

6th April 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden, James Sinnott, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas Prendergast, Thomas O'Brien, Frederick J. Cogley, Frank Carty, Richard Gibson, James Hore, Patrick Clancy, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 26th March 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £226. 5. 6 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 421 to 443 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of March 1908, including the payments made at the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 941 : 10 : 3
Total sum received to close of last month.	744 : 15 : 11
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TOTAL	£ 1686 : 6 : 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	226 : 5 : 6
TOTAL	£226 : 5 : 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	£1460 : 0 : 8

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1689 : 11 : 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at present meeting)	229 : 10 : 6
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Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	£1460 : 0 : 8

With regard to order made on 2nd Ultimo., there were read three letters received in response to advertisements published inviting offers of sites for small dwellings from holders of vacant ground in the Borough as follows:-

Rev. Brother G. B. Lavelle of the Christian Brothers Community, was prepared to part with a portion of a field at Distillery Road, but he was not in a position to state the terms on which he would dispose of the land. On this point he was in communication with his Superior in Dublin.

The Wexford Dockyard Company were desirous to dispose of a plot of reclaimed land at Trinity Street having a frontage of 170 feet to the street. They gave no information however, as to the purchase price or terms of the lease.

Thomas Brien of Bishop's Water stated he had a plot of ground at that place suitable

as sites for Dwellings. The plot lay between two roads, to one of which it had a frontage of 74 yards, and to the other a frontage of 97 yards. It was purchased by him under the Irish Land Act, 1903 the purchase money being £69, but the Vesting Order had not yet been issued.

The question having been taken into consideration, it was decided to appoint a Committee to view the three plots mentioned, and also to view the field belonging to Mr. Robert Harvey at Thomas Street, which it was admitted would make a most eligible site, if it was possible to acquire it.

A General Order issued by the Local Government Board under date of 13th February 1908, pursuant to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts was taken into consideration. It was seen from the terms of the Order that Local Authorities were required from and after the 1st May next, to register all Cowkeepers, Dairymen, and purveyors of Milk in their Districts; to see that cattle in dairies were systematically inspected, and also inter alia to see that cowsheds and dairies were kept in a condition conformable to the sanitary requirements prescribed in the Order.

On this matter the meeting decided to take no definite action for the present except to issue notices to all persons affected by the Order in the Urban District calling on them to have their premises registered by the Executive Sanitary Officer on or before 1st May next.

The advisability of taking action under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, having regard to the practice which prevailed in the town of employing children of tender years to sell newspapers in the streets, was a matter which was considered. The terms of the Act were explained, showing that it was a violation of law to employ a child under fourteen years of age between the hours of nine p. m. and six a. m. in any avocation, but that the employment in street trading of a child under the age of eleven years was in entire contravention of the Act, and moreover, it was in the power of the Corporation to make bye-laws restricting the time of employment of children coming within the former category.

In this matter a Committee was appointed consisting of The Mayor, Alderman Stafford, Councillors Hore and Clancy, to investigate the full powers of the Corporation as to the restriction or suppression of street trading by children, and take such action as might be deemed expedient.

With reference to the Regulations issued by the Local Government Board on 10th January last on the subject of Cholera, Yellow Fever, and Plague, in connection with ships arriving from Foreign Ports, it was pointed out by a letter from the Superintendent of H. M. Customs, Wexford, that it was the duty of the Wexford Port Sanitary Authority to fix a place of mooring for infected ships for the purposes of Article 10 of the Regulations.

The meeting appointed "The Island Side" in Wexford Harbour as the place of mooring, subject to the approval of the Department of H. M. Customs.

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With regard to the order made on the 2nd March as to the inability of Thomas Lacy, Town Sergeant, &c., to perform his duties in consequence of serious indisposition, the Finance Committee reported that the arrangement made about the provision and payment of a substitute had not proved entirely convenient, but they had no objection to the arrangement being continued for a further month in the hope that by the end of that time lacy would be able to resume his work. The suggestion of the Committee was adopted.

In reference to the foregoing order as to the inspection of sites for small dwellings, the members of the Council constituting the Committee were named and included the following. The Mayor, Aldermen Sinnott and Walsh, and Councillors O'Brien, Rowe, prendergast, Hore, and Kelly.

Robert Hanton
April 15th 1908

15th April 1908.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Frank Carty, Nicholas prendergast, Howard Rowe, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of 6th April 1908 were read and signed.

The making of Rates which was the principal business for which the meeting was called together was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Howard Rowe, seconded by Councillor Thomas O'Brien, the four resolutions of which the following are copies, were duly adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made and the Books containing them were duly sealed and signed.

Resolved:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Ninepence in the Pound on the Rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey &c) Confirmation Act, 1876 and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th March 1908.

Resolved:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of rateable property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses (required to carry on the municipal administration of said Borough) considered and adopted on the 26th March 1908.

Resolved:- That an Assessment of one Shilling and Eightpence in the Pound on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the

Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act 1873 and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th March 1908.

Resolved:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Twopence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of Rateable Property within the Urban District of Wexford as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by means of a Poor Rate on said Urban District, considered and adopted on 26th March 1908.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 13th April 1908, No. 19733, was read. It had reference to an account of £1. 5. 0 due by the Wexford District Council to the County Wexford Independent Newspaper Company Limited for advertising done by the Company in connection with the Poor Rate assessed on the Urban District in the year 1907. The advertising in question was done between the 30th March 1907 and 27th April 1907, but the account was not furnished by the Company until March 1908. As the Company had omitted to take steps to obtain payment within the prescribed period, they had applied to the Local Government Board for an order authorizing the Council to pay the amount of the Bill. The Local Government Board asked to be furnished with the observations of the Council on the matter and also to be informed whether the Company had received notice of the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

it was ordered:- That the Local Government Board be supplied with the information they require in the matter and informed that the Council would be pleased if the necessary authorization was given for the discharge of the account, as the Council are aware that the Company have been recently passing through some business vicissitudes which caused them to neglect furnishing the account in question, yet at the same time notice was given to the Company on two or three occasions within the six months following the incurring of the debt by the Council to furnish the bill within the prescribed time.

The Accounts of the Poor Rate Collector for the year ended 31st March last were produced. The items of Rate outstanding on that date amounted to £114. 18. 9, but the whole of this sum was not recoverable. The meeting decided to write off a sum of £44. 13. 2 as uncollectible, and carry forward the remainder viz £70. 5. 8 as arrears.

The result of the collection was deemed satisfactory.

James Hone
President Chairman
4th May 1908.

4th May 1908.

A quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Hore Esq., T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle, James J. Stafford, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Patrick Claney, Frederick J. Cogley, Nicholas Prendergast, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, James Hore, Joseph Doyle, James Goodisson, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 15th April 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1152. 18. 0 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 444 to 464 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1908, including the payments made at the meeting held on the above mentioned day.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	1460 : 0 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month.	38 : 3 : 2
TOTAL	1498 : 3 : 10
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	1152 : 18 : 0
TOTAL	1152 : 18 : 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	345 : 5 : 10

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1501 : 8 : 10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1156 : 3 : 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	345 : 5 : 10

With reference to minutes of 26th March last, on which date the subject of taking land at Trespan Rock as a site for a People's Park was considered, a communication received from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, was read. From this it was seen that the land in question, which had been inspected by a Committee of the Council, was procurable for the object in view. The owner, Mr. George Sparrow, was prepared to let it on lease to the Council for 25 years, subject to the Council fencing it in a substantial way and leaving him a right-of-way to a stone quarry.

It was ordered that the letter be referred to the Committee entrusted with the duty of reporting as to the expediency of acquiring the land.

A letter from four of the residents of Maudlintown was read containing a request that a concrete footpath should be laid from the Rock of Maudlintown to the point where the Bourough Boundary Mark exists in that street.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Stafford, it was decided that the work of laying a footpath as requested be proceeded with in the present year, and before constructing any other intended footpaths.

It was ordered:- That a footpath be laid in Bride Street and another in Abbey Street, but not until all other intended footpaths will have been completed.

it was brought under notice that a water meter belonging to the Council, and fixed on the premises of Mr. Moody's Stean Saw Mills, had disappeared from the premises on the occasion of Mr Moody retiring from business and disposing of his stock-in-trade. The price paid for the meter by the Council was £3. 7. 6, but a sum of £2. 8. 0 had been received as rent within the four years the meter had been in use. Mr. Moody, on his attention having been called to the matter, expressed his willingness to pay half the original cost, and hoped the Council would deal with him under the circumstances in a spirit of fair play.

It was ordered that Half the cost of the meter i. e. £1. 13. 9, be accepted from Mr. Moody in settlement of the claim.

There was read a communication from the Parnell Memorial Committee of Dublin, containing an Appeal to the Irish People for funds to defray the cost attendant on putting into position a Monument in Dublin to commemorate the late Irish Leader, Charles Stewart Parnell. A bronze statue and monument had been provided at a cost of £6,000 and paid for out of money raised in the United States of America, but a further £3,000 was required to permit of the memorial being erected.

On the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Matthew Doyle, It was resolved:- That His Worship, The Mayor, be requested to convene a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the town so as to afford an opportunity to the people to join in giving practical evidence of their sympathy with the object in view.

Robert Jameson
June 3rd 1908

1st June 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James J. Stafford, George Hadren, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Prendergast, Thomas O'Brien, Frederick J. Cogley, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, Frank Carty, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 4th May 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £831. 10. 5 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 465 to 494 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 1908 including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement	345 : 5 : 10
Total sum received to close of last month.	730 : 16 : 7
TOTAL	1076 : 2 : 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	831 : 10 : 5
TOTAL	831 : 10 : 5
Net Balance due by Treasurer	244 : 12 : 0

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1079 : 7 : 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	834 : 15 : 5
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	244 : 12 : 0

On the completion of the financial portion of the day's business, the Mayor made reference to the death, on the 24th Ultimo, of the late Mrs Hore, wife of Mr. James Hore a member of the Council, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Councillor Hughes and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:- That we beg to tender to our Colleague Mr. James Hore, an expression of our heartfelt sympathy on the loss he has sustained by the recent demise of his respected partner in life, and that this Meeting do stand adjourned to Wednesday, the 3rd Instant, in token of our sorrow at his bereavement.
That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to Mr. Hore.

Robert Hanton
June 3rd 1908

3rd June 1908.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, James J. Stafford, John Tyghe, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, Michael Browne, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe, Frederick J. Cogley, Thomas O'Brien John O'Connor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £831 : 10 : 5, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Order s numbered from 465 to 494 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May, 1908, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	345 : 5 : 10
Total sum received to close of last month.	730 : 16 : 7
TOTAL	1076 : 2 : 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.5	831 : 10 : 5
TOTAL	831 : 10 : 5
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals.)	244 : 12 : 0

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1079 : 7 : 5
outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	834 : 15 : 5
net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	244 : 12 : 0

Councillor Frank O'Connor made reference to the recent death of the late Thomas Lacy, Town Sergeant, and paid a high tribute of respect to the memory of that Officer whose faithful service to the Corporation had evoked the appreciation of the Council. Councillor O'Connor proposed that an expression of regret at the loss by death of this worthy public servant should be put on record and the fact communicated to his widow, Mrs Margaret lacy.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kingsberry and passed unanimously.

With regard to proceedings of 6th April last on which date offers of sites for working class dwellings were received, it was announced that further communications regarding plots of ground had been received. The substance of these communications was as follows.

There was a plot of ground available in Mary Street containing a frontage to the street of about 80 feet and measuring 100 feet from front to rear. It was held by Miss Hayes under lease for 500 years, and she was prepared to let it to the Corporation on lease at £10 per year.

A plot of ground existed in Thomas Street on which five small houses stood at present. These were let to tenants by the week and produced £19. 7. 8 per year.

Mrs Commaskey, the owner, was willing to let the plot on lease for 900 years at £8. per year, but she expected some compensation for loss of the rents, and also for the stones, slates, and other materials in the five houses. She would accept £40 as such compensation. The houses, it appeared, were in an extreme state of dilapidation. The frontage of the plot was about 80 feet.

Writing with regard to portion of a field at Distillery Road which the Community of the Christian Brothers expressed their desire to dispose of, the Rev. Brother Lavelle stated that as yet he was not prepared to announce the terms on which he would dispose of the land. He had been in communication with the legal authorities vested with the administration of the Estate of which this plot formed part, but so far had obtained no definite information as to the terms of the lease under which the Community held the land. He hoped, however, in a few days to be able to state the terms of the letting.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was resolved to request the Committee appointed on 6th April last to view the sites mentioned as available in Mary Street and Thomas Street and report as to their suitability for the purpose required.

A proposal to demolish the houses on the North side of Trimmers' lane was a matter which was brought under consideration. The idea had originated with the Finance & Works Committee who had appointed a Sub-Committee to visit the ^{lane} ~~land~~ and had obtained information regarding vested interests. The Sub-Committee had inspected the locality and found it would be requisite to acquire ten dwelling houses along with the yards attached thereto and one yard on which an out-office stood, in order to widen the lane. The sums asked by the Immediate Lessors of these premises as compensation amounted in the aggregate to £395, but it appeared there was a head rent of £41 a year to be dealt with also. For the loss of this the landlord demanded "25 years purchase" as shown by letters dated 18th May and 25th May 1908 received from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

The result of the deliberations of the meeting on this subject was that the Sub-Committee, which it was decided was in future to include Alderman Hadden, was requested to go further into the matter and outline a Scheme for the improvement of the lane.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular letter from the Local Government Board (No. 79. M. 1908) under date of 29th May 1908. It had reference to the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milksheds. ^{and the importance} ~~and the importance~~ to the importance

of officers for inspecting cowsheds and dairy premises being instructed to make a thorough examination of their respective districts with a view to having all cowkeepers duly registered, and also as to seeing that particular attention was paid to the sanitary condition of cowsheds, especially to the lighting, ventilation and airspace. The Department noted with pleasure that their suggestion in regard to the association of Veterinary Surgeons with the administration of the Order had been adopted in a number of Districts. The Department also reminded Local Authorities that it was incumbent on them to appoint Officers for the enforcement of the Order.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Carty it was Resolved:- That the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order be referred to the Public Health Committee to investigate the nature of the duties to be performed by Officers required to be appointed under the Order, and especially to see if the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon to assist in the administration of the Order was necessary, having regard to the conditions prevailing in Wexford Urban District.

The National Council directing the Sinn Fein Movement in Ireland drew attention per letter dated 22nd May 1908 to the advisableness of representations being made to foreign capitalists as to the facilities offered by the town of Wexford for establishing factories, in view of the coming into force of the Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act, 1907 on the 1st January 1909. Among the many advantages which the town possessed there were to be had cheap land for sites for manufactories, cheap and willing labour, the harbour allowed vessels of ten feet draught to come along side the Quays, there was railway connection with all the large centres of population in Ireland, and there was steamship communication with Liverpool and Bristol. In the course of the consideration of this matter by the meeting, it was urged that the founding of new industries should receive the encouragement of the Corporation, who, needless to say, always displayed a desire to promote the material interests of the town.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Cogley, seconded by Councillor Clancy, a Committee was appointed consisting of The Mayor, Councillors Rowe, F. O'Connor, Cogley and Clancy to take such steps as they thought desirable to further the object of attracting capitalists to the town.

The necessity of appointing a person to the vacant office of Town Sergeant &c. was taken into consideration with the result that it was decided to appoint a man between 25 and 45 years of age at a salary of £32 a year, and require him to act as Town Sergeant, Market Toll Collector, Caretaker of old Graveyards, Collector of Charges in connection with Domestic Scavenging, and to require the same person to discharge the duties of an Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops (Ireland) Order of 1908 for the performance of which a salary of £20 a year be paid him, and furthermore to require him to accept no position save the foregoing while he is in the service of the Corporation.

It was ordered that the Finance & Works Committee be asked to draw up a list of

the duties of the officer to be appointed under the next foregoing resolution.

A resolution from the Wexford Sinn Fein Branch was read containing a request for the Corporation not to entertain the application of any ex-policeman for the position of Mayor's Sergeant.

it was Ordered:- That Edward Byrne be appointed to act as Town Sergeant pro. tem. pending a permanent appointment of Town Sergeant being made, at a salary of seven shillings a week.

Robert Hanton
July 6th 1908

6th July 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, James J. Stafford, B

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frederick J. Cogley, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, James Hora, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Frank Carty, Michael Browne.

The minutes of Meeting of 3rd June 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £270 : 8 : 1 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 495 to 500, and from 1 to 12. Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended in June 1908, including payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	244 : 12 : 0
Total sum received to close of last month.	766 : 9 : 0
TOTAL	1011 : 1 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	270 : 8 : 1
TOTAL	270 : 8 : 1
net Balance due by Treasurer.	740 : 12 : 11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1026 : 2 : 10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	285 : 9 : 11
Net Balance as above	740 : 12 : 11

A series of recommendations from the Public Health Committee was submitted to the Meeting. They had reference to the proposed appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1908, also to the manner in which the person appointed to the Office was to discharge his duties, and to the salary to be paid for his services.

