a supplementary loan of £740,000 from the Office of Public Works to finance the completion of the housing scheme at Coolcotts 4 under the Local Government (No. 2) Act 1960.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1984

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Public Bodies Order 1946 the Abstract of Accounts for 1984 was then considered and was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Reck.

LITTER ACT BYE-LAWS

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

"The Litter Act, 1982 is the enabling statute for the making of these Bye-Laws. Their effect is that it will be the obligation of the occupiers of premises listed below to keep footpaths and pavements etc., immediately in front of their premises clear of litter.

The premises involved are all buildings in the Litter Free Zone, and the Quay and streets between same, as well as all takeaway food premises and all cinemas in the Borough. It is envisaged that the Bye-Laws will be of tremendous assistance in encouraging litter consciousness in occupiers of the premises involved, and it is hoped that the overall situation will improve in time."

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LITTER ACT BYELAWS, 1985

Byelaws made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford under Section 4 of the Litter Act, 1982.

In these byelaws -

"land" includes any structure and any land covered with water; "occupier", in relation to any land, includes a person entitled to occupy that land.

The occupier(s) of land specified in the Schedule hereto shall keep free of litter -

- (a) Any footpath or pavement adjoining the land, and forming, or forming part of, a public road and any road gutter on or at the side of any such footpath or pavement and forming part of a public road,
- (b) any road gutter adjoining the land and forming part of a public road and
- (c) any area of land forming part of a public road between any such footpath or pavement and the carriageway (if any) of the public road and any road gutter adjoining such an area of land and forming part of a public road.

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Buildings and other land at Selskar Street, North and South Main Street, Lower King Street, Paul Quay, Crescent Quay, Custom House Quay, Commercial Quay, Wellington Place, Redmond Place, Skeffington Street, Trimmer's Lane East, Monck Street, Charlotte Street, Common Quay Street, Church Street, Anne Street, Henrietta Street, Harper's Lane, Oyster Lane, Sinnott's Place, Paul Quay Lane, Wexford.

Take-away food shops within the boundary of the Borough of Wexford.

Cinemas within the boundary of the Borough of Wexford.

(SEAL)

SEALED WITH THE COMMON SEAL OF  
THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES  
OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

THIS DAY OF 198

THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
HEREBY CONFIRMS THE FOREGOING  
BYE-LAWS.

(SEAL)

GIVEN UNDER THE OFFICIAL SEAL  
OF THE MINISTER FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT.

THIS DAY OF 198

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck seconded by Cllr. Howlin to proceed with the statutory procedures in relation to the adoption of these draft bye-laws. Arising out of the discussion in reply to Ald. Roche and Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that discussions had been initiated with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the sponsoring of stronger litter bins for distribution throughout the town and this proposed scheme was welcomed.

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URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the agents on behalf of the new owners of the Springs Factory site at Maudlintown regarding the development this site, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. The re-development of the Springs site was generally welcomed and the concern of the members to ensure that the final presentation of the area would be of a high standard. The request contained in the letter that arrangements would be made for the residents in the area to meet with the developer was noted and agreed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Residents Association to inform them of their request for the meeting.

MOTIONS

Traffic Wardens.

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

"That this Borough Council examines its attitude in relation to Pay & Display - Traffic Wardens - and traffic in general".

Following discussion to which all members contributed, on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Roche it was unanimously agreed to refer the motion to the incoming Council's traffic management committee for consideration.

Dentist and Speech Therapists.

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

"That this Borough Council brings to the attention of the Minister the urgent need for Dentist and Speech Therapists in the County Clinic".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the lengthy delays for children requiring dental treatment at the County Clinic and to the lack of sufficient facilities for speech therapy at the County Clinic. Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

Minor Derelict Sites.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Ald. Roche:-

"That Wexford Corporation tackle the problem of minor derelict sites or untidy areas around town (such as Bernadette Place and Emmet Place)".

The proposer and seconder in moving the motion referred to a number of untidy areas in the town which required attention and which were too big for a job for local residents but would be a small job for the Borough Council to put into condition. Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

Development of the Rocks.

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

"That a plan be drawn up for development of area at Maudlintown known as 'The Rocks'".

A lengthy discussion on the motion ensued to which all members contributed. The previous decision of the Borough Council to retain this area in a natural state was noted and approved. However it was suggested that a number of walk-ways through the amenity area together with the surface of the lane-way entrance to the amenity should be considered. It was also suggested that seats would be provided within the amenity area. Following the discussion it was agreed to await a further report on the matter from the Borough Engineer.

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### Waiting Room at Municipal Buildings.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

"That a special room be provided at Municipal Buildings where people can wait while awaiting to see officials etc."

His Worship the Mayor stated that it was proposed to incorporate such a facility in the proposals to renovate the entire Municipal Buildings. This was noted and agreed by the meeting.

### Landscaping of Housing Estates.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Gorman seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to provide monies for the landscaping of green-belts in our housing estates".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to a number of housing estates provided by the Corporation where landscaping was required. It was stated that residents in the areas would be prepared to enter into arrangements with the maintenance of these areas if they were initially put into order. It was also requested that parking bays would be provided at the green at Corish Park. Following discussion to which all members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

### Wexford Goods.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Gorman seconded by Ald. Roche:-

"That this Council be seen to set an example by buying goods made in Wexford".

A lengthy discussion on this motion was held to which all members contributed and examples of products "imported" into Wexford and which were similar to products produced in Wexford were given. The Manager stated that he accepted fully the aspiration of the motion and further stated that the Corporation had been and would continue to buy local goods whenever possible. The motion was unanimously agreed.

### H.F.A. Loan Scheme.

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

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Liam Kavanagh, to review the terms and operation of the H.F.A. loan scheme".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to difficulties encountered in the application of the present scheme to some categories of buyers and to the need to review the income and loan limits within the terms of the current scheme. Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

### Polling Stations.

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

"That this Council call on the Wexford County Council to advertise in the local People paper informing voters the place to cast their vote and the number of the booth".

Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed. The Town Clerk outlined the arrangements in relation to the Borough election and these were noted.

### Serious Crime.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. T. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council recommends that the Government consider the re-introduction of corporal punishment for serious offences such as robbery with violence, drug pushing and car theft".

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In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need for more severe forms of punishment in view of the serious increase in crime in the country. Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor to amend the motion by the deletion of "re-introduction of corporal punishment" and the substitution therefor of "strengthening the criminal law". The amended motion was then unanimously adopted.

#### Apprentices.

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

"In view of the lack of incentive in all areas of the service sector to employ young people to train as apprentices, I move that this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Labour, Ruairi Quinn, to implement a new scheme to alleviate same".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that the present structures mitigated against the employment of apprentices and that a new scheme for the employment of apprentices was required. Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted. Arising out of the discussion it was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Reck that the motion would also be sent to the Irish Congress of Trade Union for their consideration.

#### Carrig Graveyard.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on Wexford County Council to carry out improvement works under the social employment scheme at Carrig graveyard and to secure same against wandering animals that have recently caused severe damage to same".

Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### VISIT OF SPORTING GROUPS FROM COUERON

Councillor Roche referred to the recent visit of a large number of sporting groups from the twin town of Coueron. He recalled that the members of the Swimming Club together with the assistance of some other clubs in the town had organised the accommodation and events for the visitors and that the organisers had now a debit balance of less than £400 arising out of this. 50% of this balance was being paid to the organisers by the Twinning Committee. Cllr. Roche recalled also that the visit had been acclaimed as being well organised and the visitors from our twin town had been extremely impressed. Wexford had indeed benefited because of the large influx of visitors for the week. Cllr. Roche proposed that the Mayor's allowance be increased to allow for payment of the remaining 50% of the debit balance. This was seconded by Cllr. Howlin and unanimously agreed.

#### QUESTIONS

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that regular sweeping of streets in Maudlintown was now being done.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that regular sweeping at Waterloo Road was already being done.

In reply to Cllr. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that in relation to electrical repairs required in Corporation houses, the tenants were responsible for these repairs. However in the case of old age pensioners or urgency the Corporation in certain circumstances undertook such cases.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that the grass had been cut on the bank in front of Kennedy Park.

In reply to Cllr. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that he had already arranged for Bishopswater area to be swept once a week.

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In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Manager stated that the Crescent Crossing would be opened as soon as legal difficulties were cleared.

In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that investigation of housing applicants would be completed in mid-July.

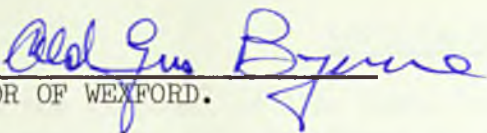
In reply to Cllr. Hayes the Borough Accountant stated that capital allocation for housing finance agency loans in the current year was £400,000. Committed allocations to borrowers to-date amounted to £398,000 and as advised by the Housing Finance Agency allocations of new loans were being made in the normal way. The Agency were being kept informed of the position on an on-going basis.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Manager then referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the Borough Council and offered his congratulations to the Borough Council on the excellent work done by the Council in the previous six years. He wished all members well in the forthcoming election. His Worship the Mayor on behalf of the Borough Council suitably replied.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY, 1985 AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

OPERA FESTIVAL

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Chairman of the Wexford Festival Opera which suggested that the pedestrianisation of the Main Street would be introduced for a date to be fixed and which was tentatively suggested as the first Saturday of the Festival, on a similar vein to the proposal for the celebration of European Music Day. On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor proceed with similar arrangements to those adopted in relation to European Music Day. Arising out of discussion on the letter it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche that a meeting of the Traffic Management Committee would be held in early September to pursue the pedestrianisation proposal.

WEXFORD HARBOUR AUTHORITY

The Town Clerk stated that the Borough Council were entitled to appoint two members of the Wexford Harbour Authority. No groups were formed for the purposes of the selection of these two members. His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations which resulted as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Alderman P. Reck	Cllr. P. Kelly	Cllr. N. Kavanagh
Councillor P. Roche	Alderman B. Howlin	Cllr. H. Corish
Councillor P. Nolan	Mayor - Ald. Byrne	Ald. Kiernan

There being three nominations for the two vacancies a poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>IN FAVOUR OF</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES</u>
Alderman P. Reck	5
Councillor P. Roche	7
Councillor P. Nolan	8

Councillor P. Nolan and Councillor P. Roche having received the majority of votes of those present and voting, were declared to be elected to be the Wexford Borough Council's nominees on the Wexford Harbour Authority.

TWINNING

The following report from the Town Clerk together with the Draft Constitution circulated with the report was then considered:-

"In 1982 Wexford formally twinned with Coueron, France. Since then a number of exchanges have taken place at individual and group level between the two communities. However an organisation at Wexford level to co-ordinate and promote twinning activities has been lacking with a result of a few members of the informal Wexford committee who partook in the original exercise being subjected to too much whilst groups such as sporting groups from the town felt unable to partake in the activities. These difficulties resulted in some well intentioned but adverse comment from our twinning partners.

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Arising out of discussions held at a number of meetings of those involved in the original twinning exercise it was felt that a revitalised Wexford twinning committee with a formal constitution would vastly improve the present situation. Enclosed is a draft constitution of the proposed new Wexford Twinning Council for your perusal. This constitution will be considered at the meeting of Wexford Borough Council to be held on 15th July, 1985. You will note from examination of the draft constitution that the proposed twinning council will be under the auspices of Wexford Borough Council and the Borough Council will have final input into key areas of the proposed Council.

The purpose of twinning is primarily to promote understanding of peoples of different nations and cultures by the development of social, cultural, educational and sporting links initially. The secondary aim of twinning follows from this and is the development of industrial and commercial trade links between the communities.

The draft constitution attached though on the surface a very formal document will allow for a broadly based community input into twinning thereby giving a better potential for achieving the twinning aims. This broad community base is presently lacking. The new constitution will also ensure a continuity which appears to be another of the principle reasons for the present difficulties and lack of co-ordination.

If the draft constitution is approved by the Borough Council each of the organisations listed as being part of the electorate will be circulated with the constitution for their perusal and the electoral panels will be requested to meet in October next. The new Twinning Council would take office as soon as possible after this."

Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Howlin to adopt the draft constitution. Arising out of the discussion it was noted that because of the lack of a formal twinning committee, links with Coueron were not as strong as they should be. The adoption of the draft constitution was one step towards the re-establishing and strengthening of these links and it was further suggested that a formal visit to Coueron should be arranged to further strengthen and re-establish these links. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to leave these such arrangements to the Mayor and Town Clerk and that the Mayor's allowance be adjusted accordingly. All members present outlined their support for the twinning aims.

#### PENSIONS

On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise the payment of pension increases to pensioners of the Corporation in accordance with the terms outlined in Circular Letter S.10/85.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding Means Testing for Unemployment Assistance, was noted.
- (2) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding the localisation of disability benefit payments, was noted.
- (3) A letter from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann requesting permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on Official Programme for the Leinster Fleadh Cheol was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.
- (4) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution regarding alternative heating systems for local authority houses and stating that the contents of same had been noted, was noted.
- (5) A letter from Wexford Round Table requesting permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on the Wexford Round Table banner was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Howlin.

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- (6) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding eligibility for old age pensions, was noted.
- (7) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution concerning glue sniffing, was noted.
- (8) Attendance at the National Housing & Town Planning Conference in Blackpool from 15th - 17th October, 1985 and at an International Sports Conference to be held in Cork under the auspices of the Cork City Sports Advisory Committee from 31st October to 3rd November, 1985 was then considered. It was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty that the Borough Council would send two delegates to each of these conferences. Following a lengthy discussion to which each member contributed a vote was taken on this proposal separately in relation to each of the conferences and resulted as follows:-

National Housing & Town Planning Conference - Blackpool.

In Favour:- Alderman Byrne, Alderman Howlin, Alderman D.M. Kiernan, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Corish (8).

Against:- Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Enright, Cllr. Kavanagh (3).

The majority being in favour of the proposal the proposal to send two delegates to the National Housing & Town Planning Conference at Blackpool was declared carried.

International Sports Conference - Cork.

In Favour:- Alderman Byrne, Alderman Howlin, Alderman D.M. Kiernan, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. Corish (9).

Against:- Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Enright (2).

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

The delegates for these conferences were selected as follows:-

Housing & Planning Conference.

Councillor Corish was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded Alderman Howlin. His Worship the Mayor was proposed by Alderman Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty. A substitute delegate was appointed as follows:-  
Alderman Kiernan was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

International Sports Conference.

Alderman Howlin was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty. Alderman Kiernan was proposed by Councillor Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh. A substitute delegate was nominated as follows:-  
Councillor Kavanagh was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

- (9) Letter from Department of the Environment stating that the Borough Council's resolution concerning stamp duty had been forwarded to the Minister for Finance for his attention, was noted.
- (10) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications thanking Borough Council for their resolution regarding waivering of fees for the installation of telephones for elderly persons and stating that same had been passed to Telecom Eireann for their attention, was noted.
- (11) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution concerning Information Centre at the Wexford Labour Exchange and stating that same has now been re-opened, was noted.

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- (12) Letter from County Secretary regarding Borough Council's letter concerning the Fire Services Committee and stating that he would bring same to the attention of the Council when they are considering the appointment of Committees, after the Elections, was noted.
- (13) Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism regarding Borough Council's resolution concerning the price of coal and bottled gas and stating that he would bring same to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity, was noted.
- (14) Letter of acknowledgement from Information Officer, Department of Social Welfare, on behalf of the Minister for Social Welfare, concerning Borough Council's resolution regarding localisation of disability benefit payments, was noted.
- (15) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice regarding police needs for the Rosslare Harbour and Ferns areas, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (16) Correspondence from Department of the Environment re delays in valuing new developments, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (17) A letter from the Arts Council replying to correspondence from the Borough Council regarding Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Kiernan to write further to the Arts Council to protest at the level of finance being made available to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann from the Arts Council having regard to the overall budget of the Arts Council.
- (18) Letter from Department of Finance re stamp duty, as had previously been circulated, was noted.
- (19) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution re employment of apprentices and stating that the matter is being examined and that a further letter would issue shortly, was noted.
- (20) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution regarding the H.F.A. Loan Scheme and stating that same had been noted, was noted.
- (21) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Health & Social Welfare acknowledging Borough Council's letter re Wexford General Hospital/Employment of Paediatrician and stating that the contents had been noted, was noted.
- (22) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's letter regarding the strengthening of the criminal law for serious offences, was noted.
- (24) Nomination forms for People of the Year Awards, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.
- (25) Letter from Telecom Eireann regarding the waiving of telephone installation charges for the elderly, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ST. PATRICK'S FIFE & DRUM BAND

Councillor Nolan referred to the recent victory of the St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band from Wexford in the All-Ireland Fife & Drum Band Competition and on the proposal of Councillor Nolan seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor would present a plaque commemorating the achievement to the Fife & Drum Band and that the Mayor's allowance be adjusted accordingly.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th  
JULY, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh,  
H. Corish.

