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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, John Billington, Robert Moran, James McMahon, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, James Gaul, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, and James Sinnott.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on the 5th ultimo were taken as having been read and signed; and Minutes of Meetings of Finance, Etc. Committee on the 5th and 12th ultimo; and Housing Committee on the 9th ultimo were approved and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £10,673. 7. 7. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

#### DUMPING AT DODD'S LANE.

Alderman Coffey referred to dumping at Dodd's Lane, which had been the subject of a Clearance Order a couple of years ago, and the Town Clerk replied that he had received a definite undertaking from the Agent of the property that he would put a gate on the entrance and close it to the public.

#### CLERK OF WORKS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Councillor James Billington referred to the payment of the salary of the Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and suggested that his services could be dispensed with now that the scheme was practically closed, but it was pointed out that he would have to prepare the figures showing the total cost of the scheme, check the accounts for materials, etc. before his services could be disposed



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of, and as well, it was stated that a recommendation was coming from the Housing Committee at a later stage in the present meeting to the effect that fourteen further houses be erected at Maudlintown under Mr. Millar's supervision.

Reference was also made to the employment of the Foreman and Time-keeper on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that it was hoped to have the scheme finished by the end of the present week, when he proposed to dispense with the services of the Foreman and to transfer the timekeeper to the work of keeping time on Relief Grants.

#### SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late William O'Donohoe, who was Poor Rate Collector for the Corporation for the past eight years. Councillor James Billington seconded the motion, which was supported by a number of members and the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Moran proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Kehoe, T.D. for County Wexford, on the death of his wife. The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Buckland acknowledged the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his child.

#### TOWN RATES.

The closing of the accounts of the Collector of Town Rates was next proceeded with, and the following Table shows the state of the collection for the year 1936/37:-



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	Borough	Co. Cess.	Water	Totals.
Current	£6375. 3. 4.	£1970. 3. 1	£1462. 3. 0.	£9807. 9. 5.
Arrears	2050. 9. 4.	949. 1. 4	505.14. 6.	3505. 5. 2.
Totals	£8425.12. 8.	£2919. 4. 5.	£1967.17. 6.	13312.14. 7
Collected.	£5812. 7. 4.	£1903. 7. 0.	£1332.15. 7	£9048. 9. 11.
Discount	68. 0. 8.	21. 8. 3.	16. 0.10.	105. 9. 9.
Outstanding.	2545. 4. 8.	994. 9. 2.	619. 1. 1.	4158.14. 11.
Totals.	£8425.12. 8.	£2919. 4. 5.	£1967.17. 6.	13312.14. 7

The Collector's Discharge Sheets had been carefully examined by the Special Rates Committee on the 1st instant, and they recommended that they be dealt with as follows:-

Recommended to be written off as irrecoverable.	£450. 7. 0.	£173. 3. 0.	£112. 1. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	£735.11. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Recommended to be carried forward.	£2094.17. 8.	£821. 6. 2.	£506.19. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	£3423. 3. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Totals.	£2545. 4. 8.	£994. 9. 2.	£619. 1. 1.	£4158.14. 11.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the recommendation of the Special Rates Committee was unanimously adopted.

#### MAKING OF TOWN RATES.

The making of Town Rates for the service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938, was next proceeded with, and the following three Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

(1) On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was resolved:-

"That a Borough Rate of Seven Shillings and Twopence in the Pound (being one shilling for General Town Purposes and Six



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Shillings and Twopence for General Sanitary purposes) 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 permit the Municipal Administration of said Borough to be carried out in the year ending on 31st March, 1938, as considered and adopted on 15th March, 1937."

(2) On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound be laid on in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1938, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 15th March, 1937."

(3) On the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of One shilling and Sixpence in the Pound viz.: A Domestic Water Rate of One shilling and a Public Water Rate of Sixpence - on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1938, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876; the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878; and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 15th March, 1937."

The Book containing the items of the foregoing three Town Rates was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and a Warrant authorising their collection, together with arrears of previous years rates carried forward, was also sealed and signed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

#### TOWN CLERK'S SALARY.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of the Housing Committee held on

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1st August, 1936, which Minutes had been approved (after circulation) by the Corporation on the 10th idem, when it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction, in lieu of fees on the erection of houses and the preparation of Clearance and Demolition Orders, the salary scale of £400 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £500 per annum, adopted by the Corporation in December, 1934, for the Town Clerk, the Minister, under date of 23rd November, 1936, by letter No. G.171658, sanctioned a salary scale of £400 per annum by increments of £10 to a maximum of £450 as from 10th August, 1936, and under date of 31st March last, by letter No. G.5277, approved of the payment of a bonus of £50 to the Town Clerk in respect of his services in regard to Housing.

This correspondence had come before the Housing Committee on the 9th ultimo, when it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation at the present meeting to adopt the salary scale approved by the Minister, and the payment of a bonus of £50.

The recommendation of the Housing Committee was thereupon unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

ASSISTANT BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been decided to appoint Mr. T. J. Millar as Assistant to the Borough Surveyor, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 22nd ultimo, by letter No. R.S.32, pointed out that the advanced state of the Wexford Urban Housing Schemes, and the abandonment of Direct Labour should tend to relieve considerably the Borough Surveyor. In the circumstances, the Minister saw no necessity for the creation of an office of Assistant Borough Surveyor. If such an office were created, Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, would apply to it, and the selection of a suitable candidate would fall to be made by the Local Appointments Commissioners. It was pointed out by members that it was not correct to say that the Corporation had abandoned Direct Labour, as the Minister himself



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had suggested that they erect the houses by contract. It was pointed out at last meeting that there was a big lot of work being done and in contemplation by the Corporation, and that was why it was suggested that Mr. Millar be appointed.