The recommendations, as contained in Minutes of proceedings of that Committee on 10th June 1908 were fully discussed, thereupon Alderman Stafford proposed.

That a Veterinary Surgeon be appointed by this Council to assist in the administration of the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order 1908 in the Urban District of Wexford, in accordance with recommendation of the Public Health Committee.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Clancy, but an amendment thereto was proposed by Councillor Hore and seconded by Councillor Prendergast in the following terms, viz.

That the motion as to appointing a Veterinary Surgeon be amended by adding thereto the following words namely, "but that the Office hereby created be limited in tenure to one year only commencing on the date whereon the appointment of such Veterinary Surgeon will be made".

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

Thereupon the motion, as so amended, was put and carried.

As to the manner in which the duties pertaining to the Office of Veterinary Surgeon were to be discharged, there was an Order made whereby the recommendation of the Public Health Committee on the point was unanimously adopted.

Regarding the salary to be attached to the Office of Veterinary Surgeon, it was seen that the Public Health Committee considered a remuneration of £25. a year to be commensurate with the proper discharge of the duties to be performed, and made a recommendation accordingly.

Thereupon Councillor Carty proposed.

That the salary of the person to be appointed as Veterinary Surgeon under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order 1908, be twenty five pounds.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor F. O'Connor.

But an amendment thereto was proposed by Councillor Rowe, and seconded by Councillor Kelly in the following terms viz.

That the motion be amended by erasing the words "twenty five pounds" and inserting instead of them the words "fifteen pounds".

On this amendment there was a Poll taken with the following result.

FOR.	Councillors Rowe, Gibson, Hore, Kelly, Prendergast, Cogley, Hughes, Alderman Walsh, The Mayor.	9.
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Against.	Councillors Browne, Carty, F. O'Connor, Kingsberry, O'Brien, Clancy, Doyle, Alderman Stafford.	8
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The amendment was declared carried.

The motion, as so amended, was then put and carried.

Thereupon it was ordered:- That the sanction of the Local Government Board be

requested to the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon pursuant to the provisions of the Order in question, for one year at a remuneration of Fifteen Pounds, and on receipt of such sanction, that advertisements be issued in the local Press inviting applications from persons qualified to fill the Office.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter No. 29,102 :1908, dated 15th June 1908, received from the Local Government Board. This letter had reference to the fact that the urban District Council of Wexford had declined to adopt the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889. It contained an admonition to the Council as to their having incurred serious responsibility by refusing to avail of a most important means of restricting the spread of infection, which was afforded by the Act. Further it contained a reminder to the Council that they could not properly discharge their duties in the matter of preventing the spread of infectious disease unless they received early information of the appearance of such disease in their District.

The matter was considered, and thereupon it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, as seconded by Alderman Stafford.

That this Council regret their inability for the present to fall in with the views of the Local Government Board as to the necessity of adopting the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act.

A letter dated 3rd July 1908 (No. 33,907 :1908) from the Local Government Board was read. It contained an approval by the Department of the salary of £20 a year proposed to be paid by the Council in respect of the Office of Inspector of Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops, in Wexford Urban District. It also showed that the Department had no objection to the proposal of the Council to appoint one person to discharge the duties of the Office mentioned and those of Town Sergeant. The matter having been considered, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Prendergast, to request through the medium of advertisements in the local Press, applications to be made against Wednesday, 22nd. Instant, by competent men, for appointment to the office of Town Sergeant &c. under the terms of the order made on the subject on 3rd. June 1908.

A Committee appointed on 3rd Ultimo to take such steps as seemed to them advisable to bring under notice of foreign manufacturers the advantages possessed by Wexford Town for establishing manufactories, having regard to the terms of the Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act 1907, submitted for approval a memorandum drafted by Councillor Cogley. This went to show, inter alia, that the town, owing to its geographical position, the low rates of wages paid in the District, the railway and steamship facilities available, the fact that sites for manufactories were to be had at a low rate of purchase, was a most desirable place wherein to open industrial concerns. This memorandum was intended by the Committee to be translated into the German language and printed and distributed to Firms in Germany whose trade would be affected by the Act.

It appeared also that there was a gentleman named Mr. Moloney who was connected

with Wexford and whose avocation was to represent important English Firms occasionally in Germany at such centres of industry in that Country as Berlin, Hamburg and Dresden. He was prepared to do the Council the favour to introduce the memorandum to the notice of manufacturers in these Cities free of charge. The memorandum on being read evoked unanimous approval, as did also the action of the Committee who thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Hughes, were given carte blanche in the matter of conducting all further proceedings taken to induce foreign capitalists to found industrial works in the town or its vicinity.

It was furthermore decided to appoint Mr. Moloney formally to the honorary position of the Representative of the town in the matter.

There was submitted to the meeting a notice from Mrs Ellen Fagan of her intention to apply to the County Court for compensation for loss alleged to be sustained by her by reason of a criminal injury done to her property on the 10th June 1908. Mrs Fagan was the proprietor of marble Works at Redmond Place, Wexford, and it seemed that a headstone of polished Aberdeen marble and two white marble headstones of the value of £15 had been thrown down and broken on the date in question. As it was probable that in the event of her application being successful, the amount of the compensation granted would be levied off the Town of Wexford, it was for the meeting to decide whether steps would be taken to safeguard the interests of the town on the occasion of the hearing of the application at the County Court on 27th October next.

Thereupon it was ordered:- That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to attend the Court in behalf of the Council in as much as evidence can be produced to show that the damage was the result of an accident, and that the Constabulary be asked to report on the case.

Robert Hanton
July 22nd 1908

22nd July 1908.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

There were in attendance:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, James Sinnott, Walter Walsh, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Patrick Clancy, Frederick J. Cogley, James Goodisson, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Byrne, Michael Browne, Joseph Doyle, Frank Carty, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 6th July instant were read and signed.

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A circular letter was read from an Association called the Galway Industrial Development Association. It contained intimation that an All Ireland Industrial Conference was to take place at Galway on 16th and 17th September next. Those who were to be present at the Conference included some of the leading noblemen and representative men of Ireland, as well as representatives from many foreign countries.

The Committee of the Association were desirous to have the co-operation of the Corporation of Wexford in furthering the object in view, and invited Delegates from the Corporation to the proposed Conference.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was Resolved:- That the following be appointed Delegates to the Conference, and the expenses gone to by them in attending thereat be recouped to them out of the Borough Fund, namely, The Mayor, Councillor Hore, Alderman Sinnott and the Town Clerk.

The appointment of a competent man to act in the capacity of Town Sergeant etc., as per order of the 3rd. June last and of 6th July Instant, was considered.

There were five applications received for appointment to the office.

These were from John Kehoe, Richard Crosbie, Peter Reid, Nicholas Lacy, E. P. Kearns.

On the merits of the different candidates being discussed, the following order was made.

That a Poll be taken as to which of the applicants should be appointed, and in the event of any one of them receiving a clear majority of the votes of the members present that such applicant be deemed appointed.

Thereupon a Poll was taken with the result that out of the 21 members present, 18 voted for the appointment of John Kehoe, while only two, Councillors Kingsberry and Goodisson voted for Nicholas Lacy and only one, Councillor Hughes, voted for Peter Reid. Thereupon the applicant John Kehoe was declared appointed.

His Worship The Mayor handed in a notice of motion which was received.

It ran as follows:- That inasmuch as the grave spaces set apart in Crosstown Cemetery for the poorer classes, and priced at Ten Shillings each have been all interred in, I intend to propose at next ensuing Quarterly Meeting of the Council that the Scale of Charges relating to said Cemetery be so far amended as to provide for all the grave spaces included in Section C. of said Cemetery being priced at Ten Shillings each, and the charge for opening graves in the same Section being fixed, in the case of adults, at Five Shillings, and in the case of children under ten years of age at Two Shillings and Sixpence in respect of each interment.

There were brought before the Meeting two cases in which occupiers of tenements of rated property requested to have the valuation of their premises revised on the ground that such premises had undergone structural alterations entailing a reduction in the size and capacity of the tenements in question. The cases were those of Patrick Byrne of Common Quay Street, and Patrick Gordon of Parnell Street. They were ordered to be entered on the Supplemental List of Tenements requiring revision to be sent to the Commissioner of Valuation against the 31st. Instant.

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Robert Hunter
Aug 4th 1905

4th August 1908.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, James J. Stafford, James Sinnott, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast,
Frederick J. Cogley, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty,
Patrick Clancy, James Hore, Patrick Byrne, Frank O'Connor,
Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of meeting of 22nd July 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £599. 9. 11 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying orders numbered from 13 to 41 inclusive. Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	740 ; 12 : 11
Total sum received to close of last month.	646 : 16 : 1
TOTAL	1387 : 9 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above meeting.	599 : 9 : 11
TOTAL	599 : 9 : 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	787 : 19 : 1

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1396 : 19 : 0
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	608 : 19 : 11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	787 : 19 : 1

The meeting was reminded of the fact that there was included in the Estimate of Expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund in the current financial year, an item of £250 which had been set apart for the purpose of enabling a building to be erected in John's Gate. The question of demolishing the existing building and erecting a new one, had hitherto been under consideration on 6th August 1907, and 7th October 1907, on which latter date the matter of adopting a plan and elevation which was prepared for the projected building, was deferred. It was pointed out that the money to be devoted to the purpose was, at the present time, available, and thereupon the plan and elevation referred to was again submitted for examination. It was seen that the proposed building was to comprise a three-storey dwelling house and an office of one storey in height, for the accommodation of the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Thereupon Councillor Rowe proposed that the plan and elevation be approved, and on the occupant of the domiciliary portion of the house being dispossessed, and on a specification of the new work being made out and approved, that tenders be invited by advertisement in respect of taking down the existing, and erecting the intended building.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor and passed.

A letter dated 30th June 1908 (No. 39166 : 1908) from the Local Government Board was read containing a notification of the approval, by that Department, of the salary of £15. attached by the Council on the 6th July Ultimo to the office of Veterinary Inspector.

Thereupon it was ordered:- That the day of which the proposed appointment of Veterinary Surgeon be made be the 7th September next.

A letter from lady Aberdeen was read. It appeared that the movement started by Her Excellency to combat the disease of tuberculosis in Ireland, was headed by a Central Committee in Dublin. This Committee at the present time desired to convene a Conference of Delegates of many of the different classes of the Public Bodies of the Country to meet in Dublin on the 27th Instant. The object of holding the Conference was to make a survey of what had been accomplished by the Anti Tuberculosis Campaign for the past year, and to see what were the best measures to be taken to carry the crusade further. Her Ladyship asked for the co-operation of the Corporation of Wexford in the movement by the appointment of two Delegates to this Conference.

In response to the appeal, it was decided on the motion of Councillor F. O'Connor seconded by Councillor Rowe, to request the Mayor and Alderman Hadden to represent the Council at the Conference.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture and Rechnical Instruction for Ireland under date of 22nd July was read. It contained intimation of the obtainment, on the 4th of that month in the Borough of Wexford, of four samples of butter by an Officer of that Department. The samples had been duly submitted for analysis to the Public Analyst of the Borough and he certified that they proved to be pure.

On the conclusion of the proceedings above de tailed, the meeting, as per notice duly given, sat in the capacity of a Burial Board for the Urban District of Wexford. Thereupon His Worship The Mayor proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Prendergast, and adopted.

That inasmuch as the grave spaces set apart in Crosstown Cemetery for the poorer classes and priced at Ten Shillings each have all been interred in, it is hereby resolved that the Scale of Charges relating to said Cemetery be so far amended as to provide for all the grave spaces included in Section C. of said Cemetery being priced at Ten Shillings each, and the charge for opening graves in the same Section being fixed, in the case of adults at Five Shillings, and in the case of children under ten years of age, at two shillings and sixpence in respect of each interment.

4th August 1908.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon, for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act 1874 and Acts amending the same.

There were in attendance:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, James J. Stafford, James Sinnott, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, Frederick J. Cogley, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Patrick Clancy, James Hore, Patrick Byrne, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry,

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely, Mr. Benjamin Hughes, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor F. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Benjamin Hughes T. C. be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

Councillor Hughes returned thanks for his election.

Robert Hanton
Sep 7th 1908

19th August 1908.

A Special Meeting of the council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, John Tyghe, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, James Hore, Frank Carty, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast, Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Frank O'Connor, Thomas O'Brein, Joseph Kelly.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of appointing a Local Pension Committee in pursuance of the Old Age pensions Act, 1908.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland under date of 8th August 1908 (No 43046) and a circular letter from the same Department under date of 12th August 1908 (No.44725) were submitted, as were also copies of the Old - Age Pensions Act 1908.

There was also submitted an instructional memorandum issued by the same Department under date of 7th August 1908, dealing with the appointment of Local Pension Committees and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Act.

Of this latter document copies had been furnished to the members of the Council several days previous to the day of meeting.

The question was considered, and thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hore, that a Local Pension Committee be and is hereby appointed, and that it be formed of the twenty four members composing this Council. Thereupon it was ordered:- That the first meeting of the Local Pension Committee be hereby appointed to be held on Wednesday, 2nd Proximo, at the Town Clerk's office. Councillor Rowe protested against what he considered to be a deficiency in the Statute in that persons in receipt of out door relief in the present year of 1908 were not put on a footing of equality with other beneficiaries under the Act. He proposed a motion to that effect which was seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor and adopted.

Spencer
24/9/08

7th September 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James J. Stafford, James Sinnott, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh,
George Hadden.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas Prendergast, Frederick J. Cogley
James Goodisson, James Hore, Patrick Byrne, Frank O'Connor,
Joseph Doyle, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien,
Joseph Kelly, Patrick Clancy.

The minutes of meeting of 19th August 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of the last preceding month amounting in the aggregate to £751 : 2 : 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 42 to 62 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of August 1908, including payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£ : s : d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	787 : 19 : 1
Total sum received to close of last month.	767 : 13 : 5
TOTAL	1555 : 12 : 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above meeting.	751 : 2 : 0
TOTAL	751 : 2 : 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals.)	804 : 10 : 6

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1560 : 9 : 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting.)	755 : 19 : 5
Net Balance as overleaf due by Treasurer.	804 : 10 : 6

With reference to minutes of proceedings of Council on the 4th August last, the business of appointing a Veterinary Surgeon to help in the work of administering the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1908 was proceeded with.

there was submitted to the meeting an application from Mr. J. Staples, V. S. of John Street, Wexford, for appointment to the post. This was the only application received in response to advertisements issued inviting applications from Veterinary Surgeons for appointment to the Office.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor F. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Hughes, It was Resolved:- That Mr. Staples, being a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, be and is hereby appointed to discharge the duties required to be performed by a Veterinary Surgeon under the Order above named.

A report from a Committee appointed on the 6th April last to select sites for dwellings proposed to be provided for the accommodation of the working classes in the town, was read. It ran as follows:-

"It will be within the memory of the members of the Corporation that on the 2nd March last, a resolution was come to by the Council on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Hadden, in the following terms, viz:-

That a Scheme be formulated with a view to the provision of a number of dwellings, not exceeding forty, for the housing of the working classes in the Town of Wexford.

To further the object of this resolution, there was appointed on the 6th April, 1908 a Committee consisting of The Mayor, Aldermen Walsh and Sinnott, and Councillors Rowe, Hore, Kelly, O'Brien, and Prendergast, and the special duty entrusted to this Committee was to select sites for the proposed dwellings. This Committee has complied with the request of the Council. It has visited several parts of the town where sites for small dwellings appeared to be obtainable. It inspected a piece of ground in Mary Street owned by Miss Hayes, a piece of ground at Thomas Street belonging to Mrs Commiskey, two plots of ground at Carrigeen belonging to a Mr. McDonald, and a field at Distillery Road in the possession of the Christian Brothers. In the case of the premises at Mary Street, the Committee made an offer of a rent of £5. a year for the ground, which ground would allow of 5 houses being erected, and in the case of the premises of Mrs Commiskey, which would allow of 5 or 6 houses being erected, the Committee made an offer of £5. a year. Neither of these offers was accepted, and the idea of building on the sites was abandoned. With regard to the plots of land at Carrigeen and Distillery Road, the Committee has the pleasing duty to inform the Council that negotiations for the purchase of these lands have resulted in provisional agreements being

being made that land for the accommodation of 39 houses will be acquired at a cost of £850 free of all head rents.

The two plots at Carrigeen will admit of 18 houses being erected, and the owner is satisfied to make them over to the Corporation for a sum of £400, while the land at Distillery Road will accommodate 21 houses and will be surrendered by the Community of the Christian Brothers for a sum of £450.