Apologies from Cllr. M. Enright for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. A. Doyle, Deputy Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mrs. R. Nixon, County Planner.  
Chamber of Commerce - Mr. I. Scott, Mr. J. Jenkins, Mr. D. Trappe.  
Trades Council - Mr. M. Rowe, Mrs. A. Bartlett.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting was being held to resume discussions on the planning application for the proposed shopping development at Redmond Road. The Mayor thanked the County Manager for making available the application and planning staff during the day of the meeting to enable the members and the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Trades Council to have full details of the proposed development. His Worship the Mayor then called on the Chamber of Commerce to outline their views on the proposal. Mr. Scott stated that having examined the application he could find no evidence of a suggestive growth in income for the town and no evidence of a growth in population to be serviced by the expansion of the town's retail trade. Mr. Jenkins stated that the scheme was too large and too far out from the existing centre and that there could be no guarantee of local building labour. He stated that if the Corporation and traders worked together the Main Street could be a much livelier and more vibrant area and that a smaller complex than that proposed in any part of town would be acceptable. He also stated that the vast majority of shop keepers in the South Main Street were very worried about the proposal. Mr. Trappe stated that the loss of 7% to the existing retail trade turnover would be too much to carry at present and that the development was situated and the site located too far away from the existing shopping centre. Mr. Rowe on behalf of the Trades Council stated that the development was still broadly welcomed by the Trades Council on balance. He suggested that more business would be lost to the town because of the new ring road and that pedestrianisation of the Main Street, the provision of a new Marina and amenity at the Quay and a re-structuring of prices in the town were essential. He stated that a survey of the personnel employed at A.B.S. Pumps had been carried out and of the 150 surveyed only 6 were against the proposal. He was impressed by the Fire Safety Standards contained in the application and summarised by saying that though one of their member unions was against the proposal on balance the Trades Council were in favour of permission being granted.

Alderman Reck stated that he regretted the attitude of the Trades Council particularly since his own union which was directly involved in the trade, was opposed to the development. He stated that existing shopping in Wexford was very competitive and that all businesses in the retail trade were fighting hard for survival at present. He further stated that out of town shopping facilities were killing every town in the country.

Councillor Kelly stated that his opinion in favour of the development had been strengthened since the last meeting having further inspected the plans. He agreed with the suggestion from Mr. Jenkins that the traders and Corporation should meet to promote Wexford but would like to see the proposed development coupled with pedestrianisation of the Main Street. Councillor Roche stated that because of the effect of a similar development in Clonmel he was opposed to the development and that the retail trade in Wexford was very competitive at present.

In reply to questions Mrs. R. Nixon, County Planner, outlined the planning approach to the proposal. She stated that from the Development Plan point of view the site was zoned for commercial town centre use and was well sited to cater for future housing development in that part of Wexford. There were several plan policy statements in the Development Plan which are all complied with by this development and that the existing car park congestion in the town would be relieved by the provision of a further 300 spaces. The site itself was physically suitable and it would not contribute to traffic jams since it was accessible for lorries and a large section of the county

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without the existing road structure in the town being used. The disadvantages of the site were that the location proposed was separated from the existing central shopping area. However on balance a refusal for non-compensatable reasons would be difficult to find.

Mrs. Nixon then outlined the results of statistical reports prepared by An Foras Forbartha and Mr. Kevin Redmond of her planning department and though the reports were prepared separately the results were very similar. She stressed that the reports by their nature were very /theoretical and then proceeded to give details of the findings of the reports. In Wexford in 1977 the turnover per square foot in the retail trade was the highest for the region and higher than the national average. The sq. footage of shopping space per person was comparatively low. For the purposes of the statistical survey a total population of 48,000 would be served by Wexford. On the basis of the statistical exercise in relation to floor area in 1985 there was an under-supply of convenience goods shopping space and an over-supply of comparison /goods shopping space. The projection over 10 years was that an extra 1,500 sq. metres over and above the existing level of space available would be required for convenience goods shopping but that for comparison goods there would be no increase required. On the basis of turnover the reports suggested that convenience shopping trade in the town would loose up to 12% of its existing turnover in the immediate future and comparison shopping in the town would loose 18% of its turnover in the immediate future if the proposed permission was granted. After a period of 10 years the overall impact on the existing trade in the town would be 7% loss with convenience shopping losing very little and comparison shopping most of the 7%. The conclusions of the report were that the proposal could not be justified on sq. footage /but over 10 years would more or less even out.

Mrs. Nixon again stressed that the statistical exercises were very theoretical and that local knowledge would have to be applied in considering the proposal e.g., tourism was not taken into account in considering the population served and the tourist population of Wexford in the season was quite substantial and would have a substantial impact. There was also the possibility of an up-turn in the local economy in for example increased employment. There was also the difficulties faced by some of the shops in the Main Street by being old fashioned from the consumer point of view with no room for expansion.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mrs. Nixon for her clear and concise contribution to the meeting and then invited further comment from those present. Alderman Howlin stated that the Borough Council had a responsibility to the future of the town and the peoples(consumers) requirements. He had not found a good enough case yet to say no to this development.

Alderman Kiernan stated that he could not see any great influx of shoppers to the town and was therefore against the proposal but he had reservations about this decision.

Councillor O'Flaherty stated that if the development went ahead the existing central shopping area would die and because of the timing and recession he was opposed to the development. Councillor Corish stated that she was in favour of the development but had reservations with this decision. She suggested that there could be more development if this shopping centre goes ahead and if it was refused that it could possibly go elsewhere to the betterment of Wexford.

Councillor Kavanagh stated that he was still against the proposal. He suggested that the Main Street should be a better centre and more attractive centre and that if the Main Street did not improve out of town major shopping developments would be inevitable. Councillor Nolan stated that the timing was a critical factor but that he had been impressed with the survey quoted by the Trades Council representative of the workers in A.B.S. and on balance he was in favour of the development. Councillor Byrne stated that on balance he was in favour also. The challenge of improving Wexford should be met fairly and squarely by the Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the condition of some existing shops left a lot to be desired and with the introduction of the ring road, Wexford needed as much attractiveness as possible to outsiders. His Worship the Mayor stated that the town was deteriorating visably for some time despite the fact that the Corporation had opposed out of town shopping developments such as Ballinagee. He had grave doubts about his decision but on balance he would vote against recommending permission.

Mr. Trappe on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce stated that pedestrianisation of the Main Street had been agreed in principle by the traders if this was introduced gradually.

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It was then proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Roche that the Borough Council would recommend that permission for the proposed development be refused.



A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

In favour:- Alderman Reck, Alderman Byrne (Mayor), Alderman D.M. Kiernan,  
Councillor J. O'Flaherty, Councillor P. Roche, Councillor N. Kavanagh (6)

Against:- Alderman B. Howlin, Councillor P. Nolan, Councillor P. Kelly, Councillor  
V. Byrne, Councillor H. Corish (5).

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

The Manager stated that the making of the decision was an executive function but that the decision would be circulated to all members and that regard would be had to the views of the members as expressed at the meeting. Councillor O'Flaherty thanked the Manager, Mrs. Nixon and all of the staff involved in the presentation of the plans and this was endorsed by all members present. In reply to Alderman Howlin Mrs. Nixon stated that as the law stood at present it was possible for the Corporation to give an undertaking to grant a permission for an alternative development to that for which permission was refused in order to avoid having to pay compensation. The members expressed their full confidence in the Manager to deal with any such situation that would arise arising out of the decision.

The representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Trades Council then departed from the meeting.

#### CIVIC RECEPTIONS

Alderman Reck stated that the Walsh School of Dancing from Wexford were shortly going to America and meeting with a number of prominent American politicians. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by His Worship the Mayor that suitable presentations from the Mayor would be given to the Walsh School of Dancing to take with them and that the Mayor's allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

Alderman Howlin stated that in the Special European Olympics three young persons from Wexford had spectacular success and on the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that a Civic Reception would be given to them at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 15th July, 1985 and that the Mayor would make suitable presentations to them. It was further agreed that the Mayor's allowance be adjusted accordingly. Tributes were paid by all members present to the athletes, their teachers and parents.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Alderman Howlin that a special meeting of the Borough Council would be held on Monday 15th July, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. for the purposes of selecting the nominees of the Borough Council to the Wexford Harbour Authority.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1985.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JULY, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

In Attendance:- Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Planning.  
Mrs. R. Nixon, County Planner.  
Chamber of Industry & Commerce - Mr. I. Scott, Mr. J. Jenkins, Mr. D. Trappe.  
Wexford Trades Council - Mr. D. Bolger, Mr. M. Rowe, Mrs. A. Bartlett.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting was being held to discuss the planning application for the development of a major shopping centre at Redmond Road. His Worship the Mayor welcomed the representatives of the Chamber of Industry & Commerce and the Trades Council to the meeting and requested that the County Manager outline the proposed development for the meeting. The County Manager accordingly gave outline details of the development proposal following which a lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed.

Alderman Reck stated that he would be totally opposed to the granting of permission on the grounds that (a) his Union was opposed to it because of their fear that jobs would be lost in existing retail trades (b) the development at Crescent Mall would suffer and (c) R.G. Date were opposed to the development because of the creation of two town centres to the detriment of the existing central shopping area. Cllr. Roche stated that he had discussed the effect of a similar shopping development in Clonmel with Councillors in this town and that retail outlets existing prior to the new development in Clonmel had suffered serious cut-backs and close-downs since the new centre was opened. Councillor Kelly stated that he was very much in favour of granting permission from the point of view of the consumer and he felt sure that the retail trade in the town would improve because of this development. On behalf of the Chamber of Industry & Commerce Mr. Scott stated that he was sure that if the development did not come it would come within five to ten years. However because of the recession the timing of the development was critical and since the development was so extensive it would have a major effect on businesses which are now struggling. Mr. Trappe and Mr. Jenkins on behalf of the Chamber outlined the basic objections of the Chamber of Commerce to the proposal and stated that the development proposed was too large and too far removed from the Main Street. They would have no objection if the development was more central (for example on Meyler's site) and suggested that permission be refused.

Mr. M. Rowe on behalf of the Trades Council stated that the Trades Council welcomed the scheme since it would involve up to 60 building jobs and 70 jobs in the complex in the long-term. The Trades Council were not convinced that the location was the best available but welcomed the development. Councillor Enright stated that he was not too happy with the proposed location but stated that if the centre was developed he was convinced it would accelerate the development of Selskar and any such development should be welcomed. In general he was in favour of the granting of permission. Councillor Kavanagh stated that he was opposed to the granting of permission because of the location and stated that if the proposed development was closer to the centre of town he would probably welcome it. Alderman Howlin stated that he welcomed the development generally and that plans for pedestrianisation and the extension of the Quay should be implemented as soon as possible to promote Main Street retail activity. He was not sure that the project should be refused because of the possibility of it being located elsewhere and though this was not a black or white issue, on balance he was in favour of granting permission. Cllr. O'Flaherty stated that he was of the opinion that the development was too large and that the economic climate was not right for the granting of such permissions because of the effect it would have on existing retail trade and consequently he was opposed to the granting of permission.



Alderman Kiernan and Councillor Nolan stated that they would like to have more time to consider the proposal and examine the planning application. It was then agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche to adjourn the meeting to Monday 8th July, 1985, at 7.30 p.m. For the benefit of the members and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Trades Council the County Manager stated that he would arrange to have the plans available for inspection and technical advice available from the planning department all day on Monday 8th July, 1985. Further consideration of the development was then adjourned to this meeting and the representatives of the Chamber of Industry & Commerce and the Trades Council departed.

#### HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Alderman Reck referred to Mr. & Mrs. Lawlor who were approved housing applicants on the priority list and who had been offered a house at 96, Belvedere Grove. Because of particular medical circumstances relating to the health of one of the Lawlor's children, this house was not suitable and they were now being offered a house in Talbot Green. Alderman Reck suggested that they would be offered a house in <sup>an</sup> alternative location because of particular family circumstances and particularly referred to another house which would shortly become available in Ashfield Drive. All members present contributed and spoke in favour of this suggestion. The Manager stated that in general he was opposed to selectivity in relation to the allocation of houses and that the custom and practice heretofore adopted by the Corporation was good and had worked well. He would therefore be slow to change this custom and practice but however he would examine the particular case and would bear in mind the comments made by the members.

Arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kiernan to write to the Gas Company to express the concern of the Corporation that they had written to all of the remaining applicants for rehousing on the Corporations housing list regarding cookers which they were prepared to supply to the new houses presently under construction and point out to the Gas Company the difficulties that their circular letter to the housing applicants had created. His Worship the Mayor referred to the discussion regarding Talbot Green and stated that he strongly regretted the <sup>inference</sup> of a stigma attaching to Talbot Green housing scheme. He expressed the hope that this stigma was not meant and he certainly would not be in favour of the scheme being so stigmatised.

A discussion was held on the application of Mr. John Moran of John's Gate Street for a small dwelling unit and Mr. Moran's application was unanimously supported by the Borough Council.

In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that the latest completion date received from the National Building Agency in relation to the 55 house contract at Coolcotts was October next. Concern was expressed at the delay in the completion of this scheme and it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche to write to the National Building Agency expressing its concern.

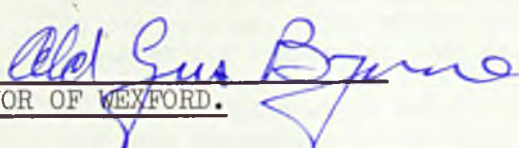
THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
ARTS CENTRE, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 1st JULY, 1985, AT 7.30 p.m.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh,  
H. Corish.

In Attendance:- Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Legal Adviser.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor J. O'Flaherty the outgoing Mayor 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 present meeting. Alderman P. Reck was proposed by Councillor P. Kelly seconded by Councillor V. Byrne. Alderman G. Byrne was proposed by Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor P. Nolan. There were no further nominations and a poll was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In favour of Councillor Reck:- Alderman Reck, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Enright (4).

In favour of Alderman Byrne:- Alderman Byrne, Alderman Howlin, Alderman Kiernan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor O'Flaherty, Councillor Roche, Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor Corish (8).

The majority being in favour of Alderman Byrne, Alderman Byrne was then declared to be elected as Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year.

Alderman Byrne was then vested with the robe and chain of office and assumed his chair. The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder and all who had supported him and paid tribute to Councillor J. O'Flaherty on the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties as Mayor for the preceding term. His Worship the Mayor cited as his priorities:-

- (1) Strong action on the unemployment situation.
- (2) The commencement of the Main Drainage Scheme and Water Augmentation Scheme to improve the infrastructure in the town.
- (3) The provision of an old persons home and paediatric facilities in the town.
- (4) To improve and expand the Corporation's housing programme.
- (5) To pursue the expansion of the Borough Boundary.

His Worship the Mayor also stated that he was seeking the co-operation and support of the general public to improve the litter consciousness throughout the community so as to ensure that the town and beaches surrounding it were kept in a clean and visually acceptable manner. The Mayor also cited his support for the proposed coastal protection scheme at Rosslare Strand.

All members present and the County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and congratulated Alderman Byrne on his election as Mayor.

REPORT ON ELECTION

The following report from the Town Clerk on the election, copies of which had previously been circulated, was considered and noted:-

"BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT:-

No. of Ballot Papers recorded by the Presiding Officers Ballot Paper Account .. ..	5,022
No. of Ballot Papers found in Ballot Boxes .. ..	5,005
No. of Corporation Ballot Papers found in County Council Ballot Boxes and incorporated in the Corporation Count .. ..	17



REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS:-

Total no. of Ballot Papers rejected was 63

(a) Want of Official Mark	.. ..	NIL
(b) Want of 1st preference clearly indicated	.. ..	10
(c) 1st preference indicated for more than 1 candidate	.. ..	49
(d) Containing writing which could identify voter	.. ..	4

POSTAL VOTES:-

Postal Votes issued		
No. of covering envelopes received before close of poll	.. ..	65
No. of covering envelopes received after close of poll	.. ..	51
No. rejected	.. ..	1
No. included in Count	.. ..	NIL
	.. ..	51

ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS:-

The following candidates were elected as Aldermen and Councillors:-

Padge Reck - Alderman  
 Gus Byrne - Alderman  
 Brendan Howlin - Alderman  
 Dominic M. Kiernan - Alderman  
 Paddy Nolan - Councillor  
 Philip Kelly - Councillor  
 John O'Flaherty - Councillor  
 Vincent Byrne - Councillor  
 Michael Enright - Councillor  
 Peter Roche - Councillor  
 Nicholas Kavanagh - Councillor  
 Helen Corish - Councillor "

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the Quarterly Meetings for the remainder of the year would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th October, 1985, Monday ~~13th~~ January, 1986, and Monday 7th April, 1986.

TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee was then considered. On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that eight of the fourteen seats to be filled on the Committee would be filled from the membership of the Borough Council and the remaining six would be filled from outside the membership of the Borough Council.

Internal Appointments:-

The Town Clerk referred to a memorandum issued <sup>to</sup> each member of the Borough Council prior to the meeting regarding new rules for the appointment of the Borough Council to certain committies and other bodies and stated that the rules would apply in the case of the appointment of the members from the Borough Council to the Town of Wexford V.E.C.

In accordance with the rules groups were formed as follows:-

Group 1 - Alderman Reck and Councillor Kelly.

Group 2 - Councillor Byrne and Councillor Enright.

No other groups were formed and the following were appointed as members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee by the groups:-

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From Group 1 - Alderman P. Reck.  
From Group 2 - Councillor M. Enright.