The Mayor now suggested that Mr. Millar be given charge of the fourteen houses (Five-roomed) the Corporation proposed to build at Maudlintown, and which the Housing Committee proposed to have done by direct labour. It would really be a continuation of the scheme on which Mr. Millar was at present engaged, and the Committee thought they should place it in his hands.

Councillor Connolly stated that with regard to Mr. Millar's employment the appointment was made owing to the fact that work was being held up and men idle when they could have been employed, and he believed the Borough Surveyor was not able to cope with the work. He stated that if sufficient help was supplied much more work could be carried out, and instanced a case of men being sent home from the Quarry because material was not on hands. He failed to see why provision had not been made so that there would be no shortage.

The Borough Surveyor said the men sent home were those attending the Tar Macadam Mixer; the material was ordered for four weeks; and he was informed that owing to the great shortage of steel, the suppliers had been unable to procure steel containers in which to put the stuff. They promised to send it out on Friday last, but had not done so.

Councillor Connolly then intimated that the County Council were getting waggon loads of the material, and the Surveyor replied that he did not concern himself with the County Council's business; they could have had the material ordered for a long time.

Councillor Connolly thereupon blamed the Surveyor for the stopping of these men, and intimated that if provision had been made it would not have happened. He said that instead of going forward, the Council was going backward for some time past.

FOURTEEN 5-ROOMED HOUSES.

In connection with the letter from the Minister regarding the appoint-



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ment of an Assistant Borough Surveyor, the Mayor suggested that it be considered in conjunction with a recommendation from the Housing Committee that fourteen five-roomed houses be erected at Maudlintown by Direct Labour.

The Borough Surveyor estimated that the fourteen houses, to be built in pairs with concrete block cavity walls, would cost £500

each-----	£7,000. 0. 0.
Fences and Gates-----	190. 0. 0.
Drainage-----	100. 0. 0.
Water Services-----	50. 0. 0.

Total-----	£7,340. 0. 0.
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If built with 9" solid block walls, a deduction of £12 per house could be made, reducing the total cost to £7,172. If built in brick, an addition of £8. per house to the first estimate would have to be made, making the total cost £7,452.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that fourteen houses be erected at Maudlintown by Direct Labour, and that Mr. Millar be given control of them as a continuation of the Maudlintown Scheme. Alderman Flusk seconded.

As regards the manner of building, members were divided as to the merits of the three different methods suggested above, and the proposal of the Mayor was unanimously adopted with the proviso that the three estimates submitted by the Borough Surveyor be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he to decide what particular type of house be erected, i.e. brick, cavity, or concrete blocks.

Regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. Millar as Assistant Borough Surveyor, it was agreed to accept the Minister's ruling for the present.

COMPANSATION FOR BUTCHERS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a resolution regarding compensation for unsound meat was adopted, the Minister for Local



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Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, No. P.H.35376, stated there were no State Funds out of which such compensation should be paid. He considered that the contingency of undetected disease in an animal was a normal risk of the Trade, and presumably was a factor taken into account in fixing the retail price of meat, and it would appear feasible to provide against any undue hardship arising from confiscation of unsound meat by a system of individual or collective insurance, or by purchase under Warranty. Arising out of this, Alderman Coffey asked if there was any development in regard to the provision of an Abbatoir, or for the regulation of Slaughterhouses, and the Town Clerk replied that a Committee had been appointed to consider the matter. The Committee had referred the drafting of regulations regarding existing Slaughterhouses to the County Medical Officer of Health, Doctors Pierse and Sinnott, the Meat Inspector, the Borough Surveyor, and himself. These Regulations had been drafted and forwarded for the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in November last, but up to the present they had not been returned and no comment had been made on them. He understood that the delay was due to the Act in connection with humane killing, which might have some effect on the Regulations.

#### RENT OF BUILDING PLOTS.

With further reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction the proposed reduction in the rent of ten building plots at St. John's Road, the Minister under date of the 17th ultimo, by letter No. H.27468, intimated that he had nothing to add to his letter of the 1st March last, No. H.9574, on the subject.

#### OPENING OF AONACH CARMAN.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Aonach Carman, 1937, requesting the attendance of the Mayor, Corporation, and officials at the opening of the Aonach on the 13th instant at seven o'clock p.m., and it was unanimously decided that the members should attend.



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# APPOINTMENT OF TYPIST.

The Finance Committee recommended that Miss Kathleen Lacey, Temporary Typist, be employed as Permanent Typist at her present wage of £2. per week, subject to the approval ~~of the approval~~ of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Miss Lacey had been employed in the Corporation Offices for the past seventeen years between the Borough Surveyor's and Town Clerk's offices. Since 1932, she had been employed in the Town Clerk's office, and had given entire satisfaction in the discharge of any work assigned to her.

In her application for permanency, Miss Lacey pointed out that, if for any reason, her services were dispensed with, all the knowledge which she had acquired during her period of employment would be of little use in Commercial Life, because the work would be of an entirely different nature.

The Finance Committee felt that there was ample work to justify the employment of this young lady in a permanent capacity, and so they decided to recommend the Corporation to place her on the permanent staff.

Councillor Crosbie thereupon proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and Councillor Cashman seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, considered that if the proposal to appoint Miss Lacey permanently was sent to the Minister at this stage he might perhaps refer it to the Local Appointments Commissioners, but the Town Clerk replied that it was only a Junior position, which the Minister was not likely to refer to the Commissioners.

Councillor Connolly then moved that the matter be adjourned until the expiration of the six months for which she was now sanctioned temporarily.

In reply to Councillor James Billington, the Town Clerk said that if this young lady's services were dispensed with, the work of preparing the Wages Sheets would automatically revert back to the Borough Surveyor, and he would also have to do his own correspondence,



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which work was at present done in the Town Clerk's Office by Miss Lacey.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Connolly's amendment, Councillor <sup>Brosbie's</sup> ~~Connolly's~~ motion that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted was put to the meeting and carried nem con.