The admeasurement of the three plots selected is as follows:-

Plot at Carrigeen adjoining Grogan's Road contains a frontage to Grogan's Road of 156 feet and to Carrigeen Street of 122 feet. Total 278 feet of frontage. This plot will afford sufficient space for the erection of 16 houses.

The second plot in Carrigeen, which contains a frontage to Carrigeen Street of 29 feet 7 inches, extends back to Black Cow lane, at which place it has a width of 48 feet 2 inches. Two houses, which will be provided with long gardens, can be erected on this ground.

The land at Distillery Road, which is situated nearly opposite the premises of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co., is known as "The Old Windmill Field", and of this field the Committee has selected a piece containing 300 feet of frontage with a depth of 70 feet.

The Committee consider that the lands selected by them as above specified, are the most eligible sites for houses of the class required to be had at the present time within the Urban Area, and hereby strongly recommend the Council to acquire them, in order to ameliorate, to some extent, the conditions under which the working classes of the town are housed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Robert Hanton, Mayor.

4th September 1908."

The reading of this report evoked a long discussion, during the progress of which Councillor Byrne proposed that the three sites mentioned, viz. plot in Grogan's Road adjoining Carrigeen, plot in Carrigeen extending from Carrigeen to Black Cow lane, and plot in Distillery Road, be acquired on the terms specified.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy.

Before the question was put there was an amendment to the motion proposed by Councillor Hore who contended that the price of the larger plot at Carrigeen was excessive in as much as the whole surface of the plot was formed of a solid rock necessitating the carrying out of quarrying operations in order to obtain a flat surface on which to build the houses. The amendment was to the effect that all reference to the sites at Carrigeen be deleted from the motion. This was seconded by Councillor Doyle. It was put to the meeting, but it was lost on a division having been taken. On the division only six members were for and twelve against the proposition.

A second amendment was then proposed by Alderman Hadden to the effect that all reference to the site at Distillery Road be deleted from the motion. He expressed the opinion that the field referred to at Distillery Road was unsuitable in as much as the sloping

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Clancy, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry,
Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kelly, James Hore, James Goodisson,
Frederick J. Copley, Nicholas Prendergast, John O'Connor.

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor F. O'Connor,

It was unanimously Resolved:- That we strongly protest against the action of the British Government in prohibiting the carrying out in its entirety of a Procession through the streets of London at the close of the Eucharistic Congress held in that City lately, and attended by many of the distinguished and illustrious Prelates of the Catholic Faith, who, on the occasion, honoured London by their presence.

That it is inconsistent with the boast of England, which claims to be a Country, par excellence, of religious toleration, that Her Government gave way to the hysterical behests of bigotry.

That we demand, as a matter of right, that the Sections of the Emancipation Act of 1829, under which it is possible to put restrictions on the exercise of the Catholic Religion as distinguished from all other forms of religious worship, shall be repealed at the earliest possible moment, and we take this opportunity to tender to the Holy Father the homage of our deep regret for the indignity to which his Representative, the Cardinal Legate was subjected by the said English Government. Councillor Kelly proposed, and Alderman Sinnott seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, viz:-

That the Irish Parliamentary Party be called on to use their best endeavours to have the obnoxious provisions of the Emancipation Act expunged from the Statutes of the English Parliament, and that copies of the Resolution of Protest which has just now been adopted unanimously, as well as of this Resolution, be sent to Mr. John E. Redmond M. P., and the County Members.

Robert Hanton
Oct. 5th, 1908

5th October 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon. The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast, Howard Rowe,
Thomas O'Brien, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Joseph Kingsberry,
James Hore.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd September 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £253. 17. 6, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed by the Mayor, authorising the payment of the same on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 64 to 79 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1908, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	804. 10. 6
Total sum received to close of last month.	761. 7. 7
TOTAL	1565. 18. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	233. 17. 6
TOTAL	233. 17. 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1332. 0. 7

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1571. 0. 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	239. 0. 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1332. 0. 7

It was reported that a case had arisen in which it was possible to widen the street at Selskar Street at a minimum outlay under the following circumstances. A Miss Dempsey had taken down the front wall of her house which was a building which projected over five feet beyond the line of the street. With a view to taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the taking down of the wall, the Finance and Works Committee had visited the house and interviewed the lessee. The Committee had considered the matter on two occasions. The result was that they had decided to recommend the Council to devote £100 inclusive of all legal costs, to the purpose of carrying out a desirable improvement in the thoroughfare mentioned. The £100 was to be disposed of in the following manner. £75. was to be offered to Miss Dempsey in consideration of her building up a wall to the front of her house in line with the front wall of the adjoining house in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Redmond, and £25 was to be offered to the owner, Major Talbot, as compensation for the loss, to him, of the piece of ground which would, as a consequence of the improvement be let in with the street.

It was mentioned that the terms of the foregoing recommendation, in anticipation of its being adopted by the Council was conveyed to Miss Dempsey by direction of the Committee. Miss Dempsey, through her Solicitor, had intimated her willingness to accept the offer, and a Deed of Agreement had been prepared in the case and was awaiting execution. In connection with the preparation of this Deed, it was pointed out that the Corporation Solicitor claimed a fee of £3. 7. 0, which was directly payable to him by the Council, and having regard to the fact that the £100 recommended by the Committee was to include all legal expenses, the attention of the present Meeting was specially directed to the Corporation Solicitor's claim. It was also mentioned that as yet there was nothing to show what the landlord was satisfied to do in the matter. Thereupon the two following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

That the recommendation of the Finance & Works Committee on the subject of the widening of the thoroughfare at Selskar Street be and is hereby adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

That in consequence of the adoption, in its entirety, of the Recommendation of the Finance & Works Committee as to the improvement of Selskar Street, there be no payment made to Miss Dempsey in liquidation of her demand, pending the receipt of an undertaking yhat she will be prepared to defray all the legal expenses in her case including the fee of the Corporation Solicitor.

A letter was read from Alderman Matthew Doyle wherein he tendered his resignation as Alderman for St Selskar Ward. Alderman Doyle had severed his connection with the town of Wexford, and had established his place of residence at Ballycanew, Gorey. He expressed his thanks to the electors of the Ward which he represented, to the members of the Corporation, and to the Town Clerk for the courtesy and kindness always shown him during the period he acted as a member of the Council.

In this case it was pointed out that Mr Doyle had omitted to pay the fine of £10. to which he was liable on resigning office, and in the circumstances it would be prudent to give him an opportunity to re-consider his decision.

Thereupon it was decided to take no notice of his resignation for the present.

Pursuant to order made on the 4th August 1908, there were received four tenders in respect of taking down an old building and erecting in its stead a new one at John's Gate.

These, on being opened and read, were seen to be from the following persons who intimated their willingness to complete the work in accordance with the terms of the specification at the prices set opposite each of their names respectively in the following list.

William Underwood of John Street Wexford.	£241 : 15 : 0
Philip Doyle of Barntown	256 : 15 : 0
P. & N. Morris of Mayglass.	265 : 0 : 0
Mary O'Connor of Wexford.	285 : 0 : 0

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was Resolved:- That the tender of William Underwood at £241 : 15 : 0 be accepted, subject to these conditions viz. (1) That he provide approved security for the due performance of the contract, and (2) that he utilize only such of the old material in the existing building as, in the opinion of the Town Surveyor will be fit for use in the new building.

By direction of the Finance & Works Committee, six tenders were received in respect of sundry structural repairs and painting required to be done on the 78 dwellings provided by the Corporation throughout the town. Two of these tenders were in respect of the repairs only and four in respect of the painting only. The names of the intending contractors, and the prices at which they were prepared to work was as herein

under set forth.

John Parle, Carpenter, was willing to do all the repairs according to specification for £35. 10. 0, and James McEvoy, Carpenter, for £29. 10. 0.

James McEvoy, Decorator, was open to do the painting for £40. 4. 6. Patrick Boggan, painter, for £42. 0. 0, James Butler, painter and Decorator for £51. 15. 0 and Furlong Brothers, painters, for £33, but the last named were prepared to do the painting work on only 38 houses out of the whole number at this price.

It was seen that the price asked by James McEvoy, Carpenter, in the case of the repairs, and by James McEvoy, Decorator, in the case of the painting, was the lowest, and thereupon their tenders were accepted on the proposition of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A communication from the Local Government Board was read. It was dated the 30th September 1908 and was numbered 53522. It contained a copy of a circular letter issued by the Local Government Board, Whitehall, S. W. on the subject of the prevalence of Cholera in Russia. This circular drew attention to the importance which existed for the Authorities of Ports in the United Kingdom trading with Ports in Russia being on their guard against the importation of the disease by means of vessels coming from places where it had appeared or might come to appear. It also contained a copy of a General Order dated 21st January 1908 relating to Cholera, Yellow Fever, and Plague on Ships arriving from Foreign Ports.

Apropos of this subject, it was reported that a ship laden with timber from one of the Baltic Ports was at present fog bound in the South Bay awaiting a favourable opportunity to come into the Port of Wexford. In case it should be necessary for Dr. Pierse to board her, it would be desirable to employ the Tug "Wexford" to convey him to the ship.

It was Ordered:- That the Executive Sanitary Officer be authorized to take all needful steps in the matter.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 24th September 1908 No.50085. The Department pointed out, in reference to the proposal of the Corporation to acquire certain lands as sites for working class dwellings, that there should be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, reports as to the suitability of these lands as sites for houses, and that any agreements to acquire the sites should be conditional on sanction being obtained for any loans required for the carrying out of the contemplated Scheme.

It was ordered:- That the two Officers named be asked to furnish reports as to the suitability of the sites and that the Local Government Board be informed that the Council, in negotiating for the purchase of the lands in question, took the precaution to make provisional agreements, having in view the fact that the Scheme, before being carried into effect, had to meet with the approbation of the Department.

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Wexford Borough Council
Nov 2nd 1908

2nd November 1908.

A quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, John Tygha, James J. Stafford

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Clancy, Frederick J. Cogley, Joseph Kelly,
Nicholas Prendergast, Patrick Byrne, James Hore, Joseph Kingsberry,
John O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Frank O'Connor,
Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 5th October 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the last day of the preceeding month, amounting in the aggregate to £1180. 18. 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 80 to 101 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 1908, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y ..

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	£ 1332 : 0 : 7
Total sum received to close of last month.	535 : 11 : 0
TOTAL	1867 : 11 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	1180 : 18 : 2
TOTAL	1180 : 18 : 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals	686 : 13 : 2

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books Due by Treasurer.	1867 : 11 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1180 : 18 : 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	686 : 13 : 5

In the accounts passed this day for payment there was included an item of £75. payable in respect of widening the street at Selskar Street at a point where the house belonging to Miss Mary Dempsey stood at present. Touching this item, it was decided at meeting on 5th Ultimo, that payment of it should be withheld until an undertaking was given that the legal expenses of both parties to the agreement were paid out of the £75. On this point a letter received from the Corporation Solicitor was read. It was dated the 24th Ultimo, and contained a guarantee to the effect that no further demand than the sum mentioned would be made on the Corporation on foot of compensation payable to Miss Dempsey, inclusive of legal costs of both sides in the matter. The Corporation Solicitor observed however, that the guarantee was given in virtue of a sacrifice having been made by him personally. He had consented to forego his claim for solicitors costs if the Corporation thought fit to adhere to the terms of the resolution confining the entire outlay in Miss Dempsey's case to £75. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Hore, it was

Resolved:- That a sum of £75 be ordered for payment to Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, to be applied by him in discharge of the amount of compensation and all legal costs attendant on the Agreement with Miss Dempsey regarding the widening of Selskar Street, upon a Deed of Agreement between her and the Corporation being executed, binding her to make the requisite structural alteration on her house, and conveying to the Corporation her interest in the piece of ground let in with the street as a consequence of such structural alterations being made.

Aldeeman Hadden adverted to the terms of the Tuberculosis Prevention Bill which was at present before Parliament, and was in fact, on this day, 2nd November 1908, under discussion by a Parliamentary Committee of the House of Commons. The object of the Bill was the extirpation of Consumption in Ireland. A feature of the Measure was to make it compulsory to notify cases of the disease to the local Medical Authority. He proposed that the unqualified approval of the Council be given to the Bill, considering that the death-rate in Ireland due to Consumption was exceptionally high, and that intimation of such approval be at once dispatched to the House of Commons by telegraph.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor.

It was put to the Meeting but was declared lost.

Referring to an Order made at the instance of the Local Government Board on the 5th Ultimo, there were read a report from the Medical Officer of Health, and a report from the Town Surveyor, on the suitability of the lands proposed to be acquired as sites for working class dwellings. The Medical Officer of Health approved of the two plots at Carrigeen, but did not consider the plot at Distillery Road suitable to the purpose of a site for dwelling houses. The reasons assigned for disapproving of the last mentioned plot were that a portion of it, extending for about forty feet from a point where a wooden piling existed was waterlogged, and this condition of the ground was contributed to by the overflow from a spring. To obtain efficient drainage would prove difficult, as the level of the land was lower than the level of the roadway adjoining. If houses were build on the portion referred to it would be necessary to have them raised several feet above the existing level.

The Town Surveyor was of opinion that the two plots at Carrigeen would make desirable sites. One of them, the larger, consisted for the most part of a rock at an average height of five feet above the road level. This rock could be quarried and the stone obtained by quarrying operations could be used in the construction of the buildings. The level of the rock would require to be brought down to 16 inches of the level of the road surface. He directed attention to a derelict strip of ground 2 feet 5 inches in width adjoining the smaller plot. It would be an advantage to acquire this ground. The proposed site at Distillery Road was not of a uniform level. A portion of it at the east end was low-lying while the remainder was elevated considerably above the roadway. To obtain a

flat area on which to erect the houses and lay out the yards on the raised part would entail the carrying out of excavating operations, but the material obtained by this means could be used to raise the level of the low-lying portion to a sufficient height to obviate all difficulty as to drainage. It was nevertheless desirable to alter the position of the proposed plot by fixing the east boundary line at a point 30 or 40 feet to the west of its present contemplated position. The following Order was thereupon made.

That the consideration of the subject of varying the position of the proposed site at Distillery Road be deferred to Wednesday the 11th Instant, and that in the meantime the Committee entrusted with the task of selecting the sites be asked to visit the plot in question again and see, in consultation with the Superior of the Christian Brothers, what can be done in the matter, and as regards the recommendation of the Town Surveyor as to the desirability of enlarging the smaller of the plots at Carrigeen, that the National Bank be requested to dispose of the strip of ground skirting this plot on the south side to the Corporation.

Attention was directed to the advisability of expediting the measures to be taken preliminary to building on the approved plots. A suggestion which was made and which met with approval was that the houses to face Graogan's Road should be larger than the others; and on the motion of Councillor Kingsberry, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was

Resolved:- That draft plans and elevations of the intended buildings be prepared by the Town Surveyor for submission to the Council as soon as possible.

A letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co, dated the 26th Ultimo was read in which satisfaction was expressed at the improvement effected in Salskar Street by the setting back of the front of Miss Dempsey's house. There was also expression given to a desire on the part of a lot of people in the town to have a house which was occupied by Mr. Edward O'Connor, and which projected beyond the line of the same street, also taken down. The Landlady of this house was Mrs Codd of Newtown, Her Agent had been interviewed by Messrs O'Connor & Co., and it appeared she had consented to demolish the house and erect in its stead a new one if the Council were agreed to pay her £170 in consideration of her so doing. This sum was to include all expense to be paid by way of compensation or otherwise to the tenant for removing from the existing house. The writers were sure that it would cost £200 to erect a new house, so that her demand was very reasonable. In the event of an agreement being come to with Mrs Codd, there was only one more case remaining to be dealt with, so far as Salskar Street was concerned. This was the house of Mr. Owen Kehoe. The removal of the two houses referred to would dissipate all motive for complaining on the score of congestion of traffic.

On this question being considered, Councillor Kelly proposed that a sum of £150 be offered to Mrs Codd, provided she take down her house and put up a new house in line with the neighbouring dwellings at a cost of £200 at the least, and provided that she indemnify the Council against all claims consequent on the widening of the street

either from Head landlord or Tenant, and pay all legal expenses connected with the case.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and was passed.

A letter from the Postmaster at Wexford was read communicating the purport of a recent decision of the Postmaster General whereby the period during which Sub Post Offices were kept open for the transaction of business in the town was to be curtailed. The present hours of attendance of Officials extended from 8 o'clock A. M. to 8 o'clock P. M., and the proposed future attendance was to be for eleven hours, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning. The opinion of the Corporation on the intended change was asked to be given before any definite steps were taken towards reducing the hours of attendance.

The Meeting considered that the convenience of the general public would be sufficiently well consulted by the Sub Offices being kept open from 9 A. M. to 8 P.M. so far as Wexford was concerned, and it was decided to acquaint the Postmaster accordingly of the view of the Council on the matter.