His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations for the filling of the remaining six seats and nominations were received as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
Alderman B. Howlin	Councillor P. Roche	Councillor H. Corish
Alderman D.M. Kiernan	Councillor O'Flaherty	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Cllr. J. O'Flaherty	Councillor Nolan	Alderman Kiernan
Councillor P. Roche	Alderman Howlin	Cllr. Corish
Councillor P. Nolan	Cllr. O'Flaherty	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Councillor H. Corish	Councillor P. Roche	Alderman Howlin

There being six members validly nominated for the six seats those members were declared to be internal members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, in addition to the two members appointed by the Groups.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of six external members. The following were duly proposed and seconded:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
Mr. J. Roche	Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Roche
Mr. T. Roche	Ald. Howlin	Cllr. Roche
Mr. T. Browne	Ald. D.M. Kiernan	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Mr. P. Whelan	Cllr. Nolan	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Mr. J. Hayes	Ald. Reck	Cllr. Roche
Mr. D.S. Murphy	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Corish
Mr. J. Larkin	Ald. Reck	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Mr. P. Lacey(T.U.I.)	Ald. Howlin	Cllr. Kelly
Fr. McCabe (Administrator)	Cllr. O'Flaherty	Cllr. Roche
Mr. T.F. Byrne	Cllr. Byrne	Ald. Howlin
Mr. S. Molloy	Cllr. Kavanagh	Cllr. Roche
Mr. N. White	Cllr. Kelly	Ald. Reck

There being twelve nominees for the six vacancies a poll was required. On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Administrator would be selected to fill one of the vacancies.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Kiernan it was unanimously agreed that Mr. P. Lacey would be selected to fill one of the vacancies. There being 10 nominations for the four remaining vacancies, a poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>
J. Roche	4
T. Roche	7
T. Browne	7
P. Whelan	7
J. Hayes	3
D.S. Murphy	7
J. Larkin	2
T.F. Byrne	3
S. Molloy	1
N. White	3

Since T. Roche, T. Browne, P. Whelan and D.S. Murphy had achieved a majority of votes of those present at the voting, they were declared to be elected.

His Worship the Mayor then declared the following to be elected as members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

Alderman P. Reck  
Alderman B. Howlin  
Alderman D.M. Kiernan  
Councillor P. Nolan  
Councillor J. O'Flaherty  
Councillor M. Enright  
Councillor P. Roche  
Councillor H. Corish

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Rev. Fr. McCabe (Administrator)  
Mr. P. Lacey (T.U.I.)  
Mr. T. Roche, P.C.  
Mr. T. Browne  
Mr. P. Whelan  
Mr. D.S. Murphy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Kelly it was unanimously agreed that a Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council be appointed consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Kelly it was unanimously agreed that the Housing Committee of the Wexford Borough Council be appointed consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Kelly it was unanimously agreed that the Traffic Management Committee of the Wexford Borough Council be appointed consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council plus 2 representatives of the Garda Siochana plus 1 representative of the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce plus one representative of the Wexford Trades Council.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Kelly it was unanimously agreed that the General Purposes Committee of Wexford Borough Council be appointed consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that the Protocol Committee of Wexford Borough Council be appointed consisting of His Worship the Mayor ex-officio plus three members of the Borough Council. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that the three members of the Borough Council to so act would be as follows:- Alderman Reck, Councillor Roche and Councillor O'Flaherty.

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Kelly it was unanimously agreed that five members of the Borough Council would be appointed to the Swimming Pool Committee. These members were nominated as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
Councillor Byrne	Councillor Kelly	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Councillor Corish	Councillor Roche	Ald. Howlin
Alderman Kiernan	Councillor O'Flaherty	Councillor Nolan
Councillor O'Flaherty	Councillor Nolan	Mayor - Ald. Byrne
Councillor Kelly	Alderman Reck	Councillor Byrne

There being five nominees for the five vacancies, those nominees were declared elected.

On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that the external members of the Swimming Pool Committee would be Fr. Collins, St. Peter's College, One representative of the Wexford Swimming Club, Town Clerk, Borough Engineer, Recreation Centre Manager.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk stated that the Borough Council had the following representation on this Committee:-

The Mayor ex-officio  
4 members of the Borough Council

For the purposes of selecting the four members of the Borough Council groups could

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be formed consisting of three members and His Worship the Mayor then called for groups to identify themselves. Councillor Kelly, Councillor Byrne and Councillor Enright declared themselves to be a group, for the purposes of this Committee selection and nominated Councillor Byrne as their appointee. No other groups were formed and His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations to fill the remaining three vacancies. Nominations were received as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Councillor H. Corish	Councillor Roche	Alderman Howlin
Alderman D.M. Kiernan	Councillor O'Flaherty	Councillor Nolan
Councillor Nolan	Alderman Kiernan	Councillor O'Flaherty

There being no further nominations and there being four nominated to fill the four vacancies, the following were declared to be the Wexford Borough Council's appointees on the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee:-

Mayor ex-officio  
Alderman D.M. Kiernan  
Councillor P. Nolan  
Councillor V. Byrne  
Councillor H. Corish

#### SOUTH EAST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

The Town Clerk stated that the Borough Council could nominate one appointee to this organisation. His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations which were received as follows:-

Alderman G. Byrne was proposed by Alderman D.M. Kiernan seconded by Councillor P. Nolan.

Alderman P. Reck was proposed by Councillor V. Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour of Alderman G. Byrne:- Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman B. Howlin, Alderman D.M. Kiernan, Councillors P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche, H. Corish (7)

In Favour of Alderman Reck:- Alderman P. Reck, Councillors P. Kelly, V. Byrne, M. Enright, N. Kavanagh (5)

The majority being in favour of Alderman Byrne, Alderman Byrne was declared to be elected to be the Borough Council's appointee on the South East Regional Development Organisation.

#### SOUTH EAST REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

The Town Clerk stated that the Borough Council could nominate one appointee to the South East Regional Tourism Organisation. His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations which resulted as follows:-

Councillor P. Roche was proposed by Alderman Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

There being no other nominations Councillor Roche was declared unanimously elected to be the Borough Council's nominee on the South East Regional Tourism Organisation.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

The Town Clerk stated that the Borough Council could appoint two nominees to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. No groups were formed for the purposes of these appointments. His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations which resulted as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
Alderman G. Byrne	Alderman D.M. Kiernan	Cllr. O'Flaherty
Cllr. V. Byrne	Alderman G. Byrne	Cllr. Enright
Cllr. P. Roche	Alderman B. Howlin	Cllr. H. Corish



There being three nominations for the two vacancies a poll was held which resulted as follows:-

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>VOTES IN FAVOUR</u>
Alderman G. Byrne	7
Councillor V. Byrne	5
Cllr. P. Roche	7

Alderman G. Byrne and Councillor P. Roche having received a majority of votes of those present and voting, they were declared to be elected to be the two appointees of the Wexford Borough Council on the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

REGULATIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS

On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed not to make regulations for the seeking, examination and reception of tenders and that where tenders are received they be opened by the Town Clerk in the presence of any member of the Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1985.

Ald Gus Byrne  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1985, AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck,

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

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

STANDING ORDERS.

The Town Clerk stated that the Protocol Committee of the previous Borough Council had been considering the amendment of Standing Orders and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate copies of Standing Orders in other comparable Boroughs together with a suggested draft of Standing Orders for Wexford Borough Council to the Members of the Protocol Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

TWINNING

WEXFORD/BENDORF AND RHEIN

The Town Clerk stated that the Wexford/Bendorf and Rhein had been made to ask the previous Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council by Alderman Kiernan and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk would investigate the benefits to be gained from such a twinning arrangement, including having discussions with Alderman Kiernan and would report back to the Protocol Committee before a recommendation would be made from the Committee.

Arising out of the discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Roche that the Town Clerk would contact the United States Embassy in Dublin with a view to ascertaining if a suitable town in the United States could be considered for twinning with Wexford.

WEXFORD/ACIREOLE, ITALY.

Consideration was then given to a request from Club Italiano Dublino that Wexford would in conjunction with five other towns (Dublin, Galway, Killarney, Clonmel and Kilkenny) twin with 6 towns in Southern Italy in September 1986. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would further investigate this matter with the Irish Towns mentioned and report back further to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

EAMON de VALERA PHOTOMONTAGE.

Details of an offer of a photomontage of Eamon de Valera was then considered. On the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was agreed to recommend that since Mr. de Valera was a Freeman of Wexford, that the offer be accepted. It was noted that the total cost of the photomontage would be £50.00 plus V.A.T.

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On the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate details of the civic awards scheme to each Member of the Borough Council with a view to making awards if appropriate in December of the current year.

BARRY DAY MEMORIAL.

The Town Clerk outlined preliminary arrangements for the Barry Day Commemoration. The date had been set for the 20th October and Mr. R. Quinn, T.D. Minister for Labour, would be the principal guest for the day. The luncheon would be held in Whites Hotel. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to recommend that the arrangements as outlined by the Town Clerk be proceeded with and it was further agreed that a meeting of Protocol Committee would be held on Monday, 7th October at 7.00 p.m. to consider the guest list and further details for the ceremony.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

DAY OF

7th Oct '85

Ald Gus Byrne M.P.C.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1985, AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin.

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh and H. Corish.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Supt. D. Kenny, Garda Siochana.  
Sgt. Darmody, Garda Siochana.  
Mrs. Bartlett, Wexford Trades Council.

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

AMENITY AREA, ST. PETER'S SQUARE.

The Borough Engineer stated that work would commence on the development of the amenity at St. Peter's Square as had previously been discussed within two weeks from the date of the meeting. The meeting then considered the proposals for a one-way traffic system around the proposed amenity area. Supt. Kenny stated that he would be in favour of the one-way system with access limited into the Square from School Street and then traffic to move clock-wise around the Square with egress from the Bride Street Church side of the Square or alternatively Clifford Street. In relation to the one-way system presently operating at Gibson's Lane he suggested that the traffic should be two-way on this lane to facilitate a number of commercial concerns operating from premises adjoining the lane.

Alderman Reck referred to the junction with Carrigeen Street and stated that there would be possible problems arising from the exiting of traffic from St. Peter's Square onto this already dangerous junction. The problem was exacerbated by the parking of school buses at the junction. A lengthy discussion on this issue was held and all Members contributed. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed that the Superintendent and the Borough Engineer would consider a plan for the area/<sup>which</sup> could include the provision of a traffic island at the junction referred to and in addition that the question of parking of school buses at the junction be discussed with the transport liason officer (Mr. T. McDermott, C.E.O. in the V.E.C.) Following further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Howlin to recommend that the one-way traffic system suggested for St. Peter's Square be implemented and that the Borough Engineer and Superintendent would further discuss the difficulties arising from the one-way traffic system at Gibson's Lane and would report further to the next Meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

PAY & DISPLAY SYSTEM.

The following motion which had been deferred from the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council held on the 7th June last was then considered.

"That this Borough Council examines its attitude in relation to Pay and Display - Traffic Wardens - and traffic in general!"

Alderman Reck who had proposed the original motion referred to the operation of the Traffic Warden on the Main Street and stated that the method in which he operated was not in the best interests of the traders in the town.

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Alderman Reck further referred to traffic congestion at the entrance to the Crescent Car Park and in the Crescent Car Park. The Town Clerk in reply to Alderman Reck stated that the function of the Wardens was to penalise for breach of the bye-laws and not to regulate traffic as this was a matter for the Gardai and for the bye-laws themselves. Following a lengthy discussion a consensus view was expressed that the Wardens were doing a good job in the town. It was agreed arising out of this discussion on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Roche that the provision of a disc for service vehicles and the feasibility of altering the car park system from Pay and Display to marked car parks be investigated. Arising out of the discussion it was agreed to refer the following matters to the Gardai for their attention:-

On the suggestion of Councillor Nolan the unauthorised parking at the Talbot Hotel area.

On the suggestion of Alderman Howlin the unauthorised parking at the bridge area.

On the suggestion of Councillor O'Flaherty unauthorised parking at Cornmarket area.

#### THE FOLLY.

The following motion in the name of Alderman Reck which had been deferred from the Quarterly Meeting on the 1st April, 1985 was then considered:-

"The Folly is a death trap at the moment, I therefore call on this Borough Council to take immediate steps to improve the traffic flow in this area".

The motion was proposed by Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche. All Members present unanimously endorsed the sentiments contained in the motion and following discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer and the Supt. would investigate and report to a future meeting of the Traffic Management Committee on all of the alternatives available to deal with this problem.

#### ON STREET PARKING AT NORTH MAIN STREET.

His Worship the Mayor stated that there was an apparent need for some on-street parking facilities in the North Main Street area and suggested allowing parking on one side of sections of the Main Street as follows:-

From Sinnotts to the C.Y.M.S.  
From Doyle's Shop to the Boutique.  
From Kehoe's Yard to Selskar.

The suggestion was seconded by Councillor Kelly and all Members endorsed the need for such a facility. It was agreed that the Borough Engineer and Supt. would investigate the matter and report to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee with recommendations.

#### ERECTION OF STOP SIGN AT ROCHE'S ROAD/BRIDE PLACE JUNCTION.

The provision of a stop sign at Roche's Road/Bride Place junction was proposed by Councillor Kelly and it was agreed to take this matter up with the Garda Siochana with a view to obtaining their approval to the erection of same.

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### PEDESTRIANISATION.

The following report from the Town Clerk to the Members of the Borough Council, which had been unanimously approved by the Borough Council at their Meeting on the 27th September was then considered by the Meeting:-

"Attached find proposal for pedestrianisation of parts of South/North Main Streets. The implementation of this proposal will mean:-

- (a) With the exception of a through road from Rowe Street to Church Lane Car Park vehicles will be prohibited during certain hours from the Bullring to Allen Street and
- (b) Anne Street will effectively be a cul-de-sac during the operational hours of pedestrianisation.

It is recommended that pedestrianisation be introduced during the following hours:-

Monday to Thursday (incl.)	..	11.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	..	10.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

The pedestrianisation will be effected by the erection of removable bollards located as shown on the attached map. The bollards would be erected by Corporation Staff and locked in position. Keys to the locks will be issued to all emergency services (Gardai, Fire Brigade and Ambulance Services). At the end of the operative hours the bollards will again be removed by Corporation Staff.

Deliveries to/from shops in the pedestrianised area should be effected before or after the operative hours outlined above. In addition it should be noted that all commercial premises in the area are within easy reach of non-pedestrianised areas (e.g. Bullring, Rowe Street, Church Lane, Anne Street, Keysers Lane and Allen Street). Therefore given the good-will and good intent of the traders it is felt that this proposal will operate smoothly to the benefit of the consumer and thereby the benefit of the business and retail community in the area.

The pedestrianisation of the Main Street has been suggested for many years. The Members will all be aware of the demand from the general public to have it introduced. The Members will also be aware of the statements by the representatives of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce at meetings with the Borough Council in which the Chamber assented to the pedestrianisation principle. The experience of all urban centres in Ireland and abroad where pedestrianisation has been introduced is that business in the pedestrianised streets has improved. Therefore, it follows that the implementation of this proposal would make this section of the Main Street most attractive from the consumers point of view thereby promoting and generating additional business in the commercial outlets therein.

"The implementation of the pedestrianisation proposal outlined above is recommended for adoption by the Borough Council and to take effect as and from 15th November, 1985."



Disappointment was expressed that the Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce were not in attendance. In reply to His Worship the Mayor, Supt. Kenny stated that the Gardai were in favour of the pedestrianisation proposal, subject to improvement of the turning facilities at the top of Anne Street. The Supt. also stated that he would wish to see unanimity from all concerned regarding the introduction of pedestrianisation. Mrs. Bartlett on behalf of the Trades Council stated that though there were some reservations regarding deliveries to commercial premises and the feasibility of making such deliveries before the operative hours of the pedestrianisation, the Trades Council were very much in favour of this development. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would issue details of the proposals to the Chamber of Commerce and inform them of the decision of the meeting of the Borough Council and of the Traffic Management Committee in relation to the proposal.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked the Representatives from the Garda Siochana and the Trades Council for their attendance at the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS *24th* DAY OF *Oct* 1985.

*Alfred Gus Byrne M.C.P.*  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1985, at 7.00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

COUNCILLORS:- J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh,  
H. Coish.

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

Apologies from Councillors P. Nolan and P. Kelly for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

REPORTS

VISIT TO COUERON

The following report from His Worship the Mayor, copies of which have been previously circulated, was then considered.

"The delegation lead by myself and consisting of Alderman D.M. Kiernan, Councillor P. Kelly, Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager, Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk, the Chairman and other representatives of the ad-hoc Twinning Committee and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and some sporting groups visited Coueron week commencing 9th September, 1985. The delegation was very well received by both the civic leaders and people of Coueron. On behalf of the Corporation I presented the constitution of the new Twinning Council adopted by the Corporation to the Mayor of Coueron and Members of his Council and at a lengthy meeting with them and the County Manager, Alderman Kiernan, Councillor Kelly and the Town Clerk we outlined our proposals. These were accepted by the Mayor and his Members and officials present and they intend to present the proposals to their Twinning Committee so that the principles on which both of us would work will be similar.

The discussions at this meeting were broad ranging and covered the potential for:-

- (a) Educational Contacts (e.g. through the exchange of school magazines etc.).
- (b) Student and family exchanges.
- (c) Sporting and cultural exchange groups, and,
- (d) The establishment of firm trade links between our two committees.

In relation to (a) and (b) above the details for this part of the project will be put on the Agenda for discussion with the appropriate members of the Twinning Council when set up.

In relation to (c) we discussed further details of a visit by 100 to 150 representatives of sporting/cultural organisations from Wexford to Coueron in April next and I will be discussing the details of this with the appropriate bodies in the Town shortly.