## RELIEF GRANT.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that a Relief Grant of £3,140 would be available in the year 1937/38 provided a local contribution of £500 was made and raised in the rates for the current Financial Year, and when it had been decided that, as the current year's Town Rates had already been agreed on and were in the course of being applotted, the Minister be requested to sanction the raising of the £500 Local Contribution by way of Loan or Overdraft for the Current Year, the Minister under date of the 15th ultimo, by letter No. RU/204/131, intimated that he was unable to agree to the proposal that the local contribution should be raised by way of loan or overdraft.

The matter had come before the Finance Committee on the 19th ultimo, when the Town Clerk had pointed out that, whilst it might be possible to revise the estimate of rates already adopted by the Corporation, it would mean that the applotment work now done would have to be cancelled and begun afresh. As well, it would considerably delay the preparation of the Rate Collector's Receipt and Demand Notes with its consequent delay in the collection of Town Rates and the need for overdraft accommodation over a longer period than usual. He (Town Clerk) had suggested to the Finance Committee an alternative way of raising the contribution, and submitted to them the following resolution, which they had unanimously decided to recommend to the present meeting for adoption:-

"As it is a condition that the Corporation should raise in the local rates for 1937/38 a sum of £500 in order to qualify for a Grant of £3,140 under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, and as the Corporation have agreed on, and



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apportioned the Town Rates for the year ending on 31st March, 1938, it is hereby resolved that the said contribution of £500 be made in the current year from the reserve held for the payment of the April Accounts, and that the said sum of £500 be raised in the rates for the Financial Year, 1938/39, provided that savings sufficient to meet such amount are not made in the year 1937/38 without in any way reducing the amounts necessary to maintain other essential services."

The Town Clerk explained to the present meeting that he had forwarded a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 20th ultimo, and under date of the 28th idem, by letter No. RU/204/131, the Minister intimated that he had noted the arrangements proposed for meeting the local contribution.

This letter was interpreted to mean that the Minister agreed with the resolution recommended by the Finance Committee.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted, and it was further agreed to ask the Government to release some of this money as soon as possible, and the Surveyor was asked to prepare schemes for the expenditure of the Grant and the local contribution for submission to a meeting of the Special Committee due to be held on the 7th instant, and this Committee was authorised to forward the schemes to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval.

#### MAIN ROADS.

The Surveyor was also asked to prepare a scheme for the improvement of certain of the Main Roads in the Town for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a view to obtaining a Grant from the Road Fund.

#### BOROUGH ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st March last showed that he had examined seven samples of butter, five of milk, three of cheese, two of margarine, two of Strawberry Jam, and one each of sausage, rice, pudding, dripping, and Port Wine. The total number of articles examined during the quarter was 24, and the number found adulterated, nil.



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#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

An application from a Mr. Samuel Yates for a Loan of £650 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, to enable him to erect a house at St. John's Road; and an application from a Mr. Thomas Walsh, of Rowe Street, for a Loan of £450 to enable him to purchase the house in which he resided, were submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, both Loans were granted.

#### CINEMOTOGRAPH LICENCES.

Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Palace and Capitol Cinemas, were granted for the ensuing twelve months on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and on the suggestion of Councillor James Billington it was again decided to urge upon the proprietors the need for the exhibition of films of an educational character at Children's Matinees.

#### DEMOLITION ORDERS - PARADISE ROW.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation Demolition Orders in respect of ten houses at Paradise Row (off Waterloo Road) Wexford, in the occupation of William Carty, Patrick O'Brien, James Walsh, Martin Comerford, James Tierney, John Edwards, Mary Whelan, Thomas Walsh, Anastatia Roche, and James Hynes. The property was owned by Mrs. E. M. White, of 22 Charleston Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin; Colonel Jordan, of Bashley, Shandon, Dumbartonshire, Scotland; and Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Agents for the Representatives of George E. Browne. The necessary Notices under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, had been served on the owners, and no undertaking with respect to the future user of the houses ~~by~~ the carrying out of works had been made or accepted. Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.



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## BIER FOR CEMETERY.

Councillor Hayes referred to the necessity for a bier at St. Ibar's Cemetery, and intimated that the walks badly wanted some gravel. The Town Clerk replied that regarding the provision of a bier, he had been speaking to the Local Administrator, Father Sinnott, some time ago in connection with this. Father Sinnott had two attached to the Mortuary Chapels which were not used there, and he had promised to inform the Town Clerk at what price he would be prepared to dispose of one of them.

In this connection, the Town Clerk was authorised to purchase the bier if he secured it at a reasonable figure.

It was also decided to call the attention of the County Surveyor to the channel way at the entrance to the Cemetery which was a danger to traffic.

## COOLREE RESERVOIR.

Alderman Coffey asked if there was any report about the Reservoir or the condition of the water, and the Town Clerk replied that for the past two months the sterilising plant had been working; Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, had taken samples recently, but up to the present he had not received the result of the analyses. In reply to a further query, the Borough Surveyor said that the muddy condition of the water at times was due to the action of the Chlorine which would gradually displace the mud coating on the trunk main. This was to be expected at times, especially when any flushing was being done.

## RE MATERIAL SUPPLIED TO TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Councillor Connolly stated he thought he remembered that permission was given some time ago for some of the material that was removed from Spawell Road during the resurfacing to be sent to the Technical School for filling, and asked on whose authority was concrete given to the Technical School.

The Borough Surveyor replied that some concrete was wanted to place



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under some pipes to carry away water that was flowing over the ground and the Principal had asked him for a mix of concrete when he had the Mixer working outside the Technical School premises.