Attention was called to an item of £5. 1. 4 appearing in the Rental of the ancient Estate of the Corporation, being a half years arrears of Rent due on an old dwelling house situate at John's Gate. The tenant, Mrs Reynolds, had been in possession of the house for over thirty years, and the arrears in question had been hanging due for over twentyfour years. She had lately been dispossessed by the Council, in order to allow of the house being pulled down and a new one put up in its place. Mrs Reynolds, in the circumstances, refused to acknowledge her indebtedness. Her means of living were small and precarious. It was all but impossible to recover the debt, and the Finance Committee had recommended that some indulgence should be shown in the case by reason of her vacating the house without putting the Council to any trouble or expense, ~~or~~ by having to resort to ejectment proceedings. The amount was ordered to be written off the Rental as a bad debt.

It was mentioned that Mr. J. J. Stafford had requested to have a revision made of the Valuation for rating purposes of his licensed premises at Trinity Street. The application was out of the usual course, but the circumstances attending the case were exceptional. He had lately enlarged the premises and had succeeded at last Quarter Sessions in obtaining an enlargement of the limitations of his Licence. Consequent on the change the Inland Revenue Authorities had raised a question as to the additional licence duty to be paid, but as the assessment of the duty was based on the valuation, it was not possible to determine the point until a re-valuation was effected.

It was Ordered:- That the case be put before the Commissioner of Valuation, and he requested to have it dealt with in the course of the Revision of Valuations at present being conducted in the Urban District.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday, the 11th November Instant.

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Nov 11th 1908

11th November 1908.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden, James Sinnott, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas Prendergast, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, James Hore, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd November 1908 were read and signed.

With reference to a decision come to on that date, it was announced that the Committee charged with the task of selecting sites for dwelling houses had met on the 5th Inst. and proceeded to Distillery Road. They had, with the assistance of Rev. Brother Lavelle, Superior of the Christian Brothers, again inspected the land of that Community and taken fresh measurements. The portion of the proposed site to which exception was taken by the Medical Officer of Health, was given special attention. At one point a line of pailing existed and stood at right angles to the frontage of the land. This point was seen to be 15 feet to the westward of what was, at first, intended to be the east end of the site. By taking the pailing as a starting point, and measuring to the west of it in a straight line for a distance of 300 feet, it was found that a site was capable of being marked out which would enclose within its boundaries only an inconsiderable complement of the low-lying portion of the land, but, on the other hand, would contain an additional share of the too-elevated part. It was considered by the Committee, after having given due consideration to the pros and cons of the case, that in order to achieve the object of enclosing but a minimum portion of either the higher or lower levels of the ground, the course to follow was to take the line of pailing as forming the east end of the plot. On the position of the site being varied to the extent above indicated, and on the levelling operations required being completed, the plot would constitute an ideal site for houses of any dimensions, large or small. The Committee recommended, accordingly, that the variation of position indicated above should be made, Rev. Brother Lavelle being a consenting party thereto.

Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor F. O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, that the Recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was put and carried.

With reference to Order made at last meeting as to taking steps towards procuring the ownership of a strip of waste ground about 2½ feet by 27 feet in measurement, it was mentioned that the manager of the national Bank, together with the Town Clerk and the Town Surveyor, had visited Carrigeen Street where the ground lay. On seeing the tiny plot which the Corporation were desirous to acquire, the Manager expressed his willingness to make a payment to the

Bank of a sum of £5. over and above all legal expenses connected with the transfer of ownership.

The matter was considered, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor F. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Rowe, to offer the National Bank a sum of £5. as compensation for the loss of the plot, subject to the Bank granting a Deed of Conveyance of the ground to the Council, and subject to the Bank paying all expenses of the two Bodies concerned in the preparation and execution of the Deed.

With reference to An Order made at last meeting, there were submitted draft plans and elevations of buildings to be erected on the two plots selected at Carrigeen, these being pieces of ground regarding the suitability of which no question had been raised. These plans &c. were examined in detail. They showed that out of the 18 houses to be erected, seven were to be of larger dimensions than the others. The entire number were to be provided with yards. Sixteen were to be furnished with means of access to an enclosure at rear, to be used in common by the occupants of the houses, and the remaining two were to have gardens attached to them. Provision was made also for having each dwelling provided with a water closet and a movable dustbin, to be situate in the yard.

A question was raised as to providing the smaller-sized of houses with the sanitary conveniences mentioned. The bulk of the poorer classes failed to recognize the importance of giving constant attention to the state of such conveniences, which, if left in a neglected condition, might turn out to be of doubtful advantage.

a discussion took place on the point. The result was however, that on the motion of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was

Resolved:- That the Draft Plans and Elevations of the Dwellings to be erected by the Council at Carrigeen, be approved and so marked accordingly.

Wm. Hanton
Dec. 7th 1908

7th December 1908.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Henton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James J. Stafford, Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Frank Carty, Nicholas Prendergast,

Patrick Clancy, Joseph Kingsberry, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £896. 18. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved

and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 102 to 133 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November 1908 including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 686 : 13 : 5
Total sum received to close of last month.	373 : 1 : 9
TOTAL	1059 : 15 : 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	896 : 18 : 6
TOTAL	896 : 18 : 6
Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of Totals)	162 : 16 : 8

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1059 : 15 : 2
Outstanding Orders Including those now issued.	896 : 18 : 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	162 : 16 : 8

The proposed construction of a Bridge across the River Suir at Waterford was a subject which was brought under consideration by reason of the fact that the project was to affect the Town of Wexford financially. The estimated cost of the Bridge was £114,500 Towards this outlay the County of Wexford was to be required to contribute a share which

meant an annual payment of £859 for a period of twenty years out of the County coffers. The proportional part of the latter sum to be levied off the Town was £40 a year in round numbers, and it was the duty of the Corporation to take cognizance of this important fact. The question of the cost of the Undertaking appeared to have given rise to considerable murmuring in other contributory places. For example, in Kilkenny the Corporation had expressed the opinion, as communicated in their letter of the 26th Ultimo, that a bridge to meet the requirements of Waterford was capable of being constructed at a cost of £25,000, ^{while} the Wexford County Council, as appeared by their letter of 2nd Instant, had characterized the estimate of £114,500 as excessive, and pointed out that it would involve an increase of from 8% to 15% of the cost to be debited to the County Wexford as compared with what the original outlay was estimated to be. Thereupon the following motion was adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Stafford, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, and

RESOLVED:-

That we call on the County Council to resist by every means in their power the unjust impost about to be levied on our County for the erection of a new bridge at Waterford, and assure the County Council of our hearty co-operation in any steps they may be advised to take in the matter.

Furthermore, on a suggestion being thrown out as to the expediency of the Corporation taking direct measures to resist the levy proposed to be made by the Wexford County

Council with the object of abating the cost of the project, the following motion was adopted.

Proposed by Aldermen Hadden, seconded by Councillor Carty.

That Counsel's opinion be obtained on the point as to whether the Corporation had the power to take independent action, and if so that the Corporation Solicitor be given instructions to engage the services of Counsel in a vigorous endeavour to reduce the cost of construction.

The scarcity of employment for the working classes of the town at the present time was a question brought under notice. Through this cause the existence of distress was painfully apparent, and there was reason to apprehend that later on in the winter the need for providing employment for willing workers would become pressing. The time for asking the Distress Committee to resume its labours in the cause of the unemployed had arrived. This Committee had been called into existence in December 1905, but had seen no chance of rendering assistance in the needed direction, inasmuch as no voluntary contributions had been forthcoming from the public. The Committee therefore had lapsed into inaction. It was desirable to re-habilitate it and the first step towards that end was to appoint three persons to fill vacancies which had arisen in the membership of it. Happily the Local Government Board, at the request of the Committee, had intimated their willingness to facilitate the filling up of the vacancies, and had issued a Sealed Order dated 4th December 1908, No.68,343, authorizing the appointment of three members in order to have the Committee duly constituted. The Local Government Board had also, per their letter of 2nd December 1908, No.68,343; communicated the conditions under which it was possible to obtain a Grant from the Parliamentary Fund in aid of expenses under the Unemployed Workmen Act, and it rested with the Committee to find out whether these conditions could be fulfilled in order to successfully claim a Grant in the case of Wexford Town.

Thereupon it was Ordered:- That a Special Meeting of the Council be convened for the purpose of appointing three persons as members of the Wexford Distress Committee namely, two members of the Council in room of two members disqualified in virtue of ceasing to hold office as Councillors, and one person from outside the Council in place of the late Rev. Patrick O'Connor, Adm.

That in order to allow of seven days notice being given of the meeting, that the date of same be fixed as Wednesday, 16th December Instant.

A report from the Finance & Works Committee was made. It appeared therefrom that the members of the Wexford Volunteer Fire Brigade required a Grant out of the Municipal Funds of £10 to enable personal outfit to be provided for its members. The Brigade had been enabled by the generosity of a few Insurance Companies to purchase boots, tunics, caps &c. to save the members own private apparel. These outfits had worn out and required to be renewed in some instances, and in the case of new members new uniforms were required. The Committee recommended the application to the favourable consideration of the meeting, and on the motion of

Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hughes, it was

RESOLVED:- That a sum of £10 be allocated to the credit of the Fire Brigade to be used in providing uniform as occasion may require.

The National Telephone Company, per their letter dated Cork, 16th December 1908, furnished a quotation in respect of permitting the use of a private telephone line between the Town Clerk's Office and Crosstown Cemetery. The connecting, by telephone wire, of the two places mentioned was very desirable and had frequently been suggested as a much-needed public convenience. It would afford, at all times, private communication between the two places, and could be had at an annual subscription of £8. 10. 0 a year. But should it be necessary to have exchange facilities in addition, it would be requisite to instal two exchange lines, one in the Town Clerk's Office, and the other at Crosstown at an annual rental of £12. i. e. £6 in respect of each place. The Company were also prepared to connect both of the Police Barracks with the telephone system of the town, and hoped the Corporation would favourably consider the question of installing a telephone service to one or both of these Barracks. The charge in these cases would be also £6. a year.

The consideration of the subject resulted in the adoption of the following resolution as proposed by Councillor Prendergast, and seconded by Councillor Clancy, viz:-

That the National Telephone Company be requisitioned to connect both the Town Clerk's Office and Crosstown Cemetery with the Telephone Exchange in Wexford, the Corporation agreeing to pay a subscription of £12. a year for the facilities afforded by such connections.

The School Attendance Committee intimated that one of their Colleagues in the person of Mr. M. J. Furlong had become disqualified to act as a Member in consequence of having absented himself from Meetings of the Committee held during the last six months. The ex-member in question was one out of the five appointed by the Corporation, and was entitled to act for three years commencing 31st July 1907 had he not been debarred by allowing himself to become disqualified. He had evinced no wish to hold office any longer. Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Stefford seconded by Councillor Hughes, it was RESOLVED:- That Councillor Nicholas Prendergast be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the abstention of Mr. Furlong, and to hold office for the unexpired term of office of the latter.

A copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Fermoy Urban District Council at their meeting on 28th October 1908, was submitted. It was in the following terms viz:-

"That we hereby earnestly urge the Irish Members of Parliament to oppose the Clause of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill now before the House of Commons which seeks to validate the public Bodies Order made by the Local Government Board in 1904 in excess of their powers.

"We consider that an order dealing with so many interests could not be made applicable to the varying circumstances of the several Districts in Ireland; that the Order, if put into operation, would be wholly unsuitable, as has been found to be the

case where an attempt to carry it out has been made; and would entail heavy expenses on the several Public Boards; and, moreover, that it would replace a system that has worked admirably during the past fifty years, particularly with respect to the assessment and collecting of Rates and the keeping of accounts and records.

"We are further of opinion that the Order is opposed to the letter and spirit of the Local Government Act of 1898, in that it seeks to transfer to the Local Government Board many of the powers conferred on the Urban Councils by that Act, and this without consultation with or reference to any of the Representative Public Bodies interested, and would, in effect, amount to a repeal of many of the principal provisions of the Act of 1898, and the other Acts under which the Public Bodies derive their powers".

It was pointed out that the Public Bodies Order referred to had been regarded by most Councils as an effort on the part of the Local Government Board to lower the status of Representative Bodies never before claimed much less enforced. If the Order were legalized there would be no alternative left but to comply with it in its entirety, even in Districts where exemption had been obtained from certain of its provisions.

The question of adopting the Resolution was considered, and on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Prendergast, it was put and carried unanimously.

The following order was made:-

That a charge of 2/6 be made to the Treasury for the use of the Town Clerk's office by the Pension Committee on each occasion the office is occupied by Meetings of the Committee.

Robert Hanton
December 16th 1908

16th December 1908.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:) Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Thomas O'Brien, Patrick Clancy,
Richard Gibson, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty,
Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe.

The meeting had been summoned for the special purpose of filling three casual vacancies in the Distress Committee of the Town Council of Wexford, pursuant to a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board dated 4th December 1908, No. 58343, the terms of which order had been read to the Council at a meeting of 7th Inst.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, on the conclusion of which

transaction Councillor Rowe proposed that Councillor Frank Carty be hereby appointed a Councillor-Member of the Distress Committee of the Borough of Wexford.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Doyle and adopted.

Councillor Rowe then proposed that Councillor Clancy be appointed to act as a Councillor-member of the same Committee.

The motion, on being seconded by Councillor Gibson, was adopted.

As to the appointment of a person experienced in the relief of distress from outside the Council, it was unanimously ordered.

That the Rev. Thomas Cloney Adm., be appointed to fill the vacancy caused in the Committee by the death of the late Rev. Patrick O'Connor, Adm.

On the conclusion of the foregoing business, the meeting, acting in the capacity of a Burial Board, took up the consideration of the terms of a letter from the Local Government Board dated 4th December 1908, No. 64,542.

The Local Government Board, before giving sanction to the Scale of Charges relating to Crosstown Cemetery, as amended in conformity with resolution of the Burial Board of 4th August 1908, required to be furnished with copies of the Scale in question, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and authenticated on their behalf.

The Scale of Charges in its modified form was then submitted, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hore,

It was resolved:- That the Corporate Seal of the Borough be affixed to the amended Scale of Charges to be made for grave spaces and for opening graves in Crosstown Cemetery that the Seal be affixed in the presence of the Mayor and Town Clerk and attested by these Functionaries affixing their signatures to the Scale, and that copies of such Scale, duly sealed and signed, be sent to the Local Government Board, as per their letter of 4th December 1908.

The following is a copy of the Burial Charges above referred to

CROSSTOWN CEMETERY WEXFORD.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR GRAVE SPACES IN PERPETUITY, AND FOR OPENING GRAVES IN ABOVE CEMETERY.

	CHARGE FOR			OPENING GRAVES.	
	GROUND.			ADULTS.	CHILDREN UNDER 10.
	£.	S.	D.		
Plots bordering on Main Central Avenue in Sections B. F. G. K. L. O. P. : : : :	5.	0.	0	15/-	7/6
Plots bordering Cross Walks in Sections A. B. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q.	4.	10.	0	15/-	7/6
Plots in Second Row from Main Central Avenue in Sections B. F. G. K. L. O. P. : : :	3.	10.	0	15/-	7/6
Plots in Second Row from Cross Walks and Boundary Walks in Sections A. B. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.				15/-	7/6

	CHARGE FOR			OPENING GRAVES.	
	GROUND.			ADULTS.	CHILDREN
	L.	S.	D.	UNDER 10	
Plots in Third Row from Main Central Avenue in Sections B. F. G. K. L. O. P. : : : :	2.	10.	0	15/-	7/6
Plots in Third Row from Cross Walks in Sections A. B. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q.	2.	0.	0	10/-	5/-
Plots in Fourth and Fifth Rows from Main Central Avenue in Sections B. F. G. K. L. O. P. : : :	1.	10.	0	10/-	5/-
Plots in Fourth and Fifth Rows from Cross Walks in Sections A. B. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. : : : : : :	1.	0.	0.	10/-	5/-
Border Plots on Boundary Walks, both sides, in Sections R. S. T. U. (except portion reserved for burial of unbaptized children)	4.	10.	0	15/-	7/6
All other interior plots in Sections A. B. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. O. P. Q., except those hereinafter mentioned. : : : : :	1.	0.	0.	10/-	5/-
Plots in centre of Sections E. & I. reserved for Roman Catholics. : : : : :	0.	10.	0	5/-	2/6
Plots in portion of Section D. allotted for Do.	FREE.			FREE.	
Plots in centre of Section K. reserved for members of all other Denominations. : : :	0.	10.	0	5/-	2/6
Plots in centre of Section O. allotted for Do.	FREE.			FREE.	
All plots contained in Section C.	0.	10.	0	5/-	2/6

In cases where persons not being occupants of rated property in the Borough of Wexford require to purchase burial spaces, or to have graves opened, the charges will be the same as the above with 50% added.