In relation to (d) the County Manager has had preliminary discussions with some appropriate local industrial/commercial interests, and I am contacting the Mayor in Coueron with details for him to institute action from the Coueron side.

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In general the visit was extremely successful and was well appreciated by our twinning partners. I intend to promote the involvement of the whole community in the Twinning Council over the next few months with a view to having the Council established on a broad and firm basis before the end of the current year.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Co. Manager, Alderman Kiernan, Councillor Kelly, Town Clerk, Mr. T. O'Rourke (Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee) and all Members of the delegation for their assistance and help to me in making this trip the success it was."

All Members present paid tribute to His Worship the Mayor on his organisation of the visit and the report was noted.

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Friday and Saturday	..	10.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

The pedestrianisation will be effected by the erection of removable bollards located as shown on the attached map. The bollards would be erected by Corporation Staff and locked in position. Keys to the locks will be issued to all emergency services (Gardai, Fire Brigade and Ambulance Services). At the end of the operative hours the bollards will again be removed by Corporation Staff.

Deliveries to/from shops in the pedestrianised area should be effected before or after the operative hours outlined above. In addition it should be noted that all commercial premises in the area are within easy reach of non-pedestrianised areas (e.g. Bullring, Rowe Street, Church Lane, Anne Street, Keysers Lane and Allen Street). Therefore given the good-will and good intent of the traders it is felt that this proposal will operate smoothly to the benefit of the consumer and thereby the benefit of the business and retail community in the area.

The pedestrianisation of the Main Street has been suggested for many years. The Members will all be aware of the demand from the general public to have it introduced. The Members will also be aware of the statements by the representatives of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce at meetings with the Borough Council in which the Chamber assented to the pedestrianisation principle. The experience of all urban centres in Ireland and abroad where pedestrianisation has been introduced is that business in the pedestrianised streets has improved. Therefore, it follows that the implementation of this proposal would make this section of the Main Street most attractive from the consumers point of view thereby promoting and generating additional business in the commercial outlets therein.

The implementation of the pedestrianisation proposal outlined above is recommended for adoption by the Borough Council and to take effect as and from 15th November, 1985."

The report was considered at length by the Members and a lengthy discussion was held to which all Members contributed. Following this discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to adopt the report and the recommendations contained thereon and to proceed accordingly with the implementation of the pedestrianisation proposal.

#### NISSAN CLASSIC CYCLE RACE:-

His Worship the Mayor paid tribute to all involved in the organisation of the recent Nissan Cycle Classic which had a stage stop in Wexford. In particular His Worship the Mayor paid tribute to Councillor O'Flaherty who was Mayor at the time of initial discussions with the organisers of the race and congratulated him for ensuring that a stage stop of the race would be held in Wexford. All Members present concurred with the remarks of the Mayor and paid tribute to His Worship the Mayor on his efficient handling of the civic reception and associated duties during the course of the stage stop. On the proposal of Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the holding of a civic reception for the organisers and participants in the cycle race and the according required increase in the Mayoral allowance, was unanimously approved.

#### VISIT OF DENIS TAYLOR, WORLD SNOOKER CHAMPION.

On the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed to afford a civic reception to Mr. Denis Taylor, World Snooker Champion on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on the 10th October, and that the Mayoral allowance will be adjusted accordingly. It was further agreed that His Worship the Mayor in conjunction with the Town Clerk will arrange the details of the civic reception having regard to the time available for Mr. Taylor.

#### PLANNING:-

The list of planning applications received since the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting, copies of which have been previously circulated, was noted. Arising therefrom a lengthy discussion was held on an application by Wexford Family Aid for the change of use of a house from family use to refuge for victims of family violence. All Members present contributed to the discussion and whilst all Members welcomed the provision of such a refuge in Wexford, a consensus view was expressed that the premises for which permission was sought was not suitable. His Worship the Mayor stated that the making of a decision on the application was a matter for the Manager and that the Manager would have regard to the views expressed at the meeting when making his decision.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment regarding letter from Borough Council concerning the financing of Local Authorities and stating that the matter is receiving attention was noted.
2. Details of Conference - 1985 National Conference on Physical Education as previously circulated, was noted.
3. Details of 1985 People of the Year Awards as previously circulated was noted.
4. Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare re means testing for unemployment assistance as previously circulated was noted.
5. A request from St. Josephs Boys and Girls Club, Bishopswater, requesting permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Howlin, seconded by Councillor Roche, subject to the usual conditions.



Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland enclosing letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare regarding payment of pensions, as previously circulated was noted.

Letter from Tipperary Urban District Council requesting that the following motion be brought to the attention of the Members was noted:-

"That the Government would follow with more good money by underwriting Insurance for Youth Co-op's throughout the Country in their first year projects".

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Health and Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's letter concerning the need for Dentist and Speech Therapists in the County Clinic and stating that the letter is receiving attention was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Social Welfare regarding the localisation of disability benefit payments, as previously circulated was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Labour re the lack of incentive to employers in the service sector to employ apprentices, as previously circulated was noted.

Nomination of delegate to the Local Authority Members Association, as previously circulated was noted.

Bord Failte 1985 Tidy Towns Competition Results, as previously circulated was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment stating that the contents of letter from the Members regarding the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme have been noted, was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment acknowledging letter from Borough Council regarding the Ground Rent Act and stating that same had been forwarded to the Minister for Justice for his attention was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment acknowledging Borough Council's resolution seeking a meeting with the Minister to discuss the financing of Wexford Corporation and stating that same would be brought to the Minister's attention on his return was noted.

Letter from Mr. P.G. McQuillan, C.E.O., South Eastern Health Board regarding residential accommodation in Wexford Town for elderly persons, as previously circulated was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Health and Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of Borough Council's resolution re residential accommodation for elderly persons and stating that the matter is receiving attention was noted.

An invitation from the United Towns Organisation to attend the 2nd Conference on Town Twinning which is to be held from the 5th - 7th December, 1985 in Newcastle, Northern Ireland, was then considered. It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche that two Members would attend. Following discussion a vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

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In favour:- Aldermen G. Byrne, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan,  
Councillors J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh &  
H. Corish (7)

Against:- Alderman P. Reck,  
Councillors V. Byrne and M. Enright (3).

The majority being in favour with the proposal the proposal was declared carried. Delegates to attend were then selected as follows:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne was proposed by Alderman Howlin, seconded by Councillor Roche.

Councillor Kelly was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kiernan.

A substitute delegate was appointed as follows:-

Alderman Kiernan was proposed by Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Roche.

19. Letter from Arts Council re Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann as previously circulated was noted.
20. A letter from Rosslare Harbour Development Committee regarding the re-appointment of Alderman Reck as a Member of the Committee, copies of which have been previously circulated, was then considered. His Worship the Mayor stated that there were no vacancies in the nominees from the Corporation to this Committee at this time, but requested the Town Clerk to note the request from the Committee for consideration in the event of such a vacancy arising in the future.
21. Letter from N.B.A. regarding Coolcotts Phase 4, as previously circulated, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF Oct 1985.

Ald G. Byrne M.C.P.  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1985 at 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

In Attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Roche a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Fr. Funge on the recent death of Mr. Thomas Funge. All members present and the Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Corporation associated with the vote of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th June, 1985 and First Quarterly Meeting held on 1st July, 1985 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Nolan.

The minutes of the following meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed and the recommendations contained therein were adopted on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty:-

- (a) Special Meeting held on 4th July, 1985.
- (b) Special Meeting held on 8th July, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting held on 15th July, 1985.

Arising out of the minutes His Worship the Mayor stated that in accordance with the resolution of the Borough Council passed at the meeting on 15th July, 1985 he had made arrangements for a formal delegation to visit Coueron on the Monday following the meeting. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to revitalise links and show committment by Wexford to the twinning aims and pointed out that though the Mayor of Coueron and senior members of the community of Coueron had visited Wexford on some six occasions since the formal twinning ceremonies, there had been no formal civic presence by Wexford in Coueron. In addition the formal delegation would also be utilised to discuss details of the constitution of the proposed Twinning Council recently adopted by the Borough Council with the leaders in Coueron and further to discuss participation by Wexford in a major sporting festival being held in Coueron next April. The delegation consisted of approximately 20 people which he proported would include himself, two members, the County Manager and Town Clerk and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and some other groups in the town. On the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty His Worship the Mayor was complimented the arrangements proposed and the resolution passed at the meeting of 15th July, 1985 was re-affirmed.

The Manager stated that he and the Town Clerk had met a representative of the Golf Club in South Wales who was in Wexford to arrange a visit by his Golf Club members to Wexford Golf Club in October next. The Manager stated that it was important that Wexford promoted the attraction of Wexford to English individuals and clubs and it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Roche that a Civic Reception would be afforded to the visiting Golf Club members and that the Mayoral allowance be adjusted accordingly. It was further agreed that the details of the Civic Reception would be progressed by His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

#### URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Branch Secretary of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union (Wexford Branch) which requested that the members of Wexford Corporation be informed of the concern of the Wexford Branch of the I.T.G.W.U. that a decision by the Borough Council to cut-back on finance could result in unemployment amongst members of the I.T.G.W.U. branch in the Wexford Corporation.

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The letter further pointed out that with the closure of National Aluminium Ltd. the unemployment situation in Wexford should not be increased further. The letter was noted and further discussion on it was deferred to the motion on the agenda dealing with water charges.

The Manager informed the meeting that the contract for the acquisition of Westlands had now been completed, 9½ acres of land at Townparks had been acquired from Wexford County Council and that he proposed to continue the employment of the Consultant who had carried out the 1st phase of housing development on this land for Wexford County Council, to carry out the development of the remaining 9½ acres for the Corporation and that he had further acquired approx. 4½ acres at Summerhill. The Manager further stated that he hoped to utilise some of the lands for joint venture housing. His Worship the Mayor congratulated Mr. J.J. O'Connor on his gesture in transferring the ownership of the Westlands property to the Corporation and all members associated with the Mayor's remarks. The Borough Council also welcomed the developments on the further land acquisitions and noted that the Manager would submit proposals in relation to any joint venture scheme proposed before any final decision was made on the matter.

The following report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered:-

"WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME."

I am directed by the Manager to enclose copy of the sanction of the Department of the Environment to the Preliminary Report and Addendum Documents submitted in respect of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

The Addendum Documents submitted provided for amendments to the scheme and results of investigations of alternatives as required by the Department's Technical Adviser.

The Preliminary Report and Addendum Documents provided for a number of options in relation to the siting of the main pumping station and the results of investigations for locations for the main sewer treatment works. The siting of the main pumping station has previously been considered by the Borough Council and the option for the siting of the plant at the South Station has been adopted with its consequential further extension of the Quay front from the Crescent to the Talbot Hotel car park.

The siting of the sewer treatment plant on the south training wall has also previously been considered by the Borough Council and the Reports considered possible alternatives. Having regard to all the factors involved the siting of the sewerage treatment plant along the south training wall is the only feasible option. The Contract Documents when being prepared will minimise the effect on the visual and general amenity of the adjoining area.

The Contract Documents are now being prepared. The preparation of these documents will necessitate the carrying out of surveys and investigations and these have been authorised and will be undertaken without delay. The acquisition of the necessary lands and wayleaves is also in hands.

The provision of the Marina you will note has been excluded from the sanction. However the Borough Council should consider continuing to pursue the provision of this Marina and should consider the financing of same at a future meeting of the Borough Council."

On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to re-affirm the decision of the previous Borough Council that the Main pumping station previously proposed for siting at the Crescent should be re-sited at the South Station with the consequential extension of the Quay front from the Crescent to the Talbot Hotel Car Park and further re-affirmed the siting of the sewer treatment plant along the south training wall. The report was noted and arising out of discussion on it, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche to lodge a protest with the Minister for the Environment at the exclusion of the Marina from the sanction received. It was further agreed that the Borough Council would continue to pursue the provision of the Marina and the financing of same would be considered at a future meeting of the Borough Council. On the request of Alderman Kiernan it was agreed that the new members of the Corporation would be given information as to the content of the scheme.



On the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor meetings of the Corporation's Committees were agreed as follows:-

- (1) G.P. Committee Meeting - 26th September, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.
- (2) Protocol Committee Meeting - 30th September, 1985 at 7.00 p.m.
- (3) Traffic Management Committee Meeting - 30th September, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

### MOTIONS

#### Water Charges.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Kelly:-

"That Wexford Borough Council resolves to abolish Water Charges by not including them in the next Estimates and further resolves not to impose charges on tenants and residents for services provided by the Borough Council that have hitherto been free".

A lengthy discussion was held on the motion to which all members contributed. In reply to questions the Manager stated that water charges would be deducted from any loans issuing where same are due to the Corporation and there was no harassment by any official of the Corporation of members of the public in the collection of these charges. The Manager further stated that the motion before the meeting had implications for the financing of the local authority which if implemented could cause loss to the Council's funds and accordingly advised members that the provisions in the Management Acts in relation to charge and sur-charge could apply to those who voted in favour of this motion. As the law stood at present the imposition of charges was a management function and if the motion was adopted by the Borough Council, he could in law review it as a recommendation. The Manager further pointed out that the waiver scheme operated as generously as possible with 100% waivers being granted in some instances and that any recommendations from members in relation to individuals seeking relief under the scheme, would be favourably received by him.

Following further lengthy discussion the following amendment was proposed by Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Howlin :-

"That Wexford Corporation requests the Minister for the Environment to make the necessary finance available to enable the Corporation to abolish water charges and postpone the introduction of any form of local taxation without negotiation and consultation with and the consent of the Councils and Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland".

A vote was taken on this amendment which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Alderman P. Reck, Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman B. Howlin, Alderman D.M. Kiernan, Cllrs., P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish. (8).

Against:- Cllrs., Kelly, Byrne, Enright, Roche (4).

The majority being in favour of the amendment the amendment was declared carried and the substantive motion was then put to the meeting and carried on a majority vote with the vote being as the original voting on the amendment.

#### Block Grant.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright seconded by Alderman Reck and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to call on the Government to introduce a statutory block grant system of adequate Local Authority funding and to seek an early meeting with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the block grant system and the financial needs of Wexford Corporation in advance of the preparation of estimates for the coming year".

#### Corish Park.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by His Worship the

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Mayor:-

"That Wexford Corporation accepts the plans submitted by the residents of Corish Park and agrees to carry out the work as quickly as possible".

Alderman Reck in proposing the motion submitted a plan from the residents of the area. The Manager stated that the Borough Engineer would cost the proposals of the residents and that a report on the matter would be submitted to a meeting of the Borough Council before the estimates meeting for 1986.

#### Pedestrianisation.

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

"In view of the present cronic traffic congestion on Wexford's Main Street, I move that immediate steps be taken to pedestrianise the Main Street - And as a matter of urgency discussions with the traders be arranged for the purpose of persuing what is agreed Corporation policy".

The Manager stated that the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer were presently combining proposals for submission to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee and following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

#### Identity Card System.

The following motion from His Worship the Mayor was withdrawn from the meeting at his request:-

"That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Justice as a matter of urgency to introduce a compulsory identity card system for all aged over 16".

#### Facilities for the handicapped.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council re-commit itself to the provision of facilities for handicapped people at all buildings under its control".

#### Ground Rent Acts.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That the relevant Minister be requested to publish through the media all details and rights under current ground rent act".

In reply to questions the Town Clerk outlined the position in relation to the acquisition of the fee simple at Mannix Place and other housing estate lands.

#### Joint Venture Housing.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan seconded by Alderman Reck:-

"With a view to helping young couples or single people to own their own homes and thereby further reduce the number of applicants on the housing list : That this Corporation prepare a feasibility study on the possibility of initiating a Joint-Venture Scheme with some local building firm employing local labour for the erection of a housing scheme".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder welcomed the Manager's statement earlier in the meeting regarding joint venture proposals and following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Plot of land opposite Mayflower.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan seconded by His Worship the Mayor and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

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"That this Corporation designate the plot of land at Liam Mellows Park facing the Mayflower Lounge Bar, presently used by Wexford Albion Schoolboys A.F. Club, as a pitch for schoolboy soccer and that the area in front of the pitch be cleared of debris left by the Corporation after the demolition of the old house".

It was noted that proposals in relation to this site would be submitted to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council.

#### Adjournment of Motions.

At the request of Councillor Kelly the following motions were adjourned to the next Meeting:-

- (a) "That exterior decorating at Mount George housing estate commence without further delay".
- (b) "That this Council exercise its full power in relation to Wexford Town's chronic traffic problem".

#### Boundary Extension.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Corish seconded by His Worship the Mayor and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"Realising that the extension of the Wexford Town boundary is long overdue, this Corporation agrees that discussion should be initiated with the County Council with the view to rectifying this position".

The Manager stated that the financial implications for both the Corporation and County Council if a boundary extension was to be pursued, were being up-dated and following further discussion it was agreed that the matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Corporation and District Committee of Wexford County Council.

#### Residential Home for Elderly.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Corish seconded by Alderman Howlin and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"This Corporation calls on the South Eastern Health Board and the Department of Health to provide permanent residential accommodation in Wexford Town, for those elderly members in our community who are unable to care for themselves".

#### Abolition of Naas U.D.C.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That the Borough Council condemns the action of the Minister for the Environment in abolishing Naas Urban District Council as undemocratic and calls on him to re-instate the Council".

Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the motion was put to the meeting and a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Cllrs. P. Kelly, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche (4).  
Against:- Ald. P. Reck, G. Byrne, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan, Cllrs., P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish (8).

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

#### Adjournment of Motions.

With the agreement of Councillor Byrne (the proposer) the following motion was agreed to be adjourned to the next meeting of the Borough Council:-

"That the Borough Council arranges a meeting between the Council, Wexford Harbour Board and business people to fight for the provision of a Marina on Wexford's Quays".

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With the agreement of Alderman Howlin (the proposer) it was unanimously agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of the Borough Council:-

"That Wexford Corporation investigate the feasibility of allocating suitable land for development as soccer pitches by the various soccer clubs in the town".

QUESTIONS

It was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk would issue written replies to all questions appearing on the agenda.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Kavanagh would attend at the Association of Municipal Authorities Annual Conference in the place of the Mayor who was unable to attend at the Conference.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS

7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Oct 1985.

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Ald Gus Byrne M.C.C.



MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne,  
M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh,  
and H. Corish.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J. A. Quinlivan, Manager, Mr. D.F. Curtin,  
Town Clerk, Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant, Mr. M.  
Redmond, Staff Officer, Mr. T. Foley,  
Managing Director, N.B.A., Mr. M. O'Connor,  
Chief Technical Advisor, N.B.A.

PRESENTATION OF PLAN FOR COOLCOTTS AREA

At the outset of the Meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. Foley and Mr. O'Connor to the Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. His Worship the Mayor then invited Mr. O'Connor to present the proposals of the N.B.A. in relation to the remainder of the lands available to the Borough Council at Coolcotts. Mr. O'Connor then gave a presentation in the form of a slide show detailing (a) proposed Action Plan for the remainder of the lands in the ownership of the Corporation in the Coolcotts area and (b) a proposal for expandable houses which the N.B.A. suggested should be built on a joint venture basis with a view to selling the houses to applicants who would be approved by the Corporation. After the slide presentation Mr. Foley outlined the proposals of the Agency in relation to the private housing element contained in the Action Plan. He stated the intention of the Agency would be to proceed as follows:-

Prepare plans - as illustrated - for a scheme of expansible dwellings. These detached dwellings are specially designed to allow for expansion in the roof space to provide two additional bedrooms and an extra bathroom at a future date (the initial construction would contain a livingroom, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom). In this way, the initial capital outlay of the purchaser is reduced while, at the same time, he or she will acquire a property capable of being readily and economically extended in accordance with changes in family circumstances.

Seek planning permission from Wexford County Council, including permission for the future extension.

Seek tenders for the scheme.

Calculate a fixed sale price on the basis of the most acceptable tender in consultation with the Corporation, who will indicate the amount to be included for land costs. At this stage the viability (or otherwise of the scheme will be apparent having regard, inter alia, to the purchase price of other private dwellings in the Wexford area.

Invite applications for the dwellings - with particular emphasis on applications from existing tenants of Corporation houses.

Submit applications to the Corporation for determination as to those applications which should receive priority.

The bridging finance necessary for the construction of the scheme will be made available by the Agency, which will recover its outlay from the sales monies in due course.

A discussion then ensued to which all Members contributed. Arising out of this discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Howlin to (a) adopt the proposal for the development of the remaining lands at Coolcotts in accordance with the presentation of the N.B.A., and (b) to accept the undertaking by the N.B.A. as contained in the proposals above, subject to the proposed sale price of houses being acceptable. A discussion on this proposal then ensued to which all Members contributed. Arising out of the discussion Mr. Foley stated that it was noted by the meeting that acceptance of the proposal did not commit the Corporation beyond paragraph (4) of the proposal outlined above. The Manager stated that the N.B.A. had prepared their proposal at his request which was based on a decision of the Borough Council at a previous meeting and recommended acceptance of their proposal.

A vote was taken on the proposal of Councillor Roche and Alderman Howlin which resulted as follows:-

In favour :- Aldermen: G. Byrne, B. Howlin, Councillors : P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh and H. Corish (7).

Against :- Aldermen: P. Reck, D.M. Kiernan, Councillors: V. Byrne and M. Enright (4).

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

His Worship the Mayor then thanked Mr. Foley and Mr. O'Connor for their attendance at the meeting and Mr. Foley suitably replied. In his reply Mr. Foley stated that the N.B.A. would now undertake to cost the plan which had been approved by the Borough Council and would submit the costed plan to the Department for their approval.

## REPORTS.

### NAMING OF FLATS.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which have been previously circulated, was then considered

With reference to Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting held on the 29th April, 1985 when it was agreed that we would write to all the tenants in the un-named blocks of flats requesting suggestions for the naming of same, we have now completed a survey, the results of which are as follows:-

#### (1) THE FAYTHE ( 6 FLATS ).

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The majority of the tenants who responded do not wish to have the flats renamed.

#### (2) BRIDE STREET ( 4 FLATS ).

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The 4 tenants who responded wished the flats to be renamed and the majority (2) of those opted for "Convent View".

#### (3) JOHN STREET LOWER ( 6 FLATS ).

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The five tenants who responded wished the flats to be renamed. Ten names were suggested and of those "Saint Anthony" with 4 votes is the favourite.

#### (4) LOWER JOHN STREET ( 24 FLATS ).

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Thirteen tenants responded. Seven wished the flats to be renamed. Six did not wish to have them renamed. Of the majority of the seven who opted for renaming "Beech Mount" or "Beech Mount House" were the most popular names.

It is a matter for the Members of the Borough Council to decide if the names nominated by the tenants should be applied to the blocks of flats.



Arising out of the discussions on the report it was agreed as follows:-

THE FAYTHE.

It was agreed not to rename this block of flats.

BRIDE STREET.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne to rename the 4 flat complex at Bride Street as "Convent View".

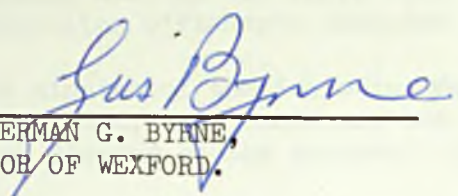
JOHN STREET LOWER.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Howlin to name the block of 6 flats in John Street Lower "St. Anthony".

LOWER JOHN STREET.

It was agreed to defer any further consideration of the naming of the 24 flats at Lower John Street.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
 ALDERMAN G. BYRNE,  
 MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November 1985.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1985 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, and H. Corish.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk, Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer, Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant, Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

TWINNING:-

The following Memorandum from the Town Clerk copies of which have been previously circulated, was then considered.

"I enclose for your information copy of correspondence issued to each of the Clubs listed in the schedule attached in connection with the proposed new Twinning Council.

It will be a matter for Wexford Borough Council to nominate their 3 Representatives to this Twinning Council. In nominating Representatives the provisions of Local Government (Reorganisation) Act, 1985 do not apply and, therefore, selection will be made by normal process of proposer, seconder and by simple majority vote in the event of there being more than three nominations.

It is suggested that the Representatives be nominated at the General Purposes Committee Meeting, the agenda for which is attached.

It was unanimously agreed to nominate the 3 representatives of the Borough Council to this Twinning Council. Nominations were made as follows:-

Councillor Kelly was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Kiernan.

Alderman Kiernan was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

Alderman Reck was proposed by Alderman Howlin, seconded by Councillor Roche.

There being no further nominations Councillor Kelly, Alderman Kiernan and Alderman Reck were declared to be the Corporation's 3 representatives on the new Wexford Twinning Council for the period set out in that Body's Constitution.

PLANNING.

Alderman Howlin referred to the number of applications for planning permission in respect of extensions to houses and on his proposal seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate details of the new Grants Schemes announced on the day previous to the Meeting by the Minister for the Environment to those applicants and to all such similar applicants in the future for planning permission for extensions.

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In favour :- Aldermen Byrne, Howlin, Kiernan,  
Councillors Nolan, O'Flaherty, Roche, Kavanagh and Corish.  
(8).

Against :- Nil.

Abstained :- Alderman Reck, Councillors Byrne and Enright (3).

The majority being in favour of the proposal the proposal was declared carried and it was agreed that Members who could do so would indicate to the Town Clerk as soon as possible of their ability to attend.

A letter from the Institute of Public Administration giving details of a one day seminar for newly elected public representatives, copy of which has been previously circulated, was then considered. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche that all five new Members of the Borough Council would attend.

A letter from the Private Secretary of the Minister for the Environment in response to a motion passed at a recent Borough Council Meeting regarding service charges, copy of which has been previously circulated, was noted.

#### CIVIC RECEPTION.

His Worship the Mayor stated that a group from the Presili District Council would be visiting Wexford on the week following the meeting and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Howlin that His Worship The Mayor would afford a Mayoral welcome to the delegation and that the Mayor's allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor referred to achievements of the Clonard Group in the recent Community Games and on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Howlin it was unanimously agreed to afford a civic reception to the group involved at a time and date to be arranged by His Worship the Mayor, and it was further agreed that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Housing Committee for the purpose of considering the housing lists would be held on Tuesday, 5th November, at 7.00 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November 1985.

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE,  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

AMENITIES.

The provision of suitable street furniture to add to the impact of pedestrianisation and the attractiveness of the Main Street as a commercial centre was accepted by the representatives of the Chamber. It was noted that, because of the necessity to remove any such street furniture each day, it was not possible for the Corporation to provide and maintain sufficient furniture to make the necessary impact. It was suggested by the Corporation that (a) seats would be provided to individual traders in the pedestrianised area who would be responsible for their maintenance and placing and removing the seats from the street at the commencement and termination of the pedestrianisation hours and (b) the Corporation would introduce the traders to an appropriate group who would provide a service of decorating the exterior of premises with appropriate flower baskets/boxes etc.

In relation to (a) a number of traders have already indicated their interest in having seats and the Chamber are presently completing their survey of the remainder of the traders. In relation to (b) Wexford Youth Enterprises are currently preparing samples for discussion with individual traders.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

The need to ensure the proper presentation of the pedestrianisation principle was agreed. The Chamber re-iterated its support for the project and agreed that their President should attend with the Mayor at a formal press conference presenting the final proposal to the public. Such a conference should be held before the 4th November, if possible.

The need for the presentation of the proposal to the general public and to delivery agents was stressed and it was suggested that a handout be made available for traders to issue to customers and their delivery agents showing a map of the pedestrian zone and giving details of loading/unloading zones together with adjacent car-parks.

The approach by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce to the pedestrianisation proposal must be lauded for its constructive nature. With the good-will of all concerned pedestrianisation of the Main Street will be a boost to the attractiveness of Wexford as a commercial centre and will work for the good of consumer and trader alike. "

The report was noted and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kiernan, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty. It was further agreed on the proposal of Aldermen Reck that representatives of the external organisations who were represented on the Traffic Management Committee would also attend at the Press Conference suggested in the report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the Department of the Environment regarding the provision of a marina in conjunction with the Main Drainage Scheme, copy of which has been previously circulated, was discussed and noted.

A letter from the <sup>Private</sup> Secretary of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Borough Council's resolution to propose changes in the system of financing Local Authorities, copy of which has been previously circulated, was noted.

A letter from the Mid-West RDO inviting the Borough Council to attend at a conference on Anti Social Behaviour - A Growing Concern, copy of which has previously been circulated, was then considered. It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kiernan that the Corporation should be represented at this conference and that two delegates from the Corporation should attend. A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-



REPORTSPEDESTRIANISATION.

The following report from the Town Clerk, copies of which have been previously circulated, was then considered. It was unanimously agreed that consideration of this subject would be held in Committee.

After the decision by the Borough Council to proceed with the proposal to pedestrianise the Main Street, a number of meetings were held between officials of the Corporation and the President and representatives of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce at which the details of the proposal were discussed. A summary of these discussions is as follows:-

OPERATIONAL HOURS:-

The Chamber Representatives suggested that the hours be adjusted as follows:-

	<u>ORIGINAL PROPOSAL</u>	<u>SUGGESTED HOURS</u>
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, ..	11.30a.m-6.00 p.m.	11.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ..	10.30a.m-8.00 p.m.	10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The suggestion was made on the basis that (a) from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Friday and Saturday very little trading is done and (b) traders used those hours to deliver goods to customers and would be unable to load the goods onto their delivery vehicles if the original hours were adhered to.

It is recommended that the suggested revised hours be adopted by the Brough Council subject to the condition that the operational hours be reviewed before the Summer of 1986 with a view to extending the hours if considered appropriate.

SIGN POSTING.

The need for adequate sign posting was discussed and the proposals of the Corporation in this regard were noted and agreed.

DELIVERIES.

Lengthy discussion was held on the question of deliveries to and from shops in the proposed pedestrian zone. The proposal of the Corporation to restrict parking on sections of streets adjacent to the pedestrian zone to loading/unloading only was noted and accepted. The need for a turning bay at the top of Anne Street was discussed and it was noted that the Corporation were currently pursuing this.

The loading/unloading zones proposed are (a) Section of the Bullring/Common Quay Street.

(b) Lower Section of Rowe Street.

(c) Upper Section of Anne Street.

(d) Lower Section of Allen Street.

These proposals have already been discussed with the Gardai Siochana who have indicated their acceptance of the proposal.

It was further agreed that the operation of deliveries would be monitored on a regular basis to ensure the smooth operation of the pedestrianisation principle.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan,

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, V. Byrne, M. Enright,  
P. Roche, N. Kavanagh and H. Corish.

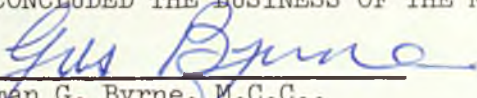
IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager, Mr. D.F. Curtin,  
Town Clerk, Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer,  
Mr. J. Redmond, Health Inspector,  
Ms. S. O'Sullivan, Health Inspector.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the two Health Inspectors to the Meeting and stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to discuss the draft Housing Lists which had been prepared following the examination of the circumstances of all housing applicants by the Health Inspectors.

APPLICANTS FOR FAMILY TYPE ACCOMMODATION.

Two lists were submitted for consideration, one being the list of those recommended together with details of their family circumstances together with the total number of points (including waiting points) allocated to each applicant, and a second list comprising of applicants who were not recommended for the reasons stated in the list. A discussion was held on the exclusion of a number of applicants from the recommended list on the basis that their income exceeded the allowable limit. The Town Clerk explained that a limit of £8,000 per annum family income was being applied in order to comply with the Statutory Requirement that the Corporation would only house those who were unable to house themselves from their own resources. A lengthy discussion on this aspect ensued to which all Members contributed. It was generally the opinion of the Meeting that the income limit being applied was too low and the Town Clerk explained that it coincided with the income limit applicable to the S.D.A. loan scheme. It was noted by the Meeting that disregarding a family's ability to provide their own accommodation from their own resources had the effect of delaying the housing of low income families who were unable to provide houses from their own resources. Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Reck and unanimously agreed to recommend that those applicants excluded from the recommended list solely for income reasons be added to the recommended list for rehousing. The Manager stated that he would have a further examination of cases close to the income limit carried out and following further discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Kelly to adjourn consideration of the lists to a future meeting at which discussion on individual circumstances would take place if thought appropriate.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
Alderman G. Byrne, M.C.C.,  
Mayor of Wexford.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November 1985.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1985, AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.  
ALDERMEN:- P. Reck,  
COUNCILLORS:- J. O'Flaherty and P. Roche.  
IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

BARRY DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY.


The final details of the 1985 Barry Memorial Ceremony were considered and agreed. The Guest List was finalised and adopted and the arrangements for the luncheon were finalised. It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche to recommend that the total budget for the ceremony would not exceed £1200 and that the Mayoral Allowance be adjusted accordingly. It was agreed that the Town Clerk and the Mayor would make the final arrangements in relation to the Ceremony.

In relation to the 1986 Ceremony it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to consider the feasibility of having the Ceremony later in the evening and it was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Roche to consider having a Guard of Honour from the 10th Battalion in 1986 rather than from the Naval Services.

MEMENTOS FOR V.I.P. VISITORS.

The Town Clerk presented to the Meeting a proposal to provide paper weights with the crest of the Borough incorporated and which were manufactured by a local craft firm. He recommended that the Corporation should have a stock of such items for use of the Mayor as small presentations to visiting dignitaries. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche to recommend that a stock of such mementos would be provided at the Municipal Buildings for use of the Mayor of the day as the occasion demanded and it was further agreed to recommend that the Mayor's Allowance be adjusted accordingly.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, M.C.C.,  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November 1985.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1985 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, ALDERMAN G. BYRNE.

ALDERMEN:- P. RECK, D.M. KIERNAN,

COUNCILLORS:- P. NOLAN, P. KELLY, JOHN O'FLAHERTY,  
V. BYRNE, M. ENRIGHT, P. ROCHE,  
N. KAVANAGH, H. CORISH.

IN ATTENDANCE:- MR. J. QUINLIVAN, MANAGER, MR. D.F. CURTIN,  
TOWN, CLERK, MR. T. FAHEY, BOROUGH ENGINEER,  
MR. K. O'BRIEN, BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT,

APOLOGIES FOR HIS INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETING WERE NOTED.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd September, 1985, copies which have been previously circulated, were unanimously confirmed and signed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Nolan.