Councillor Connolly complained that the Borough Surveyor had no authority to give this mix of concrete, and stated that a carter was employed for several days drawing concrete to the school. The Technical School, he stated, was already subsidised by the ratepayers to the extent of about £500 a year, but when they asked questions in connection with the School they got nothing but evasive answers.

The Borough Surveyor denied that a carter was employed for several days at this work, and intimated that the value of the concrete given was about 15/-.

A number of members held that there was nothing very wrong in the action of the Borough Surveyor considering that the Municipal Technical School was the property of the Corporation, but Councillor Connolly maintained that the matter was very irregular, and that a number of irregular things were done that nobody knew about.

When asked to give a specific instance of anything irregular, Councillor Connolly refused.

During the discussion, Councillor James Billington proposed that a Committee be appointed to investigate the complaint, but the members did not see that it would serve any useful purpose, and the proposal was not put to the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion on the complaint of Councillor Connolly and the Technical School generally, the matter dropped.

#### TENDERS FOR NEW TOWN HALL.

The next business was to receive tenders for the erection of a new Town Hall.

Four such tenders had been received and inspected by a Special Committee on this day.

It was explained to the present meeting that before the tenders were opened, the envelopes containing them had, on the suggestion of the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, been numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, so that up to the



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present the quotations received were only known by these numbers.

The prices quoted were:-

No. 1.	£33,900.
No. 2.	£36,954.
No. 3.	£32,843.
No. 4.	£31,833. 0. 4.

Included in the tenders, were ten alternative estimates, and after the deductions provided therein, the net prices were:-

No. 1.	£25,860.
No. 2.	£30,617. 5. 11.
No. 3.	£24,469. 0. 0.
No. 4.	£25,635. 3. 2.

When the Committee considered these tenders, they felt that as the lowest was practically £7,000 above the estimate for the building, they could not make a recommendation to the Corporation, and had referred them to Mr. Donnelly, Architect, who, with Mr. Millar, had spent the entire evening seeing if any further deductions could be made.

As a result of their investigations, Mr. Donnelly suggested that the following items could be deducted:-

Contingencies £750.

Omit Low Pressure  
Hot Water System and  
substitute Electric  
Heaters----- £ 637.

Furniture in Council  
Chamber----- £1340.

Provisional reinforce-  
-ed concrete----- £200.

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Total----- £2927.

If this sum was deducted from No. 3, the lowest tender of £24,469, it would leave a net figure of £21,542.

In addition, a sum of approximately £300 was included in the estimate for the provision of a Fidelity Guarantee Bond, and if two solvent sureties were substituted in lieu of such Bond, the estimate could be



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~~could be~~ further reduced by £300 to £21,242.

Mr. Donnelly explained that the estimate given by him at the Inquiry was that the building would cost from £16,000 to £18,000, and pointed out that since then material had increased from 25 per cent. to 30 per cent.; timber alone, in three months, had gone up as much as 50 per cent., and cement 40 per cent.

Mr. Donnelly further stated that, with the help of Mr. Millar, he had made up an estimate on the current prices, and intimated that £21,000 was the price now, and the lowest tender, including a Bond, was £21,542.

In reply to a query by Alderman Coffey, Mr. Donnelly said there would be no extras on that figure, and he hoped to do a little better.

In reply to Councillor James Billington it was pointed out that the figure of £21,542 was for the actual building; the development of the site, including piling, walls, gates and railings, would be extra, but the Government had already given them a Grant of the amount necessary for development.

At this stage, the names of those who submitted tenders were given:-

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| No. 1. | Hubert J. Fitzgerald, of Crumlin, Dublin,<br>whose price was-----             | £25,860.        |
| No. 2. | John Hearne & Son, Ltd., South Parade,<br>Waterford, whose price was-----     | £30,617. 5. 11. |
| No. 3. | E. Stone & Sons, Ltd., Ringsend, Dublin,<br>whose price was (the lowest)----- | £24,469. 0. 0.  |
| No. 4. | E. & W. Dempsey, Ltd., Castleknock,<br>Dublin, whose price was-----           | £25,635. 3. 2.  |

These prices, of course, did not show the deductions for contingencies, heating, furniture, etc. of £2,927 proposed to be made by the Architect.

In reply to the Mayor, Mr. Donnelly stated that he was perfectly satisfied that the firm who submitted the lowest tender, Messrs. E. Stone & Sons, Ltd., were capable of executing the job in a reliable manner, and in reply to a further query, stated there was a clause in the specification that local labour must be employed, and no labour could be imported without his written consent.



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It was further pointed out to the meeting that all the tenders bore what was now commonly known as a "Blue Script". This was to the effect that the tender was submitted on the express condition that if the price or cost of any material necessary advanced or reduced by more than 5 per cent. of the current rates, the Schedule of prices for such should be increased or reduced correspondingly, and the amount of the contract amended accordingly. The Employers would also be liable for any duties imposed by the Government or for any increased wages in the district.

The Mayor proposed that the tender of Messrs. Stone and Sons, being the lowest of the four submitted, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Moran, and unanimously agreed to, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington, it was decided to ask the Government for a further Grant towards the cost of building in view of the very large amount being expended by the Corporation, which would tend to reduce unemployment in the town.

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR TOWN HALL.

On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to submit to the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, the name of Mr. T. J. Millar for the position of Clerk of Works on the building, and if Mr. Donnelly was satisfied that Mr. Millar was capable of carrying out the job, that he be appointed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Mr. Millar's remuneration to be at the rate he was being paid at present, namely £299 per annum.

*Michael Martin*



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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day immediately after the close of Statutory Meeting which commenced at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, John Billington, Robert Moran, James McMahon, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, James Gaul, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, and James Sinnott.