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4th January 1909.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

There were in attendance:-

Robert Manton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, John Tyshe.

Councillors:- James Hore, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas Prandergast,
Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty,
James Goodisson, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meeting of 16th December 1908 were read and signed,

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £152. 8. 3 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying orders numbered from 134 to 147 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 1908; including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 162 : 16 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month.	785 : 15 : 4
	TOTAL 948 : 12 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	152 : 8 : 3
	TOTAL 152 : 8 : 3

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	964 : 19 : 9
Out-standing Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	168 : 16 : 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	796 : 3 : 9

With regard to order made on 7th December Ultimo, a legal opinion obtained from Mr. T. F. Molony, K. C. was read on the subject of the impost to be levied on the County of Wexford, including the town of Wexford, in respect of the provision of a proposed new bridge across the river Suir at Waterford. It appeared from this that it was competent to make an appeal to the Lord Lieutenant against the finding of the Commission appointed to enquire into the question of the necessity for, and the expense of, the bridge mentioned, but the making of such appeal rested with the Wexford County Council and not with the Wexford Corporation, notwithstanding the fact that the latter were seriously affected by the finding. It was open, however, to the Corporation to appear by Counsel and Solicitor at the hearing of the appeal to support the action taken by the County Council. An appeal could be made on three grounds: First, on account of the County being made contributory at all, secondly, by reason of being charged in an undue proportion of expenses, and thirdly, on account of any objection to the plan or specification. Oral evidence would have to be given in support of the petition before the Privy Council. When the cost of the Bridge was objected to, it would have to be

shown by expert evidence that a Bridge equally suitable could be erected at a more moderate cost. When the amount of the contribution was objected to it must be proved by evidence that the amount sought to be charged was excessive. It was a strong fact in favour of the County Wexford that while 8 per cent was regarded as a sufficient contribution by the first Commission, the proportion was nearly doubled by the second Commission.

On the subject having been considered, the following Order was made.

That the County Council be furnished with a copy of the Opinion and requested to appeal against the Report of the Waterford Bridge Commission of 7th October 1908.

The residents of Thomas Street applied in writing for a concrete footpath to be laid in front of their dwellings. They alleged that the want of such a side walk was much felt, particularly in wet weather when pools of water formed in the road surface to the inconvenience of persons walking thereon. It was a rule to have a concrete path on at least one side of each street, but in the case of Thomas Street there was no such means of accommodation on either side.

It was ordered:- That the request be granted on the completion of all footpaths hitherto directed to be made.

Attention was called to the ill lighted state, after dark, of School Street, Duke Street, and Spawell Road. Complaints had been made of the inconvenience experienced by persons passing through these localities after nightfall.

It was Ordered:- That the Lamp Committee be called together on some opportune evening in the near future to visit the streets named and ascertain if the complaints about them were well founded, and if so to make any recommendations as to the provision of public lamps as may seem requisite.

Robert Hanton
January 23rd 1909

23rd January 1909.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, James Goodisson, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne, Frank Carty, Frederick J. Cogley, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was unanimously

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of Councillors for the above Borough in the year 1909.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give notice that the candidates at the election whose names are entered in Column 6 of the statement hereunder opposite to the numbers entered in Column 5 have been declared duly elected Urban District Councillors; and I hereby declare that the persons whose names are entered in the said Column 6, and opposite to whose names no numbers are entered in Column 5, where no Polls have been taken, were duly elected Urban District Councillors for the Wards opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such Wards are entered.

WARDS.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		PLACES OF ABODE.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
	Surnames.	Other Names.			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
ST. PATRICK'S WARD	O'Connor	Frank	North Main Street	272	Frank O'Connor
Do.	O'Connor	John	Allen Street	241	John O'Connor
Do.	Reid	David	Cornmarket	90	_____
Do.	Sinnott	John	Dempsey's Terrace	72	_____
ST. MARY'S WARD	Kelly	Joseph	South Main Street	_____	Joseph Kelly
Do.	O'Brien	Thomas	Bride Street	_____	Thomas O'Brien
ST. ANDREW'S WARD	McMahon	James	Bride Street	165	James McMahon
Do.	Hughes	Benjamin	Main Street North	137	Benjamin Hughes
Do.	Kehoe	John	101, North Main Street	92	_____

this 16th day of January, 1909.

WM. A. BROWNE,
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Returning Officer.

1909.

RESOLVED:- That Alderman James Sinnott be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Wexford for year commencing this day and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office.

Alderman Sinnott thereupon made and subscribed a declaration accepting the Office to which he had been elected. He was then duly installed in the Chair and expressed his thanks for the trust reposed in him by his Colleagues.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:- That we take the opportunity of the retirement from Office of our outgoing mayor, Robert Hanton Esquire, to signify our indebtedness to him for the unexampled attention which he paid to his public functions for the last two years, during which period he has filled the Civic Chair with characteristic zeal, ability, and unvarying courtesy; and we venture to express a hope that the interest which he has always manifested in the work of Municipal Administration with advantage to his native town and credit to himself, will continue unabated.

Councillor Hanton in suitable terms acknowledged the Council's appreciation of his services as Mayor.

It was proposed by Alderman Stafford, seconded by Councillor Prendergast, and

RESOLVED:- That the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 23rd. January 1910 be fixed to be held on Monday, 3rd. May at noon, Monday, 9th August at noon, and Tuesday, 2nd November at noon.

The appointment of Committees was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Sanitary Committees be composed of the entire Council for the coming year, and that a list be prepared of the number of attendances rendered by each of the members forming the aforesaid Committees for the past year.

It was further decided that the Technical Instruction Committee be formed of the following seven members of the Council, viz. The Mayor, Aldermen Walsh, Hadden, Councillors Rowe, Hore, Hughes, Carty, in addition to the protestant Rector of Wexford for the time being, the Catholic Administrator of Wexford for the time being, the Superior of the Christian Brothers for the time being, and Messrs Michael A. Ennis, Joseph S. Thompson, and Richard Walsh.

A Memorial to be presented to the Local Government Board applying for approbation to the purchase of three plots of ground as sites for 40 dwellings for the housing of the working classes, and praying for approval of the proposed alienation by way of mortgage of the Corporation Estate for the repayment of a Loan of £6000 for the purpose of providing such dwellings was submitted, and thereupon it was

Ordered:- That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Memorial in presence of the Mayor and Town Clerk, and attested by the signatures of these Functionaries being attached to such Memorial.

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1st February 1909.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Robert Hanton, Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Frederick J. Cogley, Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, Richard Gibson, Howard Rowe, Joseph Doyle, John O'Connor, James McMahon, Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Michael Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £198. 14. 3 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 148 to 165 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1909 including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	£ 796 : 3 : 9
Total sum received to close of last month.	685 : 19 : 2
TOTAL	1482 : 2 : 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	198 : 14 : 3
TOTAL	198 : 14 : 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of totals)	1283 : 8 : 8

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1482 : 2 : 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	198 : 14 : 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1283 : 8 : 8

There were submitted a draft plan, elevations, and sections of 22 houses proposed to be built at Distillery Road under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts under which Enactments the Council had in process of formulation a Scheme for the provision of 40 houses in all. These plans &c., were examined in detail. They showed that these houses were to be two storey buildings, containing each four rooms, two below and two above stairs. Each house was to be provided with a yard of convenient size, and sanitary conveniences including water closets on the most modern principle. The advantage of providing water closets in the case of small dwellings was questioned, the objection being that such apparatus might prove a source of evil rather than good if not properly attended to and constantly kept in good order, and the expense attendant on providing them was a misuse of money.

Nevertheless on the motion of Councillor Hanton, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor, It was Resolved:- That the draft plan, elevations, and sections of the dwellings to be erected by the Council at Distillery Road be hereby approved and so marked accordingly. On the assumption of sanction being obtained to the borrowing of a Loan to permit of the houses being provided, and of the work of erecting the buildings being done by contract, the necessity of engaging the services of a Clerk of Works to act under the control of the Town Surveyor was deprecated. The opinion was expressed that if a reliable contractor were employed, and the work inspected once daily by the Town Surveyor, the services of a Clerk of Works would be superfluous.

Councillor Prendergast moved that no Clerk of Works should be employed, the motion being seconded by Councillor Kelly, but the principle of it was challenged, and in a discussion which followed thereupon, Councillor Frank O'Connor moved that a Clerk of Works should be employed to be in constant attendance on the ground during the progress of the work of building the houses.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Goodisson.

As the latter motion was the converse of the former one, a division was taken upon which members voted as follows:-

For Councillor O'Connors motion: Councillors F. O'Connor, Rowe, Doyle, Gibson, Goodisson, Kingsberry, Clancy, Cogley, Hanton, Alderman Walsh, Hadden and The Mayor (12)

For the other were Councillors Browne, Kelly, Carty, McMahon, J. O'Connor, O'Brien, Prendergast, Hore, Hughes, and Alderman Stafford. (10)

Councillor O'Connor's motion was declared carried.

A report from the Lamp Committee was read. The Committee had visited Spawell Road, Duke Street, and School Street. They recommended that a lamp should be erected at the Gaol gate or suspended from the wall over the gate. There was a lamp at each end of the street in Duke Street, but another was required in the middle. The Committee considered School Street to be sufficiently well lighted, but it was necessary that branches of trees projecting over the wall on each side of the lamp in front of the Manse should be cut away.

The Report was adopted.

It was Ordered:- That the requirements of Kearney's Lane, & Corry's Terrace in the matter of lamps, and the need for shifting the lamp at the corner of Bride Street should be brought under notice of the Lamp Committee.

A copy of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 was brought under notice by direction of the Local Government Board as contained in their circular letter of 18th January 1909 (No.3. M:1909) The provisions of the Enactment were noted, but as regarded Part I relating to notification and disinfection, which it was optional with the Council to put into force, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Cogley seconded by Alderman Walsh. That part I of the Act be not adopted for the Urban Sanitary District of Wexford.

It was ordered:- That a concrete footpath be laid in Abbey Street convenient to Selskar Church. That the work of laying this path be proceeded with directly weather and funds will admit, and that the need for a footpath at South Wexford Railway Station, Bride

Street (south side), Allen Street, and Cornmarket, be brought under the notice of the Works Committee.

The appointment of a Caretaker for the Town Hall was made. There were nine applicants for the office, but Mrs Anne Kingsberry of Ram Street secured the appointment. Twelve members considered her the most eligible applicant, while only three were in favour of James Kenny, three in favour of Patrick Carroll., one for Michael Kelly, and one for Stephen Higginbotham. The other four candidates had no support.

Non Corporate Business.

A letter was read intimating that a National Convention of the United Irish League was to be held in Dublin on the 9th and 10th February Instant, and containing an invitation for the Corporation to send six delegates from their Body to the approaching assembly of the Organization.

On the matter being discussed, it was found that Councillor R. Hanton, ex Mayor was the only member of the Corporation who would consent to represent the Body on the occasion, and he was accordingly appointed as a Delegate.

There were submitted copies of a series of six resolutions received from the County Committee of the Gaelic League, which had been unanimously passed by that Committee. The object of the resolutions was to compel the Irish language and Irish history to be made an essential subject for matriculation in the National University in process of being established in Dublin under recent legislation. The Committee, it appeared, were convinced that the proposal to place Irish in the University Curriculum as an optional subject, or as a subject to be encouraged by special prizes and medals would not work out to the advancement of Irish studies.

On the matter being discussed, the evident sense of the present meeting was that members were not sufficiently well informed on the merits of the case, and in view of the fact that there was to be a public meeting to be held in Wexford on the 7th Instant to afford the people of the County an opportunity to deliberate on the merits of the question, the matter was adjourned for a month.

James Sinnott Mayor 1909

10th February 1909.

A meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m., there being in attendance.

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast,

Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, James McMahon,

John O'Connor, James Goodisson, Frank Carty, Robert Hanton.

The object for which the meeting was called was to see if an endeavour might be made by the Council to have Wexford Town, or some place in the vicinity of it, assigned by the War Department as a training centre for a Military Battalion, in

view of the near approach of the annual training period of Irish Militia Regiments, having regard to the pecuniary benefits which the proximity of a military force to the town will confer on trade.

A letter from Councillor Cogley, though obviously out of order and held to be so, was permitted to be read. Councillor Cogley took occasion to express his strong opposition to a Military Body being located in Wexford as he considered that the material gain which their presence would afford would not compensate for a suspension of national principle. He further stated that no town had achieved a lasting or a creditable prosperity by discarding patriotism in favour of the promotion of local trade. However a proposition was made by Councillor McMahon to the effect that representations should be made to the War Department designed to bring about the training, in or near the town each year, or at any rate, each alternate year, of the 3rd. and 4th Battalions of the Royal Irish Regiment.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hughes and was adopted, Councillor Clancy dissenting.

James Sinnott
Mar 1/09

1st March 1909.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast, Frederick J. Cogley, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, James Hore, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Goodisson, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor.

The minutes of 1st and 10th February Instant were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £811. 0. 6 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 166 to 186 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1283 : 8 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month.	583 : 13 : 4
TOTAL	1867 : 2 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	811 : 0 : 6
TOTAL	811 : 0 : 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer. being difference of Totals	1056 : 1 : 6

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	£1867 : 2 : 0
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	811 : 0 : 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1056 : 1 : 6

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of a series of resolutions received from the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, as adopted by that Body. The import of the resolutions was that the Committee in question were profoundly dissatisfied with any curriculum to be framed in connection with the new University to be established in Dublin under the Irish Universities Act, 1908, unless it embraced among the subjects for matriculation a degree of proficiency in the Irish language and Irish history as an indispensable condition. The object of the Committee in bringing this matter under the notice of the Council was to obtain an expression of opinion thereon. It may be here noted that the consideration of this question had been under consideration on 1st Ultimo, and was deferred till today.

Councillor Cogley proposed that the resolutions in the form in which they were adopted by the Gaelic league should be adopted by the Council, except the paragraph relating to pecuniary support from the Wexford County Council. it was superfluous to let this portion stand, having regard to the recent action of the County Council in deciding to withhold contributions unless Irish were made an essential subject in the curriculum.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy, but was lost on a Poll having been taken, the result of which poll was as follows:-

FOR.	Councillors Cogley, Clancy, Hughes.	3
AGAINST.	Councillors John O'Connor, Kelly, Rowe Goodisson, Kingsberry, Doyle, Hore, Carty, Gibson, Prendergast, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, Tyghe, and The Mayor.	14.

Alderman Hadden declined to vote.

There was submitted for adoption a resolution passed at a meeting of the County Wexford Temperance Council as follows:-

That we re-iterate the National demand for the closing of all licensed premises on St. Patrick's Day, in order that the National Holiday may be worthily honoured, and we earnestly appeal to the people of County Wexford to support this demand by refraining from entering licensed houses on the Festival.

Councillor Hughes proposed the adoption of the resolution as it stood.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden and was passed.

A report from the Town Surveyor was read. It contained the views and recommendations of a Committee who inspected the sanitary arrangements and drainage of the Town Hall. It appeared that all the water closets in the building required to be replaced and the sanitary appliances with which they were ~~being~~ furnished modernized. They depended for the purpose of being flushed on the

uncertain resources of a rain water tank. It was necessary that this tank should be substituted by a covered store tank fed by a supply of water from the water system of the town. The drains were found to contain a quantity of filth. They were of an antiquated type and required to be converted into pipe drains; cast iron pipes were needed to be used in a portion of the drainage system of the building, and glazed earthenware pipes in the remainder. The water closets required to have the flooring relaid in tiles and to be furnished with gas brackets.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was RESOLVED:- That the recommendation be adopted, and that tenders be invited by advertisement in the usual way in respect of making the requisite repairs, on a specification thereof being prepared by the Town Surveyor.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced with a view to closing them for the current financial year. They had been under the examination of the Finance Committee on the 26th Ultimo. The Committee, who had expressed satisfaction with the result of the Collector's efforts, made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable, items amounting to £11. 15. 10¹/₂ in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £20. 0. 9¹/₂ in the case of the Rate in lieu of County Cess, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £5. 7. 6 and £8. 19. 6 respectively be carried into next years books as arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

Notices of motions to be submitted for consideration at next Statutable Meeting were handed in as follows, and were accepted.

From Councillor Prendergast. To move that the rents of the houses belonging to the Council at William Street be reduced from 3/- to 2/8 per week per house.

From Councillor Hughes. To move that the rents of houses provided by the Council at Monument place be reduced.

From Alderman Hadden. To move that the rents of all the dwellings provided by the Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts be reviewed with a view to the abatement of such rents.