The Minutes of the following Meetings, copies/<sup>of</sup> which have been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty:-

- (a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27th September, 1985.
- (b) Traffic Management Committee held on 30th September, 1985.
- (c) Protocol Committee held on 30th September, 1985.

Arising out the Minutes Alderman Kiernan stated that he wished to be associated with the remarks of the Borough Council congratulating His Worship the Mayor on the organisation of the recent delegation to Coueron. Councillors Enright and Byrne wished to place on record that whilst the Minutes of the G.P. Committee Meeting held on 27th September, 1985 stated that a concensus view was expressed that the premises for which planning permission was sought by Wexford Family Aid for use as a refuge was not suitable, they did not consider this to be the position and considered the premises suitable. This was noted by the Meeting.

Alderman Reck stated that in relation to the Traffic Management Committee Meeting which discussed the pedestrianisation proposals, it appeared that the President of the Chamber did not attend the Meeting due to an oversight and that this non-attendance did not reflect the views of the Chamber on pedestrianisation. His Worship the Mayor stated that the Chamber had reiterated their support for the principle of pedestrianisation and the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that meetings would be held with Representatives of the Chamber in the coming weeks to discuss final details of the proposal. A report on these Meetings will be issued to the Members of the Borough Council at the earliest opportunity.

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LITTER ACT BYE-LAWS.

The Town Clerk stated that the Litter Act Bye-Laws, 1985 as previously circulated to the Members of the Borough Council and as adopted by the Borough Council at their Meeting on 7th June, 1985, had been advertised as being available for inspection as required by law, and no objections had been received to the bye-laws. It was then unanimously resolved on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Kiernan, that the bye-laws be adopted and submitted to the Minister for the Environment for sanction.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Meeting that discussions were on-going with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in relation to the provision of sponsored litter bins throughout the town, and that it was expected that these discussions would be finalised shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The Town Clerk stated that a letter had been received from the Minister for the Environment stating that whilst the marina was excluded from the sanction for the Main Drainage Scheme, he would favourably consider the granting of an application for capital allocation for the project under the Environmental Services Scheme. Capital made available under this Scheme did not attract the subsidy as under the Sanitary Services Schemes Allocation. A discussion on the matter ensued to which all Members contributed. It was agreed that copies of the letter would be circulated and that the matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next G.P. Committee Meeting for discussion. Arising out of the discussion the Manager stated that every step would be taken to minimise the financial effect of the provision of such a marina on the Corporation.

A letter from the Chairman of the London Wexfordmens' Association which invited His Worship the Mayor to attend at their forthcoming Annual Dinner Dance was then considered. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Reck that His Worship the Mayor would attend at the dinner and that the Mayoral allowance would be adjusted accordingly.

Councillors Roche and Kavanagh reported that at the recent Municipal Authorities Conference both of the motions submitted by the Borough Council had been adopted by the Conference and that in addition to proposing and seconding the above motions the Representatives of the Borough Council at the Conference had contributed to many other debates including debates on cross channel ferry services. It was noted that a full report on the events of the Conference would be circulated to each Member in due course by the Secretary of the Municipal Authorities Association.

MOTIONS:-MOUNT GEORGE HOUSING SCHEME:-

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly:-

" That exterior decorating at Mount George Housing Estate commence without further delay ".

With the approval of the Meeting Councillor amended the motion to read as follows:-

" That exterior decorating at Mount George Housing Estate commence at the earliest possible opportunity."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Reck. The Borough Engineer in reply to the discussion arising out of the motion outlined the present position in relation to the investigation works being carried out on the houses in Mount George by the I.I.R.S. on behalf of the Corporation.

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The Borough Engineer emphasised that whilst there was no cause for alarm in relation to the structural stability of the houses it was important to await the final report of the I.I.R.S., before commencing the painting of the exterior of the houses. This was noted by the Meeting and the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### TRAFFIC:-

The following motion from Councillor Kelly was withdrawn by Councillor Kelly received permission of the Meeting since the subject matter had already been dealt with at the recent Traffic Management Committee Meeting of the Borough Council.

" That this Council exercise its full power in relation to Wexford Town's chronic traffic problem."

#### MARINA:-

The following motion from Councillor Byrne was then considered:-

" That the Borough Council arranges a meeting between the Council, Wexford Harbour Board and business people, to fight for the provision of a marina on Wexford's Quays. "

With the permission of the Meeting the motion was amended by Councillor Byrne to read as follows:-

" That the Borough Council seek a deputation with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the financing of the provision of a marina in Wexford. "

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Reck and following discussion unanimously adopted. It was further agreed that the formation of the deputation would be considered when the Minister's agreement to receive the deputation had been obtained.

#### SOCCER PITCHES:-

In the absence of Alderman Howlin it was agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting:-

" That Wexford Corporation investigate the feasibility of allocating suitable land for development as soccer pitches by the various soccer clubs in the town. "

#### OLDER HOUSING STOCK:-

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

" That the Corporation authorise the expenditure of part of the house maintenance estimates money on the substandard housing scheme as in previous years."

The Town Clerk stated that the ordinary house maintenance estimate was on target at present and that there did not appear to be any surplus available for the use suggested in the motion. In addition the Corporation had in recent months made application for special state capital allocation for the purposes of bring up to standard all of the older housing stock and this application was presently the subject of discussion between the Corporation Officials and the Department Officials. A lengthy discussion then ensued during which the Members outlined problem houses in the older housing stock which required attention. The Manager stated that he would investigate the matter and establish if some funds could be made available to carry out the work suggested by the Members. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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EMPLOYMENT SUB COMMITTEE.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

" That the Corporation establish an Employment Sub-Committee."

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the experience of Bray U.D.C., in the formation of a similar committee, and it was suggested that the Committee would comprise of the Members of the Borough Council, representatives from the I.D.A., Trades Council, Chamber of Commerce and the County Development Officer. The motion was unanimously adopted.

RING ROAD:-

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh.

" That this Corporation give serious thought to the consequences which will result from the opening of the new Ring Road, a proper plan of action must be initiated forthwith to provide facilities to attract and hold tourists in our area."

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to many projects which could improve the amenities and, therefore, attractiveness of Wexford and suggested that the Mayor would call together various persons involved in the different aspects of the tourism and amenity area. Following discussion the motion was unanimously agreed.

HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES.

The following motion was submitted by Alderman Kiernan, seconded by Councillor Roche and the following discussion unanimously adopted:-

" That the Corporation consider new ideas for further reducing the number of applicants on the housing list by actively encouraging the setting up of housing co-operatives which would incorporate a joint ownership provision. "

DERELICT SITES.

The following motion in the name of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne was then considered:-

" That the Corporation investigate the acquisition of sites at the North end of Main Street with the view to promoting increased commercial activity."

His Worship the Mayor with the approval of the Meeting amended the motion to read as follows:-

" That the Corporation investigate the acquisition of town sites with the future promoting increased commercial activity."

The amended motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and following discussion unanimously adopted.

SWIMMING POOL FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Kelly:-

" That an hour at Swimming Pool each week be allocated to unemployed people free of charge."

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder stated that the intention was not to allocate an exclusive hour for the unemployed but to provide a facility whereby unemployed persons could use the swimming pool facilities free of charge during specified hours in the normal public hour schedule. It was agreed to refer the motion to the Swimming Pool Committee for their observations.

#### SUPERMARKETS - SHOPPING BASKETS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

" That this Council consider action and consultation with those concerned on obstruction caused by Supermarket Shopping Baskets."

#### PARKING DISCS FOR DISABLED.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck, seconded by Alderman Kiernan:-

" That this Borough Council provides a disc of exemption for those who drive the disabled or people who find it difficult to gain access to certain parts of Wexford without transport".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the difficulties for disabled or persons who drive the disabled to shop in Wexford in obtaining parking facilities adjacent to the shops. The Town Clerk outlined the legal provisions in relation to the proposal which precluded the Corporation from operating a system as outlined in the proposal. However, a consensus view was indicated in favour of granting a facility to the disabled persons if possible and it was agreed to refer the matter to the Traffic Management Committee to further discuss the issue.

#### BANK CHARGES.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche and following discussion was unanimously agreed.

" That this Borough Council calls on the Banks to examine the amount of damage the new bank charges can do to the Wexford Economy."

#### SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh:-

" That the Borough Council request the Minister to extend the Social Employment Scheme to include those receiving over £70 weekly on unemployment assistance, to enable Local Authorities to improve amenities in their areas, the number of hours worked each week would be in proportion to the amount of social welfare paid to each individual."

There being no seconder for the motion the motion fell.

#### QUESTIONS.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation land bank comprised of 50 acres situated at Coolcotts, Carriglawn, Townparks, Summerhill and Westlands. 27 acres of this land was suitable for immediate development whilst 23 acres awaited the provision of the new main drainage scheme before being suitable for development.



In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Town Clerk stated that a report on the progress made to date regarding the setting up of a Joint Venture Building Scheme would be presented at the forthcoming General Purposes Committee Meeting.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Borough Engineer stated that the work of clearing the debris from the pitch used by Wexford Albion was presently in hand.

In reply to His Worship the Mayor the Town Clerk stated that the following was the demand for Local Authority housing from Wexford Corporation:-

	FAMILY TYPE	1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM	TOTAL
Number on Current Priority Lists.	11	1	2	14
Applications included in current review.	161	76	35	272
Applications on hand not included in review. (received after 22.3.1985).	13	21		34
				320

#### GROUND RENTS.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Town Clerk stated that applications to purchase the ground rent at St. Aidan's Crescent were currently being processed, but that sales of ground rents in other areas must await the completion of the first registration applications which have been submitted to the Land Registry for one and a half years.

#### SPEED LIMITS.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the speed limit at Maudlintown/William Street/Faythe area was 30 miles p.h.

#### BATT STREET.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the surfacing of Batt Street had already commenced.

#### CONFERENCES.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Accountant stated that the total amount spent on conferences and trips in 1984 was £3,200 and that the total budget for 1985 was £4,000.

#### WATER CHARGES.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Accountant stated that the total amount credited to the water charges account in 1984 was £59,365.

#### G.P. MEETINGS.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Town Clerk stated that "housing" would appear as an item on the Agenda for future G.P. Meetings.

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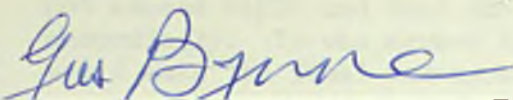
OLDER HOUSING STOCK.

In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had no expenditure specifically on sub-standard houses in 1985 and that the Corporation had applied for assistance under the Scheme for improvement of sub-standard houses as announced by the Department of the Environment earlier in the year in respect of 4 specific schemes at Croke Avenue, Maudlintown, Wolfe Tone Villas and Talbot Green.

DATES FOR COMMITTEE MEETING.

It was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor would decide on appropriate dates for Meetings of the Housing Committee and General Purposes Committee.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
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ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, M.C.C.,  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November 1985.



MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 28th  
NOVEMBER, 1985, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,  
WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, D.M. Kiernan.

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne,  
M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, and  
H. Corish.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager,  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

Apologies from Alderman Howlin for his in-  
ability to attend the meeting were noted.

PLANNING:-

A list showing all planning applications made since the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting, copies of which have been previously circulated were then considered and noted. Questions raised in relation to some of the applications were answered by officials in attendance. Arising out of discussion on the applications for permissions to extend dwellings, a discussion was held on the new grant scheme and arising out of this discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck that the Town Clerk would circulate an explanatory memorandum on the new grants scheme to all Members. Arising out of this discussion it was noted that the new grants scheme required that only registered builders would carry out the improvements/ extensions and a consensus view was expressed that a list of so registered builders from the locality should be available to members of the public. The Town Clerk explained some of the possible difficulties in relation to the Corporation compiling such a list and arising out of this discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the Revenue Commissioners and to the C.I.F. for their consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the Department of the Environment, copy of which has previously been circulated, regarding the Local Authority Estimates 1986, was considered and following discussion noted.

A letter from the Private Secretary of the Minister for the Environment in response to a request from the Corporation that the Minister would meet with a deputation from Wexford Corporation to discuss the provision of a marina in Wexford in conjunction with the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme, was noted. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the contents of the letter not be accepted by the Borough Council and that the Minister would be again requested to receive the deputation previously sought.

It was then proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Byrne to write to the six Members of the Oireachtas expressing the concern of the Borough Council at the lack of interest shown in the marina's development by the Members of the Oireachtas.

A vote was taken on this proposal which resulted as follows:-

In favour : Alderman Reck.  
Councillors: Kelly, Byrne, M. Enright (4)

Against: : Aldermen, G. Byrne, D.M. Kiernan  
Councillors: P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty,  
N. Kavanagh (5).

Abstained: : Councillors Roche and Corish (2)

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The majority of those voting on the proposal having been against the proposal, the proposal was declared lost.

It was then proposed by Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the six Members of the Oireachtas be informed of the Council's request to the Minister for a deputation to be received by him and be requested to take this matter up with the Minister. Following this discussion this proposal was unanimously adopted.

A letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., stating that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company would be held in the near future, was then considered. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that Councillor Roche would attend at this meeting on behalf of the Borough Council.

The following motion from Kilrush Urban District Council, details of which have previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion was unanimously adopted on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

" That this Council request the wearing of safety arm-bands to be adequately advertised ".

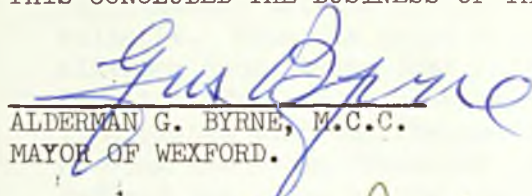
The following motion from Listowel Urban District Council, details of which have previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Enright:-

" That this Council requests the Minister for the Environment to urgently introduce legislation enabling Local Authorities to erect suitable traffic ramps in Housing Estates, where the majority of the residents deem this to be necessary ".

#### HEATING OF JOHN STREET FLATS.

In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Town Clerk stated that a report outlining the present position in relation to the John Street and John's Gate Street Flats will be submitted to the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council. A lengthy discussion on the matter ensued and arising out of this discussion the Manager stated that pending the consideration of the report the heating in the flats would be increased having regard to the cold spell being experienced at the time of the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, M.C.C.  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 1985.



MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1985, AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, D.M. Kiernan,

COUNCILLORS:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne,  
M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, and  
H. Corish.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Manager,  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk,  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

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

NAMING OF COOLCOTTS, STAGE (4)

The Town Clerk stated that because of the location of the housing scheme it was not appropriate to continue the numbering of this Scheme within the existing estates in the area. Accordingly, a new name was required for the 55 house scheme which could possibly be extended with the next stage of the contract. It was agreed that the naming of the estate would be in accordance with the wishes of the proposed tenants of the scheme and it was accordingly agreed that the Town Clerk would undertake a poll of these tenants when appointed.

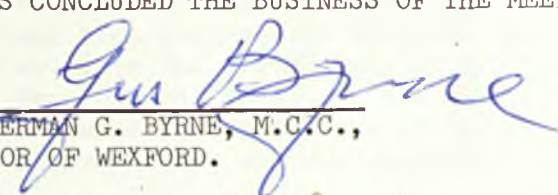
Further in relation to this scheme the Town Clerk stated that he had now been informed by the N.B.A. that it was unlikely that the housing scheme would be available for allocation prior to Christmas. Concern and disappointment was expressed by all Members and it was agreed unanimously to inform the N.B.A. of this disappointment and to request them to expedite the handing over of the scheme.

GENERAL.

Alderman Reck referred to a housing transfer applicant, Mrs. Moule of Emmet Place who had applied for rehousing by Wexford County Council in a house in Bunclody. On his proposal it was unanimously agreed to write to Wexford Co. Council informing the Co. Council that the Members of the Corporation were aware of medical and social problems in this particular case which merited special attention and recommending Mrs. Moule to the Co. Council for rehousing in Bunclody.

In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that the review of the many applicants for whom reviews were requested by the Members was currently in hands and it was expected to be completed shortly.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, M.C.C.,  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 1985.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER, 1985, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESIDING:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan,

COUNCILLORS:- P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright,  
P. Roche, N. Kavanagh and H. Corish.

Apologies from Councillor Nolan for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. J. Quinlivan, Manager, Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk,  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Mr. J. Redmond, Health  
Inspector. Ms. S. O'Sullivan, Health Inspector.

At the outset of the meeting the Manager stated that he had considered the comments made at the previous meeting in relation to the re-implementation of the suggested income limit of £8,000 and as requested had reviewed the cases of those previously excluded solely on income grounds. Having examined all the factors he was now including a further 9 applicants and the list for consideration by the meeting had been amended accordingly. He reiterated that he intended to qualify those applicants who remained excluded from the housing list as being eligible for rehousing for the purposes of qualifying for loans and grants.

FAMILY TYPE HOUSING LIST:

The family type housing list was then considered. Questions raised by Members were answered by officials in attendance. Following lengthy discussion to which all Members contributed and during the course of which reviews of circumstances were requested for a number of applicants, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the list as circulated be adopted subject to the re-assessments requested and that the Manager would circulate the final list after he had carried out and had regard to the reviews requested. Councillor Reck requested that it be recorded that he wished the Members of the Corporation to further discuss the list before the lists were finalised.

ONE BEDROOMED HOUSE APPLICANTS.

The list of one bedroomed house applicants was then considered and following discussion to which all Members contributed and during the course of which reviews were requested of a number of applicant's circumstances, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that the list as circulated be adopted subject to the reviews requested.