#### TEN HOUSES AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Deeds in respect of ten houses at St. John's Road and Davitt Road, North, which were being sold on the tenant-purchase system to the occupiers, were submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation and adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a report on the condition of the houses, Mr. McNally intimated that he had inspected the ten houses in question and made notes of the repairs necessary. These were of a minor character being merely cracks in external walls and some slight cracks in roofs. The only serious trouble arose in Mr. Thomas Devereux's house where defective floors occurred. He had already reported on these and was proceeding with the work of repairs. It was unanimously decided that the repairs noted by the Borough Surveyor should be carried out to the ten houses, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Deeds transferring the property to the tenants were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### RE BUILDING PLOTS, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With regard to the leasing of ten building plots at St. John's Road, it was reported that adjoining the one next Windmills Hill, occupied by Mr. Millar, was a small piece of ground running at right angles to the building plot, and when the plots were being leased everybody was under the impression that this piece of ground should go with the



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plot it adjoined, as otherwise it was thought it would be used as a dumping ground.

The Borough Surveyor, however, on examining the maps on the leases had lodged an objection with the Town Clerk to this piece of ground being included with Mr. Millar's plot, and thought it might be required at some future date for the further widening of the road.

The members all agreed that at the time they were under the impression that this piece of ground should be included with the No. 1 plot, but a final decision on the matter was adjourned until next meeting, as, owing to the lateness of the hour, a number of members had left.

#### GAS WORKS DISPUTE.

A request was submitted from the Wexford Trades Council asking the Corporation to receive a deputation to discuss the dead-lock with the Gas Consumers Company regarding the laying of mains at Maudlintown, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Martin, but with Councillor Hayes dissenting, to grant the deputation ten minutes at the next meeting.

#### PAINTING OF CARRIGEEN STREET HOUSES.

It was decided that two houses at Carrigeen Street, the property of the Corporation, and occupied by Messrs. Walsh and Gaul, should be painted.

#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES FOR 2 HOUSES AT BRIDE ST.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to estimate the cost of providing Water Closets for two houses at Bride Street, Wexford, owned by Mr. Samuel Wethereld.

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A Meeting of A special Waterworks Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Flusk, and Councillor James Billington.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr. Donnelly, Architect for the new Town Hall, and Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works, were also in attendance.

#### TENDERS FOR NEW TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of the Council on the 3rd instant, it was reported that a letter had been received from Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey, Ashton Mills, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, who were one of the four firms who had tendered for the erection of a Town Hall.

In their letter they pointed out that in reading alternative No. 10, they assumed that the prime cost of £4,000 for steel would be taken into consideration, and they only showed the balance of £1,534. 4. 9 instead of £5,534. 4. 9. This meant that their tender, when calculated on the same basis as Messrs. Stone & Sons, Ltd. was on the 3rd instant, would be £18,708. 3. 2.

As this was a difference of practically £3,000, the Committee unanimously decided that the matter should be referred to at a Special Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 10th instant, when Notice of Motion could be given to rescind the acceptance of Messrs. Stone's tender, as in view of the letter from Messrs. Dempsey, the tender accepted was not the lowest.

#### TENDERS FOR PILING.

A lengthy communication was submitted from Mr. Donnelly, relative to the piling of the site for the new Town Hall, and he recommended the acceptance of the Irish Piling Company's Estimate of £1398. 12. 0. for the Vibro Type of Piling.

As this was the lowest tender, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to recommend the Corporation to accept it.

Mr. Donnelly left the Meeting at this stage.



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WATERWORKS.

The Meeting had been specially convened to consider the question of improving the Waterworks System, and in reply to a query regarding the making of tests at Drinagh, the Borough Surveyor replied that he had not done so, as in his opinion the past few months was a wrong time to carry out such tests owing to the abnormal rainfall, as he might be likely to get false results.

The matter of improving the Wexford Waterworks was considered for a long time, and all its phases and aspects carefully examined, and it was eventually decided that the Town Clerk should communicate with Mr. Delap, the Consulting Engineer, and ask him to come down to Wexford for a consultation with the Borough Surveyor and Mr. Millar with the object of seeing if they could devise any alternative to the two schemes already submitted for the improvement of the Waterworks; after this consultation, the three engineers could meet the Committee and lay the facts before them.

When this was done, the Committee felt they would be in a better position to deal with the problem, and to make a recommendation to the Corporation.

The Borough Surveyor was also directed to instruct the Turncock to make examinations of Household fittings with the object of cutting down waste.

Michael Martin



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A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, And James Sinnott.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr. Millar, and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### TENDERS FOR PILING.

The Meeting had been specially convened to consider tenders for the piling of the site of the proposed new Town Hall, and the following letter was read from the Architect, Mr. Donnelly:-

"Dear Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, I invited the following Piling Contractors to tender for the above work. I find that there are no other Contractors in the Free State, who have practical experience of Piling. I forwarded specification and Piling Plan to the following:-

John Hearne & Sons, Ltd., South Parade, Waterford.  
J. & W. Stewart, 3 Hanover Street, E., Dublin.  
Irish Piling Company, East Wall Road, Dublin.  
R. J. Campbell & Company, 17 Merrion Row, Dublin.

Messrs. J. W. Stewart & Co. 'phoned me that they could not tender, as their plant was engaged in the North of Ireland, and the job was not big enough to warrant them moving it at competitive prices.

My Specification is for precast reinforced concrete piles. In addition I asked the contractors for estimates on alternative systems. Messrs. John Hearne & Sons, Waterford, wrote saying that they were not in a position to suggest an alternative system. The Irish Piling Company and Messrs. R.J. Campbell & Co. have submitted estimates for alternative systems, to that specified by me.

The estimates herewith are as follows:  
For precast reinforced concrete piling.

John Hearne & Sons-----	£2,694. 12. 0.
R. J. Campbell & Co.-----	£1,630. 2. 9.
Irish Piling Company-----	£1,615. 0. 0.