The case in which Messrs John English & Co. of Custom House Quay had sought recognition as a Firm entitled to be employed to do a share of the printing work of the Council was brought under notice. The entire cost of this work was about £35. a year, and was done in equal shares by the other three printing offices in the town. The reason why the Firm in question had not been, so far, recognized was because it was said to be one that failed to pay the standard rate of wages obtaining in the district. THAT such delinquency attached to the Firm was proved by the production of two letters received, one from Mr. Hugh McManus of Belfast, Organizing Secretary for Ireland of the Typographical Association, and the other from Mr. Patrick Sinnott, Branch Secretary for Wexford of the same Association. The latter stated that it would place the Council in a false position to employ Messrs John English & Co., having regard to

Attached to the Estimate of June 10th 1891, was a Recommendation

from the Finance Committee under date of 24th march Instant, as to the making of the poor Rate at a rate of 2/2 in the Pound.

An item in the Estimates which evoked discussion was that of £150 set down in respect of the proposed purchase of a house in Selskar Street, as per resolution of 2nd. November last. To this matter special attention was directed by the reading of a letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who stated that in this case the Owner, Mrs Codd, was prepared to receive an offer for the two houses belonging to her in that street adjoining each other, but was not willing to negotiate the sale of the house which the Corporation required for the purpose of widening the thoroughfare.

Thereupon Alderman Stafford proposed that the Estimate in respect of Rate in lieu of County Cess, as submitted be adopted, and that a Rate in lieu of County Cess of one shilling and Fivepence in the Pound be agreed on with a view to the making of such Rate for the financial year ending 31st march 1910.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

However, advocating the advisableness of increasing an item of £140 set down for the purpose of extending the main drainage system in St. Selskar Ward, Councillor Carty proposed an amendment to the effect that the one shilling and Fivepence in the foregoing motion should be struck out and substituted by one shilling and sixpence.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Rowe, but on being put to the meeting, it failed to be carried.

The motion was then put and carried.

With regard to the Estimates of expenditure coming under the heading of Borough Fund, Waterworks Fund, and Poor Rate Account, a motion was adopted on the proposition of Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Alderman Walsh, as follows.

That the Estimates referred to be approved, and that it be hereby agreed to make, within due time, a Borough Rate of One Shilling, a Domestic Water Rate of one Shilling, a Public Water Rate of Ninepence, and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Two pence in the Pound for the service of the financial year ending the 31st march 1910.

James Sinnott Mayor
Apr 5/09

5th April 1909.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Walter Walsh, James J. Stafford, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Frank O'Connor, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Robert Hanton, James Hore, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Michael Browne, Patrick Blaney, Frederick J. Quinn, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £242. 8. 11, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 187 to 205 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended 31st march 1909, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1056. 1. 5
Total sums received to close of last month.	719. 7. 11
TOTAL	1775. 9. 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting. TOTAL	242. 8. 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1533. 0. 6

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1775. 9. 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	242. 8. 11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1533. 0. 6

Pursuant to notice accepted from Councillor Prendergast on the 1st Ultimo, that Member proposed that a resolution passed by the Council on 9th March 1904, whereby inter alia, the rents of twelve houses provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts at William Street were fixed at 3/- per week per house should be rescinded in so far as the rents in question were concerned, and furthermore, that the rents in question should be reduced from 3/- to 2/8 per week per house. The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

In advocacy of the adoption of this motion, it was contended that the loss arising from the non-letting of some of these houses was due to the rents being excessive as compared with the rents of houses of the same size and class let by the Council in other quarters of the town.

The motion was put and carried.

Pursuant to notice accepted from Councillor Hughes on the 1st Ultimo, that Member proposed that a resolution passed by the Council on 9th March 1904, whereby inter alia, the rents of seven houses provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts at Monument Place were fixed should be rescinded in so far as these rents were concerned, and furthermore, that the rents in question should be reduced from 4/- to 3/6 per week per house.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

This case was not parallel with the one of William Street, and the motion having been discussed was put and lost, a division taken thereon showing that seven members were for, which the motion was again lost.

A third notice of motion regarding the rents of working class dwellings, which

was one received from Alderman Hadden on the 1st Ultimo, was withdrawn as it was not deemed necessary to make any further revision of the rents than that effected by the motion as to William Street.

In compliance with resolution of 1st Ultimo, it was announced that tenders were invited by advertisement in respect of the contemplated repairs on the sanitary features of the Town Hall, but it turned out that only one tender had been lodged. This was opened and was seen to be from Mr. Matthew Harpur of Main Street, who was prepared to supply all material and execute all workmanship in connection with the work for a sum of £80, exclusive of £1. 5. 0 additional in case glazed pipes were used in portion of the drains.

This tender was not accepted in as much as the estimate of the Town Surveyor of the cost of the work was only £50, but the matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to deal with as they thought fit.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding Rates the sum of £12. 5. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate, £6. 11. 9 was collectible, and to be carried forward as arrears. The report was adopted nem. con.

A communication was read from three of the residents of Main Street South whose dwellings adjoined the stream known as the Stonebridge River. This stream, which served all the purposes of a main sewer, was recently, for a portion of its length, covered in by the enterprise of a private individual to suit his own purposes. This, according to the writers, had the effect of concentrating the volume of effluvia arising from the stream at a point convenient to their houses, causing danger to health. The writers, therefore, requested the Corporation to adopt means to cover in a further section of the river reaching from Stonebridge to Geady's Rope Walk.

This matter was one which was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to report on. Two tenders received in respect of supplying flags for repairs of footpaths, were read. One was from Messrs James Power & Co. New Ross, and the other from Mr. Edward Byrne, Stonecutter, Bagenalstown. The former was prepared to supply the quantity required at 3/6, and the latter at 3/5 per superficial square yard, delivered carriage paid on rail at Wexford.

On the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Alderman Hadden, the tender of Edward Byrne was accepted.

An application from Messrs Spillers and Bakers, MILLERS, for the privilege of fitting a fire hydrant on their branch premises at Paul Quay, Wexford, was read. The question was one which had been under the consideration of the Waterworks Committee, and the permission was granted, subject to the applicants paying an annual charge of one pound but the condition imposed was considered unreasonable and prohibitive. It appeared that in Ireland alone this Firm had 39 depots, and in all towns where a like privilege had been sought, it had been granted free of charge. The more facilities there were in a town for coping with an outbreak of fire, the better for the security of property. On this principle the applicants hoped that the payment of the proposed charge would not be insisted on.

The action of the Waterworks Committee in the matter was reviewed, but the decision of the Committee was ratified.

Councillor Prendergast asked for permission to introduce for discussion a subject which he believed was worthy of being brought under the notice of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It was the desirability of imposing a tax on bachelors. The Mayor, however, expressed a disinclination to accept a motion on such a subject unless the majority of the members present were of a different opinion.

The evident sense of the meeting was against the question being brought forward, and the Mayor thereupon ruled it out of order.

The following resolution, on the motion of Councillor John O'Connor, seconded by Aldermen Stafford was adopted, but not unanimously.

That in common with Nationalists the world over we rejoice at the disappearance of Factionism from the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary Party and take this opportunity of offering to our illustrious townsman, and Chairman of that Party, Mr. John Redmond, To whose timely warning to Nationalist Ireland the disappearance is due, our warmest congratulations. We, at the same time, commend Mr. W.

O'Brien's patriotic action in retiring from public life when he recognized that the vast majority of the people of Ireland were antagonistic to his Policy, and hope that Mr. O'Brien may yet be seen, as he was for a quarter of a Century, in his rightful place in the Nationalist Movement, fighting in the near future under MR. Redmond's leadership for the regeneration of our country, sitting, acting, and voting with the majority of the Irish Party until the day comes when the National Ideal shall have been realized, and Ireland shall have her Native Legislature in the Old House at Home in College Green.

The following resolution, on the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor was adopted.

That we, the Members of the WEXford Corporation, strongly urge on the Lord Lieutenant the necessity for appointing a practical educationalist to fill the vacancy in the Board of the Commissioners of National Education rendered vacant by the death of Sir Rowland Blennerhasset. Having heard mention of the name of Dr. Skeffington, late Senior Inspector of National Schools, we strongly recommend him to the Lord Lieutenant when making his selection, on account of his vast and varied experience in every Department of the National Education System, as well his distinguished scholarly attainments.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the County M. P.

With reference to minutes of 10 th February last, a communication was read from the Military Headquarters of Ireland, intimating that under the circumstances brought about by the re-organization of the Militia into the Special Reserve, it had not been found possible to send any troops to train at Wexford.

The Commander in Chief of the Forces in Ireland would have been only too glad to accede to the wishes of the Council if he could have done so, but in the present condition of the distribution of the Special Reserve, he regretted to say it was

quite impossible.

James Sinnott Apr 21/09

21st April 1909.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Walter Walsh, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Frank O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Frederick J. Cogley, Frank Carty, James Hore, Robert Hanton, James McMahon, Nicholas Prendergast.

The minutes of meeting of 5th April Instant were read and signed.

The making of Rates, which was the business for which the meeting was convened, was proceeded with, whereupon the four following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made, and the Books containing them were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor Hore.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses (required to carry on the Municipal Administration of said Borough) considered and adopted on 31st march 1909.

Proposed by Councillor Hanton, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Nine Pence in the Pound on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey &c) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 31st march 1909.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of ONE Shilling and Five pence in the Pound on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 31st March 1909.

Proposed by Alderman Stafford, Seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Twopence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of Rateable Property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by means of a Poor Rate on said Urban District, considered and adopted on 31st March 1909.

James Sinnott May 3/09

3rd. May 1909.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- James Hore, Richard Gibson, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Frederick J. Cogley, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe, Nicholas prendergast, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanlon.

The minutes of meeting of 21st April 1909 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1177. 6. 0 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 206 to 228 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1909, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1533 : 0 : 6
Total sum received to close of last month.	36 : 19 : 11
TOTAL	1570 : 0 : 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	TOTAL 1177 : 6 : 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	392 : 14 : 5

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1570 : 0 : 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1177 : 6 : 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	392 : 14 : 5

A report regarding the Stonebridge River was read in compliance with order made on 5th Ultimo. With regard to the portion of the river covered in by Mr. Stafford for his own purposes, it was recommended that provision should be made for ventilation at three points, and that a manhole should be opened in Mr. Stafford's yeard to allow of access to the river for cleaning purposes. The branch of the river flowing under Mrs Cullimore's house, if caused to flow into a sewerpipe of 2½ feet diameter, would cease to be a source of danger to health. The cost of making such an improvement would be roughly £60. To minimise the possibility of effluvia from the river coming into the main Street, it was also recommended that the screen wall opposite Mrs Cullimore's house should be raised several feet above the present height entailing an outlay of £18 approximately. In order to trap the sand and other deposits washed down by freshets, it was necessary to construct a catchment in the river convenient to

the entrance thereto at Mill Road at a cost of £40.

The matter was fully discussed, and thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Prendergast.

That the branch of the river in question be run into a pipe sewer as suggested; that a manhole be constructed and the wall referred to be carried up to an additional height of six feet at least; that the question of sinking a catchpit be deferred for the present, and that owing to the impracticability of framing a specification for repairing work of this nature, the Town Surveyor be authorized to have the work done on the direct labour system.

The Poor Rate Collector applied by letter for an increase of his remuneration because of new and additional duties imposed on him by recent requirements of the Local Government Board. He had to complete a Schedule of uncollected Rates in the elaborate form required by the Department. This Schedule included 140 ratings, and ten copies of it had to be made out by him and posted at specified places throughout the town. He had also to make a Declaration attesting the accuracy of the Schedule, and to permit of such Declaration being made, it became incumbent on him to exhaust every possible means in the endeavour to collect all items of Rate.

The application was considered, and the Town Clerk, on being referred to, stated that he considered the Collector was entitled to an extra remuneration of £10.

Thereupon Councillor Hughes proposed that the Collector should be paid a bonus of £6. in consideration of the additional duties which he performed in preparing, attesting, and posting the Schedule of uncollected Poor Rate in the financial year ended 31st March 1909, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Browne, and was passed, ten members voting for, and five against it.

A house recently rebuilt by the Council at Cornmarket was reported to be ready for habitation, and it was necessary to fix the terms on which it should be let. A Committee who inspected the building, considered that it ought to command a rent of 5/- a week. However the locality in which the house was situated was a factor which it was necessary to take into account, and the Collector of the Corporation rents, who was a person of great experience in the matter of the letting value of houses in the town, advised that the rent should be fixed at 16/8 a month.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was resolved that the terms of the letting be as follows:- The tenancy to be a monthly one the rent to be 16/8 per month, and the tenant to be liable for all rates.

At the instance of the Queenstown Urban Council, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Councillor Carty.

RESOLVED:- That this Council, being cognizant that a movement has been initiated at Liverpool with a view to the Postmaster-General's consent being obtained to an arrangement obviating the necessity for the fast Cunard steamers, "Lusitania" and "Mauretania" calling at Queenstown on each Sunday morning to embark the American

mails, but instead to have them embarked at Liverpool on each Saturday, and conveyed direct to New York, protests in the strongest possible manner against the suggested alteration in the American mail service, as such a change would be a violation of the terms of the contract entered into some years since between His Majesty's Government and the Cunard Company for the carriage of the mails between Queenstown and New York, and which does not expire until the year 1927.

That the Council is of opinion that the proposed change would prejudicially affect the business interests of most of the commercial and manufacturing centres of Great Britain, where, under the existing postal arrangements correspondence for America can be mailed up to a late hour on Saturday for conveyance by the Cunard packets from Queenstown on Sunday morning, whereas if the mails were to be embarked at Liverpool on Saturday, and the Irish Port abandoned, those facilities will no longer be available—Correspondence from various parts of England and Scotland must of necessity be posted on Friday—Frequent delays in the Mersey to the fast steamers with the mails on board will inevitably follow owing to the Mersey Bar, and there will be no compensating advantage in time gained by an earlier delivery in New York.

That inasmuch as the suggested change, if given effect, would be even still more injurious to Ireland and to Irish interests, and lead to the absurd anomaly of having to forward Irish letters for America via an English port, with the attendant delay, the Council respectfully and confidently appeals to the Postmaster-General to see that the terms of the mail Contract between His Majesty's Government and the Cunard Company, which render it obligatory for their steamers to call at Queenstown on the outward voyage to embark the mails will not be altered, and that he will be pleased to adhere to the promise made by him to Captain Donelan M.P. in August 1908, of having no intention of altering the existing arrangements.

There were submitted copies of Regulations made by His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant in Council on the 30th March 1909, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

James Sinnott Jun 7/09

7th June 1909.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:—

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— James J. Stafford, Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:— Frederick J. Cogley, Howard Rowe, James Hore, Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, Robert Hanton, Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, Joseph Doyle,

The minutes of Meeting of 30th March 1909 were read and signed.

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Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £776 : 14 : 8 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 229 to 252 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended in May 1909, including the payments made at this meeting.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	392	14	5
Total sum received to close of last month.	646	15	5
TOTAL	1039	9	10
BALANCE due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-	-	-
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	776	14	8
TOTAL	776	14	8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	262	15	2

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1039	9	10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	776	14	8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	262	15	2

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 20th May 1909, and numbered 58085, was submitted. The Board therein intimated the fact of their having received from their Engineering Inspector, Mr. Price, a report on an Inquiry held by him at Wexford on 2nd April last into a proposal of the Corporation to erect forty houses for the accommodation of the working classes, and of their having considered such report and minutes of evidence taken at such Inquiry. The Board were of opinion that, speaking generally, the capacity of the rooms was not sufficient, and requested that the plans &c. of the proposed Scheme should be so amended as to allow of the provision of rooms of the following capacity:- Living room or kitchen, 960 cubic feet; principal bedroom 960 cubic feet; Other rooms, 640 cubic feet. The Board also requested that provision should be made for the following requirements. (1) The kitchen floors to be tiled. (2) A stoneware scullery sink for each house. (3) Access to the rear of yards, necessitating the deletion from the plans &c. of one house out of the nine proposed to be erected facing Carrigeen Street. (4) Yards to extend at least fifteen feet from the wall of the houses. (5) Provision of sewers, water mains and footpaths. In order to provide for the additional expenditure which the above-mentioned requirements would involve, the Board desired that the amount of the Loan applied for should be increased. They also asked to be informed what was the provision intended to be made for the accommodation of the persons who will be displaced by the demolition of the old houses standing on one of the sites proposed to be acquired.

This communication having been read, it was reported that the Finance and Works Committee had had the contents of it under full consideration. The Committee had come to the conclusion that all the requirements of the Local Government Board should be

complied with, although it involved an additional outlay of £670 in round numbers to do so, and to this end that the amount of Loan to be applied for should be increased from £6000 to £7000, but as to the query regarding the clearing away of the old houses, the Committee recommended that the Department should be informed that the Council made it a condition of the agreement for the purchase of the plot in question that the old buildings should be cleared away by the landlord, being aware that the occupiers of them were able to obtain housing accommodation elsewhere, at any rate of a temporary nature.