TWO BEDROOMED HOUSE APPLICANTS.

The list of two bedroomed house applicants was then considered and following discussion to which all Members contributed and during the course of which reviews were requested of a number of applicant's circumstances, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that the list as circulated be adopted subject to the reviews requested.

FAMILY TYPE TRANSFER APPLICANTS.

The list of the family type transfer applicants was then considered and following discussion to which all Members contributed and during the course of which reviews were requested of a number of applicant's circumstances, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that the list as circulated be adopted subject to the reviews requested.

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In addition it was unanimously agreed that prior to the approval of any transfer, regard would be had to the record of the tenant in the house from which they were seeking a transfer both from the point of view of rent payments and general house keeping and tidiness.

NON FAMILY TRANSFER LISTS.

The list of the non family transfer applicants was then considered and following discussion to which all Members contributed and during the course of which reviews were requested of a number of applicant's circumstances, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that the list as circulated be adopted subject to the reviews requested.

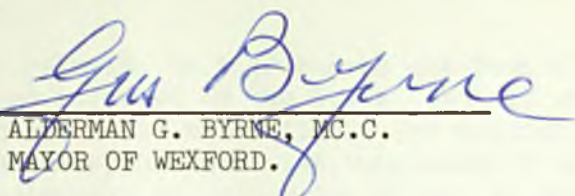
In addition it was unanimously agreed that prior to the approval of any transfer, regard would be had to the record of the tenant in the house from which they were seeking a transfer both from the point of view of rent payments and general house keeping and tidiness.

STAFFORDS.

With the permission of His Worship the Mayor Alderman Kiernan referred to a situation developing in M/s. George Stafford Ltd., which put 19 jobs at risk and, Alderman requested that His Worship the Mayor would intervene in the dispute. All Members concurred with Alderman Kiernan and His Worship the Mayor then stated that he would acquaint himself with the situation on the day following the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, M.C.C.  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS

9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 1981.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
4TH NOVEMBER, 1985, AT 7.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

PRESIDING:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne.

ALDERMEN:-

P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

COUNCILLORS:-

P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright,  
P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, and H. Corish.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. JA.Quinlivan, Manager,  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk,  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on the 7th October, 1985, copies  
of which having been previously circulated, were unanimously confirmed and  
signed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman  
Reck.

The Minutes of the following meetings, copies of which having previously been  
circulated, were confirmed and signed and the recommendations contained  
therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Reck, seconded  
by Councillor O'Flaherty.

- (a) Protocol Committee Meeting on 7th October, 1985.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting on 24th October, 1985.
- (c) Housing Committee Meeting on 25th October, 1985.
- (d) General Purposes Committee Meeting on 25th October, 1985.

RAISING OF LOAN.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Howlin  
it was unanimously agreed as follows:-

"That Wexford Corporation raise a loan of £100,000 from the Office of  
Public Works for the purposes of clearing nett debit balances on older  
housing schemes".

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the National Rehabilitation Institute inviting His Worship  
the Mayor to attend at the presentation of their annual People of the  
Year Award in Dublin on the 25th November, 1985, was then considered.  
It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Roche, seconded  
by Alderman Howlin that His Worship the Mayor would attend to represent  
the Corporation at this function and that the Mayor allowance would be  
adjusted accordingly.

MOTIONS.

SOCCER PITCHES.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Howlin, seconded by  
Alderman Reck:-

"That Wexford Corporation investigate the feasibility of allocating  
suitable land for development as soccer pitches by the various soccer  
clubs in the town".



In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the recent presentation by the N.B.A. of the Action Plan for the balance of lands owned by the Corporation at Coolcotts which included provision for a pitch. Wexford and District League Association Football Clubs had approached the Members of the Borough Council and whilst seeking the provision, they were aware that there would obviously be financial contributions from the Clubs requiring such facilities should the Corporation be in a position to allocate land for the purpose. The Manager stated that the principle of the motion was very good but expressed concern regarding the availability of land for such a venture. He stated that he would be slow to donate land in housing estates for exclusive private use and referred to a recent adverse experience of Wexford Co. Council regarding the provision of land for a G.A.A. pitch at Gorey. However, he agreed that the proposal should be discussed with the Clubs concerned but again pointed out that the Association should understand that land could not be given free of charge. Following further discussion to which all Members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That the Corporation call on the South Eastern Health Board to provide a comprehensive family planning service in Wexford".

A lengthy discussion on the motion was held to which all Members contributed. Following this discussion a vote was taken on the motion which resulted as follows:-

In favour: Aldermen: B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan,  
Councillors: P. Kelly, V. Byrne, M. Enright,  
P. Roche and H. Corish. (7).

Against:- Aldermen: P. Reck, G. Byrne,  
Councillors: J. O'Flaherty, N. Kavanagh. (4).

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

#### S.D.A. REPAYMENTS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Reck:-

"That this Council is concerned about S.D.A. and people paying other loans and payments getting notices to pay a once-off Double Payment".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the stress caused to individuals because of receiving demands for double payments. The Town Clerk outlined the position and explained by example how the arrears in question had arisen on some 50% of the loan accounts. The Town Clerk also stated that appropriate and satisfactory arrangements were being entered into with all who had contacted the Municipal Buildings and the Manager assured the Members that no legal action would be taken arising out of this particular aspect of the arrears on the loan accounts. Following lengthy discussion to which all Members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### IRISH LIGHT KEEPERS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Kiernan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That we appreciate the service performed by Irish Light Keepers over the years and wouldn't like to see them replaced in places by modern technology".

EXTRADITION OF POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"This Council calls on the Dublin Government to end any agreement it has with the British Government re the extradition of political offenders".

Following a lengthy discussion to which all Members contributed a vote on the motion was undertaken which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR

Aldermen: P. Reck, D.M. Kiernan.  
Councillors: P. Kelly, V. Byrne (4)

AGAINST

Aldermen: G. Byrne, B. Howlin,  
Councillors: M. Enright, N. Kavanagh &  
H. Corish (5).

ABSTAINED.

Councillors: J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche (2).

The majority of those voting on the motion having been against the motion, the motion was declared lost.

CASSETTE PROMOTION TAPE.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan, seconded by Alderman Reck:-

"That this Corporation explore the feasibility of producing a cassette tape of the bands, choirs and groups of Wexford to help promote our image as a tourist centre by the sale of the tape at home and abroad".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the wealth of music talent available in the town and to the benefits for the town of having such a tape as that mooted in the motion. The terms of the motion were unanimously endorsed and following discussion to which each member contributed the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty that to advance the matter His Worship the Mayor should arrange for a meeting between representatives of S.E.R.T.O., and of groups from the town who would potentially be contributed to the tape.

CORPORATION LAND BANK AT COOLCOTTS.

On the proposal of Alderman Kiernan it was agreed to defer the following motion:-

"That local Building Contractors be invited by the Corporation to submit proposals for the development of the remainder of the Corporation land bank at Coolcotts which would include a joint venture scheme and also make provision for a co-operative scheme of private houses with people still on the new housing list and from existing Corporation tenants."

SPECIAL REPAIRS FOR TALBOT GREEN.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That this Borough Council makes a special case for Talbot Green Houses, so that conventional fronts and backs can be fitted and electrical faults can be repaired".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the availability of the new reconstruction grants announced in recent times by the Minister for the Environment and stated that this appeared to be the opportunity now for the Corporation to carry out the necessary work on this Scheme. The Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had already applied for assistance under a scheme announced in January, 1985 for the up-grading of a number of housing schemes including the housing scheme at Talbot Green and that this scheme will be more advantageous to the Borough Council than the grants recently announced. He further stated that the Department



were currently considering the Corporation's submission in relation to this Scheme and following discussion it was agreed that the application under the scheme would be proceeded with and that the financial advantages to the Corporation of the various grant schemes would be maximised. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

CLOSURE OF NATIONAL ALUMINIUM.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck, seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That this Borough Council as a matter of urgency brings together the relevant groups to discuss the closure of National Aluminium and that we further ask the Minister, Mr. Bruton, to explain why the firm closed when he was aware of the return of Special Grants for doors and windows".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder referred to the need for such a meeting for the purposes of clarifying the situation for the Members of the Borough Council and the general public. Following discussion to which all Members contributed the motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed that the attendance at the meeting should include the Members of the Borough Council, the 6 Members of the Wexford District Committee of Wexford Co. Council, the 6 Oireachtas Members, the former Managing Director of National Aluminium, the Bankers of National Aluminium Ltd., the Receiver, and representatives of the Workers' Action Committee and the Irish Transport and General Workers Union.

REFUGE FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and following unanimously adopted:-

"That Wexford Corporation identify a suitable site to be provided for the establishment of a refuge for victims of family violence".

QUESTIONS.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the surfacing at New Lane, Tuskar View would be considered in conjunction with the 1986 Estimates.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Borough Engineer stated that a report on the development of the amenity at the Rocks in Maudlintown would be submitted to a meeting of the Borough Council as soon as possible.

In reply to Councillor Roche the Town Clerk stated that the proposal from the Corporation for the erection of sponsored litter bins throughout the town, was currently with the Chamber of Commerce who were considering same.

In reply to His Worship the Mayor the Borough Engineer stated that he would investigate the condition of the footpath at Talbot Street fronting the new house (Cullimores) with a view to bringing same up to standard.

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In reply to Councillor Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the mains pressure for the water supply at King Street was satisfactory and that problems in the area appeared to be internal problems which were the responsibility of the occupiers of the houses concerned.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Borough Engineer stated that the approximate cost per house of upgrading the Corporation houses at Wolfe Tone Villas and Maudlintown was £6,800.00 and that the cost of upgrading the scheme of houses at Croke Avenue was currently being investigated.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Borough Engineer stated that the Corporation sweep the roads in various outlying housing estates in the town, i.e., Liam Mellows Park and Corish Park once per week.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Town Clerk stated that it was not appropriate at present to consider the re-introduction of the direct labour scheme for capital housing projects.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would examine the possibility of removing an unsightly footpath in Michael Street.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Engineer stated that Wexford Corporation was not committed to supplying life belts on the quay.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Engineer stated that there was no commitment by Wexford Co. Council at present for the completion of the link road between Mulgannon Road and Distillery Road.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held on Thursday, 28th November, 1985, at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. .

  
ALDERMAN G. BYRNE, MC.C.,  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

SIGNED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 1985.



MINUTES OF G.P. COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER, 1985 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

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

In attendance:- Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. DF. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

PLANNING.

A list showing all planning applications made since the previous G.P. meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated were considered and noted. Questions raised in relation to some of the applications were answered by officials in attendance.

REPORTS.

United Towns Organisation Conference on Town Twinning.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report:-

"The 2nd Conference of the United Towns Organisation on the subject of Town Twinning was held in Newcastle, Co. Down, on 5th to 7th December. The Corporation was represented by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kelly and the Town Clerk.

The conference had delegates from Ireland (North and South), England, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, Germany and Denmark and gave a forum for full exchange of views and experiences by dividing the delegates into work-shop groups. The Corporation delegates attended separate workshops and thereby weaned the most satisfactory results.

The work-shop groups raconteurs reported to the general conference on the discussions within the work-shops and suggestions arising therefrom were debated by the general conference. A full report of the proceedings and discussions and of the papers presented to the conference by guest speakers is being prepared by the conference organisers and will be circulated to all Members when available.

However, it was re-assuring to note that the course of action adopted by the Borough Council in the organisation of the new Twinning Council, is the optimum method suggested by the United Towns Organisation. In addition, many helpful suggestions have been noted for the benefit of the new Twinning Council who will be meeting in January next for the first time."

The report was noted.

REPORT ON SPORTS SEMINAR.

The following report from Alderman Kiernan and Councillor Kavanagh, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted:-

"Both Delegates arrived at Cork on 'Thursday' at 5p.m. and as requested registered for the Seminar. A Civic reception was held at the Cork Arts Centre at 8p.m. and was attended by all delegates.

The Minister for sport Mr. Donal Creed welcomed all at the opening on Friday Morning and paid a special tribute to the help received from the British Sports Council and the French Dept. of Youth, both bodies were playing a part in the running of the Conference. He also mentioned that the new National Lottery would be of great benefit to sport in the Country as part of the profit would be put directly into sport promotion. Mr. John Coughlan, former deputy director of the British Sports Council then read a very interesting paper on "The cultural and Social Values of sport for all "

The following are some of the important points made by Mr. Coughlan  
We must work towards the concept of sport for all from our very young to our Senior Citizens. The great health value of participating in sport and the fact that the more people participating in sport the less we would have to lay out for health care. Juvenile delinquency cannot be cured by sport but it can certainly be diminished. The concept of sport for all can help to bring greater harmony into the lives of Communities.

This talk was followed by a very lively open forum.

Lunch Break,

After lunch two most interesting papers were read by Pat Staunton, Adult Education officer with Mayo VEC " Benefit of sport in the Rural Community"

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He pointed out, much to our envy, the fact that Co. Mayo had 3,25mt. Pools. These were run largely by volunteers with professional back up.

Under the Social Employment Scheme, Nature walks could be set out to get more involved in sport at a level to suit most people.

We must work with what we have and improve on our Natural Amenities.

Pat Coote of the City of Dublin V.E.C. then spoke on the great need to get those under 25 years to participate in sport. Less than one third of our schoolgoers take part in sport. He also put forward the idea that the reason our young people get involved in Joyriding was as a way of personal fulfillment..

Swimming was a great way to get all ages interested in sport and gave a report on how in the Dublin area they had a very successful programme for Senior Citizens.

After a coffee break we were treated to a very articulate coloured person Derek Anderson speaking on "An Urban Sport and Leisure Project for the less advantaged".

We must at all times seek to improve the co-operation between the Local Authority and The Community at large. The success of any sports promotion depends on this co-operation.

We need to train more leaders rather than provide more amenities. He also mentioned the "Passport to Leisure Scheme" which is used very successfully in England with access to swimming pools as a main attraction. The drop out rate from sport after school was greater amongst women and was more noticable in Social Deprivation areas.

Church Halls, School Gyms were opened after hours to the general public by negotiation.

We should try to reward those showing leadership in sport in their Community. Saturdays' programme was just as entertaining as Fridays' and we listened to Michael Cleary of Feroige speak of "The Sports & Leisure needs of Youth". We must identify the needs in general & youth in particular.

Youth has the core need to express him or herself creatively, Leisure is

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freedom to choose what to do in ones own time in whatever way one may choose. He made some very good points about the affront to the dignity of employment causes.

Ron Pickering the renowned sports coach and broadcaster spoke about "Excellence in Sport"

He made the point the sport is now big business and mentioned the case of Zola Budd being paid £90,000 for a bad race and how a friend of his a coach with one of the big Athletic clubs had resigned because of this. In the question and answer period after Ald. Kiernan took him up on this point.

He also spoke on many more topics of great interest to all.

Mrs. Ann Ebbs a silver medalist in the 1984 Paralympics for table tennis spoke on "Sport for all and the disabled".

She outlined the history of disabled people in sport and said that it should be the aim of all to help in providing means for disabled to take part in sport. Do not be afraid to involve disabled in sport the great injustice is to leave them out as if they were people apart.

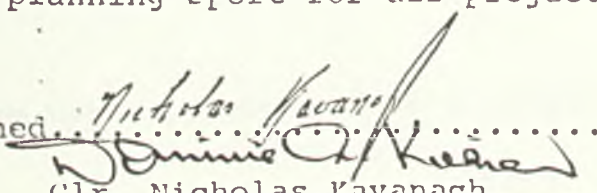
The Emphasis should be on Ability not Disability.

Maeve Kyle also spoke on Women in Sport and made some very interesting points about her career in sport representing Ireland.

Dennis Howell British Minister of Sport in the Labour Government spoke mainly about Birmingham's attempt to have the 1992 Olympics staged at the National Exhibition Centre and showed some very interesting slides and a promotional Video Film.

Both Wexford Delegates arrived home in Wexford very satisfied with the knowledge gained and hope that the exercise will be of some use to the Corporation Members in planning Sport for all projects."

Signed.....

  
Clr. Nicholas Kavanagh.

Ald. Dominic M. Kiernan



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The following report from Alderman Howlin, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted:-

"In accordance with the decision of Wexford Corporation on Monday 9th December I attended as a delegate at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company.

The Company offers two policies to members of Local Authorities. Policy (a) offers cover solely for travel connected to official meetings of the Local Authority. The cost of this cover this year is £15. Policy (b) covers accidental personal injury on a 24 hour basis except when the member is doing manual work. The cost of this cover is £49.

Policy (a) is underwritten by Hibernian Insurance Company.

Policy (b) is underwritten by Lloyds of London.

The records of the policies so far is summarised hereunder:-

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Number issued</u>	<u>Premiums Received</u>	<u>Pay-outs</u>
(a)	1,126	£68,000	£55,000
(b)	246	30,000	30,000

(Information covers the period 79/89 - 84/85)

As is clear from the above information the business is somewhat risky for the underwriters and there is no guarantee that cover will be on offer into the future. With this in mind the Board of the Company requested authorization to underwrite their own insurance should that necessity arise. This was agreed to by the E.G.M.