Alternative estimates have been submitted by Messrs.

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R. J. Campbell & Co. for their system  
known as the Franki Pile----- £1450. 0. 0.

Irish Piling Company for their system  
known as the Vibro Pile ----- £1398. 12. 0.

As the alternative estimate in each case is lower than the original estimate, I have gone into the question of the types of pile used.

The Franki Pile is a pile cast in situ, with dry concrete, which is driven by the use of a tube 18" diameter. The driving is by a hammer, which operates inside the tube. The hammering is on the concrete mixture, and thus the concrete is driven into the ground, the driving being continued until the desired resistance is met. At this point the tube is withdrawn for some distance, and more concrete is put in. The effect of this driving is generally to give a pile ending in a mushroom shape.

I have to report that I cannot recommend this system of piling for your site. The use of dry concrete is definitely uncertain, if not risky, in a site which is seemingly water-logged to the extent that the site in question is, and, in addition, I think the drive of this type of pile is liable to be stopped by a slight obstruction, which really is not the final bearing surface.

The Vibro Pile consists of a cast iron shoe and cast iron tube, which are driven into the soil. Into the tube is poured wet concrete, which is consolidated by blows from a hammer, which works at the rate of about 80 blows per minute. The use of the cast iron shoe at the point of the pile, gets over the danger of the pile not being driven to a hard bearing.

I recommend the acceptance of the Irish Piling Company's estimate of £1398. 12. 0. for the Vibro type of Pile.

Yours faithfully,

R. Donnelly."

Thereupon the Mayor moved that the tender of the Irish Piling Company for the piling of the site with the Vibro type of pile for the sum of £1398. 12. 0. be accepted, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Donnelly and a Special Committee who had considered the estimates on the 7th instant. *Councillor Donnelly seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.*

#### TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on the 3rd instant, when four tenders had been submitted for the erection of a new Town Hall, and that submitted by Messrs. E. Stone & Sons, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin, accepted for the sum of £21,542, the following letter was read from Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey, Ltd., Castleknock, Dublin, one of the firms who tendered:-

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"Dear Sir,

Re: New Town Hall, Wexford.

With reference to our tender for the above, may we draw your attention to the alternative No. 10, which should be £5,534. 4. 9. We assumed, in reading this alternative, that the amount of £4,000 for steel would be taken into consideration, and we showed the balance £1,534. 4. 9.

On further inspection of No. 10 Alternative Estimate, we hope it will be clear that our meaning in this alternative was a reduction of £5,534. 4. 9. This can be checked by an inspection of our priced bill.

The position now is that, taking into consideration the alternatives contained in the form of tender, and the prime costs herewith noted, our tender would stand at £19,495. 3. 2. This also can be confirmed by reference to our Bill of Quantities.

Yours faithfully,

FOR E. &amp; W. DEMPSEY, LIMITED.

William Dempsey.

Prime Costs.

Omitted furniture	£1340. 0. 0.
Provisional reinforced concrete-----	200. 0. 0.
Low Pressure Hot Water System Heating-----	600. 0. 0.
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	£2140. 0. 0."

According to this letter, Messrs. Dempsey's Tender would stand at £19,495. 3. 2, but in addition, if the tender was to be considered on the same basis as Messrs. Stone's was considered on the 3rd instant, a further deduction of £750 in respect of contingencies and £37 in respect of the low pressure hot water system of heating should be made, as when Messrs. Stone's tender was accepted the amount for contingencies had been deducted and £637, not £600, had also been taken off in respect of the Hot Water System. This would leave Messrs. Dempsey's tender at £18,708. 3. 2. as against £21,542 for Messrs. Stone, being a difference of £2833. 16. 10. The alternative Estimate No. 10 referred to in Messrs. Dempsey's communication read as follows:-



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"Omission of all Ferro-concrete (reinforcing) already taken, together with £4,000 P.C. for structural steel and substitution of Messrs. Mouchel Partners' Quantities for Ferro-concrete in lieu of all above. Casings to be as already taken in original Bill of Quantities."

In extending their price on the Form of Tender for this alternative, Messrs. Dempsey showed a deduction of £1,534. 4. 9, omitting to extend the £4,000 P.C. for structural steel, and this was how the mistake arose.

Messrs. Dempsey further intimated that these figures could be checked by an inspection of their priced Bill of Quantities, but it was not deemed advisable at this stage to open the Bill, as it was felt that no Firm would be likely to throw away £4,000 to secure the contract, and the Meeting were of opinion that it was a genuine mistake. Thereupon the Mayor gave notice that he would move at a Special Meeting to be held on the 24th instant the rescission of the Resolution of 3rd May, 1937, accepting the tender of Messrs. E. Stone & Sons, Ltd., and if this resolution was agreed to, that the four tenders be considered afresh.

*Michael Martin*

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, and James Sinnott.

#### HOUSES AT WHITEMILL.

Councillor Connolly referred to the proposed erection of 62 houses at Whitemill, and asked what was the delay in the commencement of the work. He was informed that the necessary Contract and Bond



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were in course of preparation and that the Contractor was making preliminary arrangements, and hoped to commence work in the course of a week or so.

#### 14 HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Councillor Connolly also referred to the proposed erection of fourteen houses at Maudlintown, and was informed that the plan and specification were in course of preparation for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

#### DISPUTE WITH GAS COMPANY.

The Councillor also referred to the dispute between the Borough Surveyor and the Local Gas Company, in connection with the laying of gas mains at Maudlintown, but it was pointed out to the Councillor that the Finance Committee, on the 3rd instant, had agreed to receive a deputation from the Wexford Trades Council on the 24th instant relative to this matter, and further action was deferred until the deputation had been heard.