These recommendations were adopted, and the plans &c. were ordered to be amended so as to bring them into conformity therewith.

A report from the Finance & Works Committee on the state of the sanitary conveniences in the market building was read. The Committee were in favour of changing the position of the closets and having them erected on an uncovered piece of ground lying between the building and the wall of Mr. Byrne's premises. The cost of the work would be roughly £35, as very little of the material in the closets would be fit to be utilized in the new position.

The recommendation was adopted, and tenders directed to be obtained in respect of doing the work on a specification thereof being prepared by the Town Surveyor.

The Finance and Works Committee made a report as to the expediency of revising the charges for the use of the Town Hall for purposes other than Corporation purposes, or on such occasions as the Mayor in his discretion may consider it proper to give the use of the building free of charge.

The charges recommended were as follows:-

For the evening until 10 o'clock P. M.	5/- per night.
Do. 12 O'Clock P. M.	10/- per night.
Do. 6 O'clock A. M.	£1. per night.

For auction sales:-

Of land or house property.	5/- per sale.
Of furniture.	£1. per day.

The recommendation was adopted.

In connection with the improvements intended to be done at Stonebridge River, and an extension of the main drainage system for St. Selskar Ward, it was found that a quantity of fireclay sewerpipes and some iron castings were required, and consequently, by directions of the Finance and Works Committee, tenders were invited by advertisement for supplying those stores, which were estimated to cost £70. In response to such invitation there were four tenders received by the present meeting. They were opened and found to be from Messrs O'Hara & Co., Sligo, Mr. Matthew Harpur, Main Street, Wexford, Messrs McFerran & Guilford, Dublin, and Messrs Brooks, Thomas & Co., Dublin. The prices asked by the four would-be contractors varied in amount, but as the class of goods required varied in quality and as none of the firms mentioned above were able to furnish a sewer pipe as they were requested to do, there was no means of ascertaining which of the tenders

was the proper one to accept.

The tenders were thereupon referred to the Town Surveyor to report thereon, on obtaining specimens of the pipes.

The Mayor gave notice of his intention to move at the earliest available date that the Corporation provide an open space in each of the three Wards in the town, to be used as playgrounds for children.

Arising out of a brief discussion on the foregoing notice, it was urged that a Public Park should be provided for the town, and that the movement which was set on foot a few years back to open a park at the rear of John Street and lay out a new road from that street to St. Peter's Road at Airhill should be revived.

Alderman Hadden proposed that a Committee composed of the entire Council should be appointed to take up the subject at the point where it had been allowed to drop and report thereon.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty and was carried.

Robert Hanton
July 5th/1909

5th July 1909.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., T. C. mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, James Hore, James McMahon,
Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, Nicholas Prendergast, Richard Gibson,
Frederick J. Cogley.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £209. 4. 4 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 253 to 275 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended June 1909, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	262 : 15 : 2
Total sums received to close of last month.	938 : 9 : 4
TOTAL	1201 : 4 : 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	209 : 4 : 4
TOTAL	209 : 4 : 4

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)

992 : 0 : 2

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by treasurer.	1201 : 4 : 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	209 : 4 : 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	992 : 0 : 2

The Chairman took occasion to allude to the fact that the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns, will have attained in September next the twentyfifth year of his Episcopate. Since His Lordship had been called to the Episcopal Chair of the Diocese, he had in no measured degree endeared himself to all the faithful under his charge, clergy and laity alike. It was in contemplation that the event should be marked by the celebration of a Silver Jubilee. The Celebration was to include the presentation of a congratulatory Address from all the Public Bodies of the County Wexford, as was seen by a letter read from Sir Thomas H. Orattan Esmonde. At the request of the County Council, Sir Thomas had, to promote the object in view, invited representatives from the various Public Bodies to meet in Conference at the Courthouse, Wexford on Wednesday, 14th Instant, and had invited the Corporation of Wexford to send Delegates to the proposed Conference. At this point it was mentioned that the Corporation had already had it in contemplation to present an Address independent of any steps that might be taken by others to signalize the event, and this being so, the question arose was it necessary for the Corporation to be represented at the Conference. As a result of a deliberation on the question, it was arranged to accept the invitation, and to appoint the following four members as Delegates viz:- Councillor Hanton, Hore, Kelly, and Alderman Stafford.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular from the Local Government Board dated 22nd. June 1909 No.89.M.(1909) accompanying which was (1) a memorandum on the objects of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, together with a summary of the provisions of the Enactment, (2) a copy of a Sealed Order made by the Board on the 3rd. June 1909 prescribing the forms and stages of Tuberculosis to which, and the circumstances in which Section 1 of the Act shall apply, and (3) Regulations dated 21st June 1909 relating to the notification of Tuberculosis. This matter was referred to the Public Health Committee.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 23rd. June 1909, the reference number being 78,136, was read. Accompanying it was an Order made by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of Ireland on 26th May 1909, adapting Section 6 of the Labourers (Ireland) Act 1909 for the purposes of Section 6 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act 1908.

There was submitted to the meeting a memorandum issued by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland dated 18th June 1909, the reference number being 6438 containing information and guidance for Local Authorities desiring to borrow from the Commissioners for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act 1908.

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford Rural District Council and received from the Clerk of that Council with a view to the adoption of the principle of the resolution by the Corporation.

"That we, the Wexford Rural District Council, protest against the clause in the Finance Bill classing land purchased under the Land Purchase Acts as Freehold for the purpose of imposing Succession Duty, as inasmuch, as being already overburdened with Local Taxation, we look upon this impost as inequitable and unjust."

The meeting disagreed entirely with the principle of the resolution, and decided to take no action in the matter.

The Finance and Works Committee were reported to have recommended to favourable consideration an application from the Town Surveyor to be provided with a Typewriter. There was for sale at Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, a second-hand machine manufactured by the Yost Company. The Surveyor found on having the machine for some time on approbation, that it was a servicable article and was well adapted to the requirements of his business. The lowest price which Messrs Huggard and Brennan were prepared to accept was £8.

On the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was ordered that the application be granted.

James Sinnott Aug 9/09

4th August 1909.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner, as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, and Acts amending the same.

The members in attendance were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, James Hore, Frank Carty, Richard Gibson
James Goodisson, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly,
James McMahon, Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien.

The Secretary of the harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely, Mr. Benjamin Hughes, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hanton, seconded by Councillor Hore, it was

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Benjamin Hughes T. C. be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

Councillor Hughes returned thanks for his election.

James Sinnott Aug 9/09

9th August 1909.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

There were in attendance:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas Prendergast, Patrick Clancy, Robert Hanton, Michael Browne, James Goodisson, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meetings of 5th July and 4th August 1909 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £500. 11. 10 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 276 to 288 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1909 including payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement.	£ 992 : 0 : 2
Total sum received to close of last month.	434 : 6 : 6
TOTAL	1426 : 6 : 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	500 ; 11 : 10
TOTAL	500 : 11 : 10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	925 : 14 : 10

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1426 : 6 : 8
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	500 ; 11 : 10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	925 : 14 : 10

It was pointed out to the meeting that the Officer appointed as Veterinary Surgeon to assist in administering the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order 1908 would cease to hold office on 7th September next. This Officer was appointed on 7th September 1908. He was appointed for one year only commencing that date, and accordingly it rested with the Council at the present juncture to determine whether, and if so, how long his services were to be continued. Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor that the services of Mr. Staples as Veterinary Surgeon under the Dairies &c. Order be retained for one year further from 7th September next. On this motion being put the question was raised of the desirability of availing of the power conferred by section 4 of the Tuberculosis Prevention

(Ireland) act 1908, whereby it was permissible, with the consent of the Local Government Board for the Council to exercise power of inspection &c., over dairies situate outside the Urban District from which premises milk was supplied within the Urban Area.

The point was duly discussed, with the result that the motion as to retaining Mr. Staples' services for one year was passed, as was also the following motion which was proposed by Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Carty, viz:-

That a Committee be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of the Council obtaining an enlargement of their powers in the manner prescribed by Section 19 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

The Committee was thereupon appointed and embraced the names of Councillors Carty, Kelly, Rowe, Prendergast, Alderman Hadden, and The Mayor.

A Committee Report on the condition of a main sewer at Grogan's Road and the merits of a claim for £20 made for work done thereon was read as follows:-

A Sub-Committee of the Finance & Works Committee paid a visit of inspection to Grogan's Road on 22nd. July 1909. The cause of the visit was the receipt, from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty and Sons, Solicitors, of a letter wherein a claim was made on the part of Mr. John Tyghe of John Street, Wexford, for the recoupment to him of a sum of £20 paid for the work of making good the drainage system of his houses in the locality mentioned. The Sub-Committee investigated the claim and reported as follows. Mr. Tyghe's houses were found by our Medical Officer of Health to be in want of efficient drainage. The case was reported, and an order was made by the Public Health Committee requiring the drainage system to be overhauled and put into an efficient condition. Mr. Tyghe in obedience to the demands of the Public Health Committee, had the necessary work done. On perfecting the drainage system of the houses, his employes found that their work was worthless unless the main sewer, which was an old-time mason-built aqueduct, was encased in earthenware pipes. Mr. Tyghe under the circumstances had the main sewer converted into an earthenware pipesewer from a certain point at the rear of his houses out to a certain point in the street at Old Pound. He was in no way responsible for making an improvement on a main sewer. He acted in the matter through lack of knowledge of his own rights, and therefore from the legal point of view he is not in a position to recover his outlay in connection with the main sewer. The Sub-Committee however, considered that in justice to the claimant he should be refunded the sum he laid out on the main sewer. Mr. Tyghe claimed £20. but the Committee considered £10 or thereabouts ample remuneration for the work done.

With regard to the sewer, the Sub-Committee took the liberty to suggest that the portion of it which still remained unimproved should also be converted into a large pipe sewer. This sewer drained a large area embracing within its limits the schools of the Presentation Convent. The covering flagwere set together in a very rough way allowing an effluv. to escape from the sewer. The Sub-committee had this portion measured and found that to make it secure would only entail an outlay of £20.

The Sub-Committee also took occasion to inspect an excavation made at Grogan's Road, where a water service pipe was being laid on to the Gate Keeper's Lodge of the Fever Hospital. The charge made for the water supplied to the Hospital proper was £2. a year, which is an extremely moderate charge, considering the demands of the Institution. The Sub-Committee recommended that an additional charge of £1. per year should be made on the Board of Guardians for the additional supply of water, remembering that the Hospital and Lodge were free from taxation.

This report was fully considered, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hanton seconded by Councillor Prendergast, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Report be adopted in its entirety, but that the sum to be paid Mr. Tyghe be fixed at £10.

Tenders received in respect of performing the work of erecting two water closets in the Market Building situate in the Bullring, in conformity with an order made on 7th June last, were opened and read. They proved to be from Messrs Matthew Harpur, Ironmonger, John Browne, Builder, and M. O'Connor, Building Contractor, all of Wexford. Matthew Harpur offered to carry the specification of the work into effect in consideration of being paid a sum of £53. John Browne, £47, and M. O'Connor, £43. 10. 0.

The lowest tender was accepted in the case.

A communication from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was read. The Department intimated therein the appointment of Mr. J. Doyle as Bee Keeping Instructor under the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, and suggested the desirability of the Urban Council asking the County Committee to allow Mr. Doyle to discharge the duties of Local Inspector in the Urban District of Wexford, in consideration of a small annual sum to be paid by the Council to the Committee.

The question of the Bee Pest Prevention Act 1908 was one which was considered by the Council on 25th November 1908. Not at that time or since has any case of bee keeping within the Urban Area been found, and therefore the Measure did not affect the Urban Area, and accordingly it was decided to take no action in the matter.

James Smith Sept 8/09

6th September 1909.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Clancy, Howard Rowe, Robert Hanton,
John O'Connor, Frank Carty, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry,
Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to ££794. 5. 1 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 289 to 312 inclusive.

Summary and Reco ncilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended August 1909, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer as per last Statement	925 : 14 : 10
Total sum received to close of last month.	545 : 15 : 11
TOTAL	1471 : 10 : 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	794 : 5 : 1
TOTAL	794 : 5 : 1
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	677 : 5 : 8

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1471 : 10 : 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	794 : 5 : 1
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	677 : 5 : 8

The mayor adverted in feeling terms to a sad event which had taken place within the previous few days, namely the demise, at an early age, of the late Councillor Frank O'Connor, and he proposed the following motion.

"That as a mark of respect to the memory of our late colleague, Frank O'Connor, this Meeting do stand adjourned to Wednesday next, 8th Instant.

The deceased during his career as a member of this Council extending over a period of four years, displayed evidences of conspicuous ability, and devoted much of his time to the advancement of all matters of local public interest.

As a private individual he endeared himself to everyone by reason of his personal qualities, which were marked by affability, uprightness, and integrity of purpose.

We beg to convey to his relict Mrs O'Connor, and his sorrowing family, an expression of heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

Alderman Hadden seconded the motion. He was joined by all the members present in expressing sorrow at the loss of a prominent and useful citizen, who had always taken

an active part in Municipal affairs since he had joined the Council. A praiseworthy feature of his character was that while maintaining his opinions tenaciously, he always made due allowance for the views of others, and his actions were distinguished by a spirit of kindness which evoked the admiration and affection of troops of friends and well wishers.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

James Sinnott Sept 8/09

8th September 1909.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James J. Stafford, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Kelly, James Hore, James Goodisson, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Prendergast, Frank Carty, Howard Rowe, John O'Connor, Michael Browne, Robert Hanton.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, and in reference thereto, there was received the following letter which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Weston, Wexford. 8th September 1909.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Please convey to the Municipal Council my sincere thanks for the vote of condolence passed on the death of my lamented son. It was indeed an honour for us for the Council to attend in a body at his funeral, and gratifying to me to know that during the four years he was a member he did his best to advance all matters of local public interest. I wish also to particularly thank you, Mr. Browne, for your kind expressions of sympathy.

Believe me, Yours sincerely,

Michael J. O'Connor.

A report from the Waterworks Committee was read. The Committee had proceeded by car to Coolree on 23rd. August Ultimo, and made a general inspection of the Reservoir. It appeared the screen or filter on the principal intake had worn out, and it was necessary to have the wood and ironwork of the contrivance renewed. The cost of doing the requisite repairs was estimated to be £25. the expediency of constructing a similar filter at the point where the stream known as Bradshaw's Stream entered the Reservoir was obvious, and the Committee recommended that that such a filter should be provided at an estimated cost of £50. The Reservoir's dam had been found well kept

but the external walls required to be given a coat of some suitable colouring, and the internal and external woodwork a coat of paint. Other minor matters also required attention.

Councillor Carty proposed that a new screen be provided, that the existing screen be repaired, and all the other recommendations of the Committee carried into effect.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion.

But Councillor Hore proposed as an amendment thereto that all reference to the provision of a new screen be struck out of the motion. He was one of the members who inspected the Reservoir and did not consider the outlay on a new screen justifiable. Councillor Kelly seconded the amendment, which on being put to the meeting was lost, as on a division only three members voted for and sixteen against it.

The motion was then put and carried.

A sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 30th July 1909 was submitted, entitled the Sanitary (Veterinary Inspectors) Order 1909. It directed that a person registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1881 should be appointed for each Sanitary District, and prescribed the duties and functions of the Veterinary Inspector so appointed in carrying out the requirements of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops (Ireland) Order 1908.

ON the subject of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops (Ireland) Order 1908, a letter dated 31st August 1909 (No.99,444) from the same Department was read. It contained an approval of the action of the Wexford Urban District Council on the 9th Ultimo in continuing Mr. F. Staples V. S. as Veterinary Inspector for a further period of one year at a salary of £15. It also specified that the Council should proceed to appoint a Registrar and provide him with the books necessary for registering the persons mentioned in Article 1(4) of the Order. The usual practice was to appoint the Clerk of the Council to this post.

The meeting declined to take action in the matter of appointing a Registrar, although the Town Clerk urged the appointment of himself as such, he having discharged the duties devolving on a Registrar for over a year.

Councillor Clancy proposed the following motion viz:-

That name plates bearing Irish and English wording be placed in all the streets of the town where bi-lingual name plates have not already been erected.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John O'Connor and fully discussed, with the result that a poll was taken. Thereupon only three members namely, Councillors O'Brien, O'Connor, and Clancy voted for, and the remaining sixteen members against the motion which was accordingly declared lost.

A letter from the Under Secretary dated Dublin Castle, 7th September 1909 was read. It contained a copy of a Royal Warrant instituting the King's Police Medal, and of Regulations governing recommendations to His Majesty for the grant of the Medal to members of properly organized Police Forces. Recommendations for the Medal were to be submitted to His Majesty once in each year. The number of medals was limited, and

consequently a very high standard of qualification would have to be observed. Length of service was not to be deemed a qualification in itself, but only when accompanied by very exceptional merit and ability.