The need for all Local Authority members to be insured was again stressed and delegates were asked to bring this to the attention of their Authorities. The officers of the Board also indicated that they would be happy to discuss the provision of insurance for Local Authority officials should they be approached on the matter. "

Following discussion on the report it was agreed that details of the insurance cover available would be circulated to each member for their consideration. It was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by His Worship the Mayor to write to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company congratulating them on their foresight in dealing with the matter under discussion at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

1985 HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS SCHEME.

A report from the Town Clerk which included a copy of the official Department's Statutory Memorandum in relation to the 1985 House Improvement Grants Scheme was considered and noted. Arising out of this report it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Alderman Howlin to write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that capital being provided for these grants not be taken from the Local Authority Housing Capital Fund.

ARTS CENTRE.

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

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"Between Wexford Corporation and Wexford County Council a total of £2,000 was paid in the current year in grants to the Arts Centre. This sum was matched by a special grant from the Arts Council and is to be utilised for the strengthening and repair to the floor of the 1st storey.

The Arts Council have indicated that a further grant of £1,000 is available to the Arts Centre if a similar sum can be raised from the Local Authorities. Wexford County Council have agreed to allocate a further grant of £500 and it is recommended that Wexford Corporation would also approve of an additional allocation of £500 so that the maximum benefit of state grants available would accrue to the Arts Centre towards the cost of the essential repairs. "

On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed to provide an additional allocation of £500 to the Arts Centre in 1985 and overexpenditure in this sum would be authorised accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it had come to his attention that the Administrator of the Arts Centre would shortly be leaving the Arts Centre to take up a post in Dublin and on his proposal a vote of thanks and congratulations to the Administrator was unanimously adopted.

#### Wall at Redmond Memorial Park.

A proposal for the lowering of the wall at Redmond Memorial Park and replacing part of it with railings was then considered. The Borough Engineer explained the proposal and submitted drawings of the proposal to the meeting. Following discussion the proposal was generally welcomed and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would consider the points made by the members when plans for the scheme were being finalised.

#### Public Lighting.

Alderman Reck stated that there was a need for a temporary public light at Keyser's Lane for the Christmas trading period and the Borough Engineer agreed to examine this matter.

On the proposal of Councillor Roche His Worship the Mayor unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Public Lighting Committee be held before the Estimates Committee Meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

- (1) Letter from The Repeal Section 31 Committee regarding Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act, copies of which had previously been circulated was noted.
- (2) Letter from Monaghan U.D.C. submitting the following motion for consideration and support was noted:-  
"That this Council condemns the reduction in the Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus"
- (3) Letter from Castlebar U.D.C., submitting the following motion for consideration and support was noted:-  
"That this Council calls on the Oireachtas to discontinue the pension system as at present in operation for Members of Dail Eireann".
- (4) Letter from Derry City Council submitting the following motion for consideration and support, was noted:-  
"That (a) The Council declare the Derry City Council area an Apartheid-Free Zone;  
(b) Council campaign within the Local Government area and within all public and private bodies on which the City Council is represented against the purchase of South African goods;  
(c) Council affiliate to the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement;  
(d) Council display Apartheid-Free Zone posters in all Council Buildings and encourage shops, firms, schools and public buildings to do likewise;  
(e) Council support the setting-up of an Anti-Apartheid Working Party which will monitor the Local Anti-Apartheid campaign and serve as a reference point for concerned Members of the public;

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- (f) A copy of Council's proposals be circulated to all Councils in Ireland;
  - (g) The adoption and operation of these proposals by the Council would be subject to the restraints of relevant Local Government and other legislation".
- (5) Letter from Corporation of Dun Laoghaire submitting the following motion for consideration and support, was noted:-

"That this Council calls for the immediate closure of Sellafield (Windscale) nuclear processing plant in view of the danger to health of communities living along the Irish Sea and

- (1) That we call on the Government to make this the subject of future discussions with the British Government;
- (2) That we make contact with the Local Authority in the Sellafield area regarding the issue, and,
- (3) That we ask the other Local Authorities on the East Coast to join in a co-ordinated campaign on the matter".

#### SEASONAL GREETINGS

His Worship the Mayor then wished seasonal greetings to all members and officials and the press and people of Wexford.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

  
 MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

15th January, 1986

MINUTES OF HSG. COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER, 1985 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. G. Byrne.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, B. Howlin, D.M. Kiernan.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

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

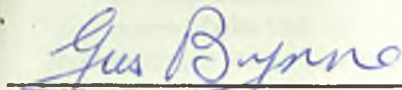
In attendance:-  
Mr. J.A. Quinlivan, Manager.  
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.  
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. K. O'Brien, Borough Accountant.

HOUSING LISTS.

A discussion was held on the recent review of housing applicants and arising out of this discussion the Town Clerk in reply to Councillor Roche stated that the Housing Lists would be circulated to all members before Christmas. A discussion was held on the number of points raised at previous housing committee meetings regarding the method of allocation of houses and in response to this discussion the Manager outlined the legal position in relation to the allocation of houses which was that the allocation of houses was a matter for the Manager solely. However the Manager pointed out that the members had a very helpful consultative role in the allocation of houses and that he proposed to continue with this consultation. However he reiterated that the appointment of tenants was a matter for him as Manager of the Corporation. This position was noted by the meeting and following discussion on a number of applicants the discussion on this matter concluded.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 1986.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.



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Councillors:- P. Nolan, P. Kelly, J. O'Flaherty, V. Byrne, M. Enright, P. Roche, N. Kavanagh, H. Corish.

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

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a vote of sympathy to the relatives and family of the late Mr. D. McEvoy, County Solicitor, was unanimously adopted. 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.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th November, 1985, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The minutes of the following meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed, and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted, on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Kiernan:-

- (a) Meeting of Housing Committee - 5th November, 1985.
- (b) Meeting of Housing Committee - 20th November, 1985.
- (c) Meeting of General Purposes Committee - 20th November, 1985.

Arising out of the minutes a discussion was held on the delays in the completion and taking over of the 55 house scheme at Coolcotts. In reply to Alderman Reck the Town Clerk stated that the housing scheme was not yet ready for taking over and a substantial snagging list was yet to be completed by the builder. In reply to further discussion the Manager stated that he could not accept the taking over of the houses on the basis of a letter from the builder and would only accept the taking over of the houses on the basis of the technical advice of the N.B.A. and Corporation's technical officers. It was then proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Alderman Kiernan that the builder and N.B.A. be invited to a meeting of the Borough Council to discuss the matter. An amendment was then proposed by Alderman Howlin seconded by Councillor Roche that the matter be kept under review by the Manager and that a letter be issued to the N.B.A. expressing the concern of the Borough Council at the delay. A vote was taken on this amendment which resulted as follows:-

In favour:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne, Ald. Howlin, Councillors Nolan, O'Flaherty, Roche, Kavanagh, Corish (7).

Against:- Alderman Kiernan, Cllr. Kelly (2).

Abstained:- Alderman Reck, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Enright (3).

The majority being in favour of the amendment the amendment was carried. The amendment was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion and was agreed by the meeting.

#### WEEKEND ALLOWANCES - WATER & SEWERAGE CARETAKERS

On the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the following

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motion was unanimously adopted:-

"In accordance with Circular Letter E.L. 20/85 of 5th November, 1985 from the Minister for the Environment it is hereby resolved that revised weekend allowances for Water and Sewerage Caretakers be approved as scheduled operative from 1st July, 1985".

PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT 1983

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

"In accordance with Circular Letter E.L. 21/85 of 20th November, 1985 from the Minister for the Environment it is hereby resolved that in accordance with Clause 4.2.(c) of the Public Service Agreement, 1983 payment of remuneration foregone by the phasing of the special increase be made by way of lump sum in January, 1986 for the period 1st October, 1983 to 30th November, 1984".

Houses for Wexford Mental Health Association.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That this Corporation consider the provision of houses in all future housing schemes for suitable persons in conjunction with Wexford Mental Health Association".

In reply to the discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that the Manager in principle had no objection to the terms of the motion and that any financial implications arising out of the implementation of the motion would be discussed at a future meeting of the Borough Council if found necessary. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Improvement of Estates in the Town.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Kiernan seconded by Alderman Reck:-

"That the Corporation consider the setting up of a youth enterprise scheme for the improvement of the Environment in Estates around the town".

A discussion was then held to which all members contributed. Arising out of the discussion the following amendment was then proposed by Alderman Howlin and seconded by Alderman Kiernan:-

"That the Corporation suggest to all Committee groups in the town to consider the setting up of a Youth Enterprise Scheme for the improvement of the environment in estates around the town."

The amendment was then put to the meeting and was unanimously adopted with Councillor Enright dissenting. The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and again was unanimously adopted with Councillor Enright dissenting.

Arising out of discussion on the motion it was proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Councillor Roche to request the relevant Minister to utilise <sup>the</sup> Youth Employment Agency funding from P.A.Y.E. deductions for the purposes for which it was deduced and following discussion Alderman Reck agreed to submit this motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Borough Council.

Heating of John Street/John's Gate Street Flats.

It was agreed that the following two motions be taken together:-

(a) "The Corporation agrees that providing adequate heating for our tenants in old people's flats, be considered a primary objective and in view of the fact that the cost of same is becoming almost prohibitive, we call on the Borough Engineer to consider possible alternative and more economical methods and report on this to a future meeting of the Corporation".

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(b) "That this Borough Council takes immediate steps to provide adequate heating in John Street and John's Gate Street Flats".

The motions were proposed by Councillor Corish seconded by Alderman Reck. The following report from the Town Clerk was also considered in conjunction with the motions:-

"The heating system for the 44 flats at John Street is by a communal town gas heating system. In addition each tenant is provided with an electric heater.

For many years the heating of the flats has been the subject of complaint from tenants who state that the heating system is not adequate. The normal heating hours are as follows:-

SUMMER 3½ hours.

WINTER 7½ hours.

At present the flats are heated by the communal gas system from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., and from 4.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The annual cost for 1985 of heating these flats was estimated as follows:-

EXPENDITURE (GAS SUPPLY)	..	£36,650
INCOME CONTRIB. FROM TENANTS	£2,520 .. =	(833 per flat)
CONTRIB. FROM CHEAP FUEL SCHEME	£6,000	
CONTRIB. FROM S.E.H.B.	<u>£4,000</u> ..	<u>£12,520</u>
TOTAL NET ESTIMATE PROVISION	.. =	£24,130 (£548 per flat)

The expenditure provision outlined above is not adequate to cover the estimated final costs and a further report on this aspect will be placed before the next meeting of the Borough Council.

The income estimate will, in addition, not be realised since the S.E.H.B. have now re-affirmed that they will not continue to make a subvention towards the heating costs.

Both of these factors mean that the net cost of heating the flats in 1985 will be in the region of £30,000 = £682 per flat).

The ever-increasing net cost of heating the flats cannot be sustained by the Borough Council from limited resources. The feasibility of providing alternative individual heating systems has been under investigation for some time and a report on this investigation will be submitted for consideration in conjunction with the Estimates for 1986. This report will incorporate the potential assistance available under the Department of the Environment grant schemes."

Following discussion the motions were unanimously adopted and arising out of discussion on the motion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Councillor Roche to authorise overexpenditure in the sum of £6,000 for the purposes of heating of the flats at John Street/Johns Gate Street.

#### Use of Irish.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Corish seconded by Alderman Howlin:-

"That this Corporation encourages the use of the Irish language and in this regard, Members are urged to use their native tongue whenever the opportunity arises".

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In moving the proposer and seconder who both spoke in Irish suggested that the Irish language be used by members of the Borough Council even to a little extent at each meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted and it was further agreed that the Protocol Committee would investigate the matter and suggest suitable opportunities for using Irish at future meetings.

#### The "Bush".

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Alderman Kiernan:-

"That this Borough Council adopt a portion of Africia called Gambia The "Bush" and in so doing illustrate our concern for the plight of the people living in the area".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder outlined the involvement of people from Wexford in the area suggested in the motion. The Town Clerk stated that there was no legal provision which enable the Corporation to make a donation for this cause and following discussion it was agreed that all members and staff who wished to contribute on a private basis to this cause would contact the Town Clerk.

#### Public Contracts.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright seconded by Alderman Reck:-

"That the Borough Council adopt as policy that public contracts should only be given to those employers who can prove that they pay tax, are registered for PAYE and PRSI and employ only Trade Union Labour".

A lengthy discussion on the motion was held to which all members contributed. Ald. Kiernan and Councillor Kelly, whilst agreeing with the sentiments of the motion stated that they could not agree with the inclusion of Trade Union Labour only clauses in public contracts since it had been held in a constitutional action that all persons have a right to be or not be as the case may be a member of a Trade Union. A vote on the motion was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Byrne, Ald. Howlin.  
Councillors:- O'Flaherty, Byrne, Enright, Roche, Kavanagh, Corish (9).

Against:- Ald. Kiernan, Cllr. Kelly (2).

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

#### Attendance of public at Borough Council Meetings.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Roche:-

"That appropriate arrangements be made within a reasonable period of time to enable members of the public to attend meetings of the Borough Council".

In moving the motion the proposer and seconder accepted that the present room was not big enough to allow unlimited access from the general public to meetings of the Corporation. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty to refer the matter to the Protocol Committee for their consideration having regard to the views of the members expressed at the meeting.

#### Life Bouys on the Quays.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Kelly:-

"That this Council seek an explanation as to commitment given by our officials to the Harbour Board verbally to maintain life bouys on the Quays".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that a commitment had not been given by the Corporation in relation to the maintenance of the life bouys on the quays and following discussion it was agreed that copies of the correspondence between the Harbour Board and the Corporation would be given to Cllr. Roche. It was further agreed that the officials of the Corporation would discuss the matter with the Harbour Board.  
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Pedestrian Crossing at St. Aidan's Crescent.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Alderman Kiernan:-

"That this Council endorses a decision made some years ago to provide a pedestrian crossing at St. Aidan's Crescent to Whitemill Road side (next to shopping Centre)".

Following discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Water Charges Waiver Scheme.

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

"That the waiver scheme re water charges be applied to first time applicants for waiver in respect of 1983, 1984, 1985 charges".

A discussion on the motion then ensued to which all members contributed. In response to the discussion the Manager stated that he would not withdraw any summonses in respect of water charges but that the Town Clerk and his staff would be as sympathetic as possible to those who wish to discuss payment of their liability. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Adjournment of Standing Orders.

The time then being 10.00 p.m. it was agreed to adjourn Standing Orders to allow the business of the meeting to be completed on the proposal of Alderman Howlin seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Enright:-

"In view of the many complaints, particularly by parents in Wexford and elsewhere this Borough Council expresses its concern at the number of gaming machines in the Republic, many of them illegal and requests the Government to amend the Gaming & Lotteries Act to ban them completely or strictly limit their operation".

A lengthy discussion on the motion ensued to which all members contributed. Following this discussion a vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Cllrs. Enright, Kavanagh (2).

Against:- Ald. Reck, Byrne, Howlin, Kiernan, Cllrs., O'Flaherty, Byrne, Roche, Corish (8).

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

E.E.C. food surplus.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Alderman Reck and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council asks the Government to explore the possibility of using our food surplus in the E.E.C. Stores as follows:-

(i) Alleviate the food storage in Third World Countries.

(ii) To make available to our National Voluntary Organisations a sufficient quantity for distribution in this country".

QUESTIONS

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Borough Engineer stated that it had been agreed in principle to contribute 50% of the cost of providing controlled crossing at the junction of John Street and George's Street to the County Council who would be considering /over....

this matter in conjunction with the forthcoming estimates.

In reply to Alderman Kiernan the Town Clerk stated that the financial implications of extending the town boundary were currently being updated.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Engineer stated that "No Parking" signs would be provided on the bank in Corish Park.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he would liaise with the County Engineer to ensure that spillage from lorries is not permitted to occur without making the culprits clean up afterwards.

In reply to Alderman Reck the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation Policy in relation to derelict sites and dangerous buildings was to pursue these matters when the came to the attention of the Corporation.

In reply to Councillor Enright the Borough Engineer stated that a name-plate would be provided at Clifford Terrace.

In reply to Councillor Enright the Manager stated that the Borough Council could within existing powers construct and run shopping centres and other amenities.

#### R.T.E. PROGRAMME ON MONEY LENDING.

With the permission of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Enright referred to a recent programme on the operations of money lenders in Wexford and proposed that a special meeting of the Corporation would be held to discuss this programme. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Howlin and a discussion on the matter ensued to which all members contributed. It was agreed arising out of this discussion that the meeting would be held in committee. Following further discussion a vote on this proposal was held which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Enright, Roche, Kavanagh, Corish (5).

Against:- Ald. Reck, Cllr. Kelly (2).

Abstained:- Ald. Byrne, Ald. Kiernan, Cllrs. O'Flaherty, Byrne (4).

The majority being in favour of the motion the motion was declared carried and it was agreed that His Worship the Mayor would arrange a suitable date in the new year for this special meeting.

#### MAYORAL EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE.

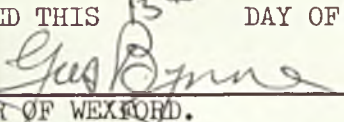
His Worship the Mayor then outlined his proposal which he was undertaking in relation to the setting up of a new initiative to combat unemployment and improve the economy of the town. The members welcomed the initiative and following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the first meeting of the Employment Committee of Wexford Borough Council which had recently been created would be held as early as possible in the new year.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING.

It was unanimously agreed that the G.P. Committee Meeting would be held on 20th December, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 1986.

  
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.