#### RELIEF GRANT, 1937/38.

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following proposals for the expenditure of portion of the Relief Grants for 1937/38:-

"In accordance with instructions received, I am setting out below proposals for the expenditure of approximately £1,700 on improvements to roads within the Urban District. The work can only be carried out in favourable weather, and will give employment to a considerable number of men under the Rotational System of Employment:-

##### 1. Surfacing in Bituminous Macadam:

(a) Monument Place and Belvedere Road - 4,400 sq. yds. @ 3/6-----	£770. 0. 0.
(b) Hill Street - 2,600 sq. yds. @ 3/6--	455. 0. 0.
(c) Grogan's Road - 1920 sq. yds. @ 3/6-	336. 0. 0.

##### 11. Surface Dressing (Cold Emulsion)

(a) St. John's Road - 2570 sq. yds @ 6d.	64. 0. 0.
(b) Rowe Street - 1360 sq. yds. @ 6d.---	34. 0. 0.
(c) Francis Street - 720 sq. yds. @ 6d.-	18. 0. 0.

Total-----£1677. 0. 0.



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and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to forward the scheme to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to ask for permission to allow 25 per cent. of single men with two or more dependents to be employed on the works.

It was further agreed that Barrack Street and the Folly should be considered when completing the schemes for the expenditure of the Relief Grants.

#### LANE AT STONEBRIDGE.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to have the surface of a lane on the East side of Stonebridge cleaned, and put in order.

#### STAFFORD'S HOUSE, MENAPIA AVENUE.

He was further directed to have the windows and door at Stafford's Menapia Avenue, which, it was alleged, were damaged by the Corporation workmen when plastering the house, repaired, and with reference to further complaints regarding this house, the following were appointed a Committee to inspect it at 3.0. p.m. on the 11th instant, namely, Councillors Billington, Dunne, Alderman Walsh, and the Borough Surveyor.

#### RANGES IN ARTISANS' DWELLINGS.

The Surveyor was further directed to have ranges repaired or replaced as necessary in two houses - at Distillery Road, occupied by William Power; and Monument Place, occupied by Patrick Ferris; and as well, he was to have necessary repairs carried out to two houses at Hill Street, occupied by Messrs. McGrath and Roice.

*Michael Martin*



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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillor James Billington.

Mr. Delap and Mr. McConachy, of Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers; the Borough Surveyor, Mr. Millar, and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

It was reported that a lengthy conference had been held in the afternoon with the Engineers, Town Clerk, and the Mayor, and as a result Mr. Delap now gave the headings of a suggested scheme to improve the present supply and eliminate the proposed new Reservoir at Hayestown.

The scheme was for a new conduit from the South-Eastern slopes of Forth Mountain to Coolree; a filtration plant at Coolree; a Hydrostat automatic pump someplace about Wygram, with the necessary alteration of the mains to operate the pump; a high level storage tank to contain approximately £150,000 gallons at Summerhill (this tank would serve the upper third of the town) an alteration of the distribution mains; and the scraping of the trunk main to Coolree.

The approximate cost of this work would be as follows:-

Conduit to Coolree	£3,650	
Filtration Plant	1,900	
Hydrostat Pump	500	
Tank	3,750	
Alteration of Mains	2,000	
Scraping of Trunk Main	400	£12,200
Contingencies at 10%	£1,220	
Engineers' Fees		
already incurred	500	
Engineers' Fees on above		
scheme-----	900	
Legal and General expenses	270	
Clerk of Works	230	£3,120
Total-----		£15,320

This Scheme, Mr. Delap intimated, would enable the Corporation to tide over an absolute drought of 100 days, allowing from 35 to 40 gallons per head per day of the population.



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In conclusion, Mr. Delap stressed the point that leakages or waste of water must be stopped otherwise the effects of this scheme would be very much nullified.

The meeting carefully considered the scheme on the lines set out by Mr. Delap, and were in agreement with it. They asked him to make a written report on the scheme as soon as possible.

*Michael Martin*

24th May, 1937.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James Billington, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, and Michael Martin.

#### SYMPATHY.

Councillor Atkins moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Robert Moran on the death of his brother. The motion, which was seconded by Councillor Murphy and supported by a number of the members present, was adopted in respectful silence, and Councillor Moran returned thanks to the Corporation for the vote.

#### TENDERS FOR NEW TOWN HALL.

In accordance with Notice given, the Mayor moved that the Resolution of 3rd May, 1937, accepting the tender of Messrs. E. ~~W.~~ Stone <sup>4 dms</sup> for the erection of a new Town Hall at a cost of £21,542 be rescinded. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

In moving his motion, the Mayor explained that at a meeting of the Corporation held on the 10th instant, a letter had been read from



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Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey pointing out that their deduction for Alternative No. 10. should read £5,534. 4. 9. and not £1,534. 4. 9 which appeared in the Schedule, as they assumed that the amount of £4,000 for steel would have been taken into account.

The Alternative Estimate No. 10. read as follows:-

"Omission of all Ferro-concrete (reinforcing) already taken, together with £4,000 P.C. for structural steel and substitution of Messrs. Mouchel Partners' Quantities for Ferro-concrete in lieu of all above. Casings to be as already taken in original Bill of Quantities."

In extending their price on the Form of Tender for this Alternative, Messrs. Dempsey showed a deduction of £1,534. 4. 9. omitting to extend the £4,000 P.C. for structural steel.

Some members held that this mistake should not have arisen, and thought that the Architect should have discovered the error before the prices were submitted to the Corporation, but it was explained that the prices and deductions were read out by the Chairman and taken down by the Architect, who did not see the tenders at the time.

The motion to rescind the Resolution was thereupon put to the Meeting and agreed to.

The four tenders were then examined afresh, and it was seen that when Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey's tender was considered on the same basis as the tenders were considered on the 3rd instant, their price for the building would amount to £18,708. 3. 2., which was the lowest of the four submitted, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy the tender of Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey was accepted, with Alderman Coffey dissenting.