It was ordered that the fact of the institution of the Medal be brought under the notice of the Fire Brigade, in view of any meritorious case occurring entitling any member of the Brigade to the Decoration.

Ordered:- That the Town Sergeant be provided with a pair of boots in future in addition to his annual suit of livery.

James Sinnott Oct 4/09

29th September 1909.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of considering the terms of a motion to authorize the conferring of the Freedom of the Borough of Wexford on two notable Irishmen who were about to visit the Town as an item of their itinerary of a tour through Ireland.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne, James Hore, John O'Connor, Joseph Doyle, James Goodisson, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe.

His Worship, The Mayor proposed and Councillor Hanton seconded the following motion, which on being put to the meeting was carried, Councillor Clancy dissenting.

"Whereas it is the intention of Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon and Mr. John O'Callaghan, two distinguished Irish patriots, at present worthy citizens of the United States of America, to do this ancient Borough of Wexford the honor of a visit in the near future, we, the Municipal Council of said Borough, in Special Meeting assembled, do hereby elect and admit to be Honorary Burgesses of said Borough, the aforesaid Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon and Mr. John O'Callaghan, in token of our appreciation of their services to their native country, and their untiring efforts in furtherance of the policy and aims of the Irish Parliamentary Party."

James Sinnott Oct 4/09

THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD WAS CONFERRED ON CAPTAIN EDWARD O'MEAGHER CONDON THIS FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER 1909, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF TWENTYNINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1909.

Edmeagher Condon

SIGNATURE OF RECEIPT.

James Sinnott

MAYOR.

Wm. J. Browne

TOWN CLERK.

THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD WAS CONFERRED ON MR. JOHN O'CALLAGHAN THIS FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER 1909, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF TWENTYNINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1909.

John O'Callaghan

SIGNATURE OF RECEIPT.

James Sinnott

MAYOR.

Wm. J. Browne

TOWN CLERK.

4th October 1909.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, James Hore Nicholas Prendergast, Howard Rowe, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, John O'Connor, Frank Carty, Michael Browne, Robert Hanton.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £236. 5. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to the effect that the Council had agreed to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 313 to 329 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1909, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	677 : 5 : 8
Total sums received to close of last month.	942 : 18 : 4
TOTAL	1620 : 4 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	236 : 5 : 6
TOTAL	236 : 5 : 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1383 : 18 : 6

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1620 : 4 : 0
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting.	236 : 5 : 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1383 : 18 : 6

With reference to minutes of proceedings of 6th September last, there was read from Mrs M. K. O'Connor, widow of the late Councillor Frank O'Connor, a letter in the following terms, a copy of which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

54 North main Street.

Sept. 8th '09.

W. A. Browne Esq.

Dear Sir,

I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate all the messages of sympathy I have received from the different public bodies in Wexford on the loss of my dear husband, but words and my heart fail me when I come to answer one from the Corporation of Wexford. I know how great an interest he always took in the meetings, and anything connected with the public affairs of the town. I also know something of the many great kindnesses which were always extended to him, and how fully he appreciated them all. I have to thank the Mayor, Mr. Hanton, and Mr. Hedden, and each member of the Corporation who spoke so kindly to the resolution, and lastly yourself personally for your very kind expression of regret, and beg to assure you I feel deeply grateful.

Yours very sincerely.

M. K. O'Connor.

A report from the public Lighting Committee was read. This Committee had traversed the streets of the town after dark on Wednesday evening, 15th September last. They had found that since the erection of the powerful Webb Ventilating lamp in the Bullring, it was possible to have two ordinary lamps in the vicinity of the Bullring removed, and to have substituted for them one lamp to be placed in front of Messrs Godkin & Co's premises. The road at Redmond Monument, where the bend existed, was very badly lighted, and it was necessary to have a lamp erected at Messrs Doyle and Nolan's gate in that locality. An additional lamp on the road leading towards Newtown was found to be requisite, as the main valve of the water

system was situated near the Boundary Line of the Borough on that road. A public light close to the valve would prove to be most useful. A visit to School Street, which thoroughfare was one of the leading approaches to the Churches, showed that an additional lamp, to be affixed to the wall of Mrs Redmond's store, was required in that street. The lighting of Trinity Street was most defective at one particular point, midway between the Packet Yard and the Gas Yard, and it was needful to put up a new lamp near Mr. Stafford's premises. In the Main Street the provision made for lighting between Keyser's Lane and Anne Street was found to be distinctly inadequate, and the Committee recommended the erection of a bracket lamp on the premises of Mr. M. J. Furlong in that part of the main Street. On their rounds the Committee inspected Kearney's Lane, off John Street, Wethereld's Court, off Bride Street, and Furlong's Lane, off Bride Street. These houses were the property of private individuals, but the occupiers of the houses laboured under the disadvantage of not having the approaches to their houses lighted after dark. This was painfully evident, and the Committee left the question of compelling the owners to provide public lights to the Council for solution.

The terms of the report were considered, and thereupon Councillor Rowe proposed that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty and was carried.

With regard to the observations of the Committee as to the desirability of having three lanes which were the property of private owners provided with proper lighting facilities it was pointed out that it was possible to compel the owners to have their property lighted under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1878, but there might be some difficulty in inducing a Bench of Magistrates to hold that the inconvenience arising from want of an outdoor light after dark was a nuisance. The fact was referred to also that in the case of Stonebridge Lane and Seaview Avenue, which were the property of private individuals, two lights were maintained at the public expense.

Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor Hughes. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the lanes in question requesting that out-door lights be put up and maintained at such owners expense. The motion was put but failed to be carried, as only seven members voted for and eight against it.

Alderman Tyghe then proposed that a public lamp be erected and maintained at the expense of the Council in each of the three places to which reference has been made, namely Kearney's Lane, Wethereld's Court, and Furlong's Lane.

This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Connor and was carried, nine members voting for and only six against it.

An application from Mr. P. Hanrahan for an increase of salary as Town Surveyor and as Superintendent of Waterworks was taken into consideration. This had been before the Finance and Works Committee with the result that the Committee had adopted a motion recommending the application to the favourable consideration of the Council, and suggesting that such increase should be fixed at £400 a year. Since his appointment over six years ago, Mr. Hanrahan's work had merited the continuous approbation of the

Council and the general condition of the town had considerably improved under his supervision. His salary of £110 per annum for the two positions he held was considerably less than the salary paid in towns of similar population to Wexford, as for example, Clonme 1, Dundalk, Kilkenny, Newry, Lisburn. Mr. Hanrahan asked to be put on a footing of equality as regards salary with the Surveyors of the towns named, some of which were not so important as Wexford.

Councillor Prendergast proposed: That Mr. Hanrahan's remuneration be increased by £20. a year.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Tyghe.

But Councillor Rowe proposed as an amendment that the sum of £20 specified in the motion should be struck out, and the sum of £40. inserted instead.

This was seconded by Councillor O'Connor.

A poll was taken on this amendment, whereupon only three members, namely, Councillor Prendergast, Alderman Walsh and Tyghe voted against it and all the other thirteen members present voted for it.

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried.

Thereupon it was ordered: That the increase of salary of £40 a year this day granted to Mr. Hanrahan be apportioned thus. £20 to be added to his salary as Town Surveyor, and £20 to be added to his salary as Superintendent of Waterworks.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 15th September 1909, No 34157:1908, was read. It contained an enquiry in reference to the proceedings of the Corporation on 10th June 1908, as to whether the Council had yet completed the preparation of bye laws proposed to be made under the Public Health Acts, and It was Ordered:- That the specimen model bye laws received from the Local Government Board be brought under the notice of the Public Health Committee with a view to that Committee framing a code of bye laws adapted to the requirements of Wexford Urban District.

The question of altering the hour at which the Statutory Monthly Meetings of the Council were held was introduced, It was proposed that in order to suit the convenience of such members of the Council as belonged to the working classes, the time of meeting should be changed from 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday in each month to 7:30 p. m. on the same day.

The Town Clerk pointed out that any such alteration would be in contravention of the provisions of Section 27 of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854. It was under this Statute that the Council met and acted in their capacity of ex-officio Town Commissioners and the Clause mentioned fixed the hour of meeting at noon.

On this subject it was decided to ask the Local Government Board for their opinion although the Town Clerk said it was not the province of the Department to advise the Council on such a point, but a matter for the opinion of the Law Adviser of the Council.

to take steps to put a stop to the sale of English and immoral newspapers on the streets on Sundays, and it was decided to inform the Branch that this was a matter in which the Corporation had no jurisdiction, but there was nothing to prevent the Branch bringing any specific cases of the dissemination of immoral literature under the notice of the Police Authorities.

James Sinnott Nov 2/09

2nd. November 1909.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George hadden.

Councillors:- James Memahon, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas Prendergast, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, patrick Clancy, Howard Rowe, Michael Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 4th October 1909 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1488. 3. 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 330 to 350 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 1909, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	1383 : 18 : 6
Total sum received to close of last month.	496 : 2 : 10
TOTAL	1880 : 1 : 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting.	1488 : 3 : 9
TOTAL	1488 : 3 : 9
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	391 : 17 : 7

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1892 : 14 : 4
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1500 : 16 : 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	391 : 17 : 7

A communication received from the Solicitor of Works, through the medium of the Corporation Solicitor, was read. It contained instructions as to the procedure to be followed by the Corporation in executing a Deed of mortgage pledging the Town Rates to the Board of Works as security for the repayment of a Loan of £7,000.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Joseph Kelly, seconded by Councillor James

McMahon, the following resolution was adopted.

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of seven thousand pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1898 to 1908" Thereupon the Deed of Mortgage was duly executed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Councillor Prendergast seconded by Councillor Rowe.

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisitions for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to Our Account as The Wexford Corporation Building Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank." With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Council on 7th September 1908, on which date it was decided to acquire the ownership of three plots of ground as sites for dwellings proposed to be provided for the housing of the working classes, two of which plots were situate at Carrigeen Street and Grogan's Road, a Deed of Conveyance was submitted and read. This instrument conveyed to the Council the two plots in question from John Joseph McDonald as Beneficial Owner to hold the said premises in fee simple, in consideration of the Council paying him a sum of £400.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Browne, seconded by councillor Prendergast, It was Resolved:- That the Deed of ^{Conveyance} ~~Mortgage~~ now read be executed on the part of the Corporation and that the sum of £400 included in the items of expenditure passed this day for payment be paid to Mr. McDonald upon him dispossessing any occupants of the dilapidated dwellings standing on the plots, as per undertaking given by him.

The Corporation Seal was accordingly affixed to the Indenture of Conveyance mentioned.

With reference to the entry on the minutes of proceedings of the Council on 4th October last, a letter from the Local Government Board under date of 21st Idem (No.122461) was read containing the Department's approval of the action of the Council in increasing the salary of the Town Surveyor by £40. a year.

Having regard to the terms of a letter from the Local Government Board dated 18th October 1909 No.122461, the question of accepting a notice from Councillor John O'Connor of his intention to move at the next meeting of the Council that the time at which the monthly meetings of the Council were held should be changed from the first Monday of each month at noon to the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. was considered. This question was one which was

brought, for the first time, under notice at meeting of Council on 4th Ultimo. That there was power to change the time of holding the meetings with the consent of the Local Government Board, was seen from the reading of Section 14 of the Local Government Act, 1902, to which Section the Department had called attention in their letter.

The question of accepting the notice was put but failed to be carried. Opinion seemed to be equally divided, and thereupon a division was taken, when five members voted for, six against, and two abstained from voting.

The Local Government Board by letter dated 4th October 1909, No. 112,056, intimated that they had had before them the minutes of proceedings of Council on 8th September last. They drew attention to the provisions of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1908, under which it was incumbent on the Council to appoint a Registrar.

They pointed out that the Clerk of the Council had, for the past year, discharged the duties of Registrar without salary, and they urged on the Council the reasonableness of giving him a moderate addition to his remuneration for acting as such Registrar.

This communication had been brought under the consideration of the Public Health Committee by the Mayor, and the Committee had recommended that the Town Clerk be appointed as Registrar under the Dairies &c. Order at a salary of £10 a year.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor O'Connor, It was resolved:- That the recommendation of the public Health Committee in the case be adopted.

A circular letter received from the Secretary, Town Tenants' League, Dublin, was submitted. It appeared that an All Ireland Meeting of Town Tenants was to be held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on 9th December to devise means to have extended to the Urban Districts of Ireland that legislative relief from repressive conditions of tenure that had been granted to agricultural tenants. Every public Board was interested in this question, and therefore the Council was invited to send Delegates to the meeting. An agenda of the projected meeting accompanied the circular. It embraced seven points which the present meeting considered were eminently worthy of being brought into prominence with a view to securing ameliorative legislation, and thereupon Councillors Rowe and McMAHON were deputed to attend the meeting.

Ordered;- That three pairs of strong boots, made in Wexford, be provided for the three members of the scavenging staff who are kept in the constant employment of the Council.

James Smith For 10/29

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James J. Stafford, Walter Walsh, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Prendergast, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, James Hore, James Goodisson, Robert Hanton, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Michael Browne, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Having regard to the fact that a Deed of Mortgage securing the repayment of £7,000 about to be borrowed under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, had been executed on 2nd. November Instant, the present meeting was summoned together for the purpose of dealing with tenders obtained in respect of the erection of seventeen dwelling houses at Grogan's Road and Carrigeen, and the construction of two footpaths and one sewer in connection with the same dwellings.

The houses, not being all of like dimensions, were classified in the specifications as follows for the sake of convenience.

Seven houses in Grogan's Road	Classed A.
Eight houses in Carrigeen	Classed B.
Two houses in Carrigeen also	Classed A.

The tenders received were opened in the following order, and showed that the intending Contractors named in the first column hereunder, were prepared to execute the work set down after each name respectively in the second column, in consideration of being paid the sums set down in the third column after each name respectively.

1	2	3
John Browne Henrietta Street.	To build two houses Classed A. at Carrigeen.	348. 0. 0.
Same.	To construct footpath in front of above.	33. 0. 0.
Mary O'Connor, Builder, Wexford.	To build eight houses Classed B. at Carrigeen.	1040. 0. 0.
Same.	To build seven houses Classed A. at Grogan's Road.	1204. 0. 0.
Same.	To build two houses Classed A. at Carrigeen.	356. 0. 0.
same.	To lay footpath in front of eight houses at Carrigeen and seven houses at Grogan's Road above-mentioned.	61. 15. 0.
Same.	To lay footpath in front of two houses at Carrigeen above-mentioned.	36. 0. 0.
Same.	To construct sewer in Grogan's Road.	37. 10. 0.

1.	2.	3
John Bolger, Courtclough, Blackwater.	To build fifteen houses (eight and seven) in Carrigeen and Grogan's Road.	2245. 0. 0.
Same.	To lay footpath in front of same.	15. 9. 0.
Same.	To build two houses in Carrigeen Classed A.	368. 0. 0.
Same.	To construct footpath in front of same.	27. 0. 0.

It was noted on referring to the estimates of cost of construction, that the cost, as per the Town Surveyor, of erecting fifteen houses to be built at Grogan's Road and Carrigeen was £2230. 5. 3, the two houses in Carrigeen £352, the footpath for Grogan's Road and Carrigeen £56. 17. 6, the footpath in front of two houses in Carrigeen £36. 14. 6, and the sewer for Grogan's Road £36. 15. 10.

Thereupon the three following resolutions were adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor Howe, seconded by Councillor Carty.

That the tenders of Mrs Mary O'Connor, in respect of erecting fifteen houses in Grogan's Road and Carrigeen for the total sum of £2244. 0. 0, being the lowest tenders received in the case, be accepted on the conditions that she provide security in accordance with the terms of the specification of the work, and that she sign an Agreement and furnish security for the due performance thereof within fourteen days from this date.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

That the tender of John Browne in respect of erecting two houses in Carrigeen for the sum of £348. 0. 0, being the lowest tender received in the case, be accepted on the conditions that he provide security in accordance with the terms of the specification of the work, and that he sign an Agreement and furnish security for the due performance thereof within fourteen days from this date.

Proposed by Councillor Hanton, Seconded by Councillor McMahon.

That the tender of Mrs Mary O'Connor in respect of constructing sewer at Grogan's Road for the sum of £37. 10. 0 be accepted, this sum being practically what was the estimated cost of the work.

It was Ordered:- That the tenders of John Bolger in regard to the work of laying a footpath in Carrigeen, and a footpath in Grogan's Road and Carrigeen for £27. 0. 0 and £15. 9. 0 respectively, being the lowest prices asked, be accepted.

James Smith Dec 4/09

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