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of 3rd instant, when it was decided to submit to Mr. Donnelly, Architect, the name of Mr. Thomas J. Millar for the position of Clerk of Works on the erection of the Town Hall, Mr. Donnelly intimated that he should be very glad indeed if the Corporation of Wexford appointed Mr. Millar as Clerk of Works



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for the new Town Hall. He had considerable experience of Mr. professional  
 Millar's ~~practical~~ technical capacity and skill, and based on this could not hope for a better man for the job.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved that Mr. Millar be appointed Clerk of Works with remuneration at the rate of £299 per annum, and Councillor Atkins seconded.

Before the motion was put to the meeting, Councillor James Billington asked the Corporation to define Mr. Millar's duties as Clerk of Works, and stated that in his opinion Mr. Millar should be on the building site from the time the men started work in the morning until they finished in the evening.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which it was held that it was a matter for the Architect to define the duties of the Clerk of Works, and eventually it was agreed that Mr. Donnelly should do this.

The motion that Mr. Millar be appointed Clerk of Works was then put to the meeting and carried, but with Councillor James Billington dissenting, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

#### MORTGAGE DEED - WHITEMILL HOUSES.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £21700 for the erection of sixty-two houses at Whitemill Road, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the following resolution was unanimously 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 Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931, Etc."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and the following further resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Sinnott:-

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"That inasmuch as this Corporation 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 Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, It is Resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for 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 in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

Arising out of this matter, the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Contractor proposed to start work on the 25th instant, and he suggested that pending the appointment of a Clerk of Works, Mr. Millar, who was at present Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, now practically completed, be appointed Clerk of Works temporarily on the Whitemill Scheme.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved the following resolution:-

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we advertise for a Clerk of Works for the erection of the sixty-two houses at Whitemill, with remuneration at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per week, and that pending the appointment of such a Clerk of Works that Mr. Thomas J. Millar, at present Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, be appointed Clerk of Works for the Whitemill Scheme at his present rate of remuneration, namely, £299 per annum."

This motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, and adopted.

It was further agreed to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation on June 21st to make an appointment.

#### DUMP AT REDMOND ROAD.

Councillor Connolly referred to a dump on the Redmond Road, which, he stated was a nuisance, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had a report from the Medical Officer of Health on this matter to be considered by a meeting of the Public Health Committee after the present meeting, but Councillor Connolly insisted on the matter being dealt with at the present meeting, and the Town Clerk read the report from the Medical Officer of Health, which was as follows:-

"As Medical Officer of Health of the Wexford Urban District, I hereby report to you that in consequence of a report received from the Sub Sanitary Officer, I visited dump at Redmond Road and found that some person or persons were dumping ashes and filth over wall from road and causing a nuisance, and I recommend that the owners should prosecute any person or persons found dumping ashes and filth."

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It was unanimously decided that Notice be served on the owners requiring them to have the ashes and filth removed within seven days, and to take steps to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James Billington, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, and Michael Martin.

#### DISPUTE WITH GAS COMPANY.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd instant, when it was decided to hear a deputation from the Wexford Trades Council relative to the dispute between the Wexford Gas Company and the Corporation officials, on the subject of the laying of gas mains at Maudlintown, five members of the Trades Council attended.

Councillor Connolly, however, protested against the deputation being heard in committee and wanted to have the matter adjourned to the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 7th proximo, but the members would not agree to adjourn the matter further.

The deputation stated they had been asked by some 130 tenants at Maudlintown to interest themselves in settling this dispute, and presented a copy of a memorial signed by the tenants protesting against the attitude of the Corporation and the Gas Company in depriving them of light in their houses.

The deputation intimated that they were not concerned with the merits or demerits of the dispute but were merely anxious that it should be



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settled in order to provide the people with gas for light and cooking purposes.

During the course of a very lengthy discussion which followed, the position of the Corporation and the requirements of their officials was explained to the meeting, and eventually the Mayor proposed that a deputation be appointed to meet the Directors of the Wexford Gas Company and their Manager, Mr. Saville. Councillor Crosbie seconded. This motion was agreed to, and the following were appointed to represent the Corporation, namely, Councillors James Billington and Connolly, with Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, and the Mayor, together with the Borough Surveyor, Mr. Millar, and Town Clerk.

It was further suggested that the conference be held on neutral ground, and it was thought that the Council room of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in the Chamber of Commerce would be a suitable place. The deputation from the Trades Council thanked the members for the hearing given them, and withdrew.

#### FAIR AT HILL STREET.

A request from a Mrs. Whitney, Croke Avenue, to have the wall around her garden raised to prevent cattle trespassing on Fair Days, was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

#### RESERVOIR CARETAKER'S WAGES.

An application was submitted on behalf of the Caretaker of the Reservoir from the Transport Union for an increase in his wages consequent on the increased duties which had been allotted to him in looking after the Chlorination Plant at Coolree.

It was explained to the meeting that McMahon's wages had been increased by 2/6 per week to 27/6 in June last, and in reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that since the Chlorination Plant was put at Coolree, the Caretaker's duties had increased somewhat. He further stated that he found McMahon an excellent man at the operation of this plant and he had grasped the details of its working without any difficulty.

Accordingly, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation

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to increase McMahon's wages by a further 2/6 per week to 30/-.

#### PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd instant, when the question of the extent of a building plot at St. John's Road leased to Mr. Thomas J. Millar, was under consideration and adjourned, the meeting was now asked to decide if the small piece of ground running at right angles to Mr. Millar's building plot should go with it.

The Borough Surveyor, however, explained to the meeting that this plot of ground might possibly be required at some future date for widening the road, and advised that if it was given to Mr. Millar, it should only be given on a yearly basis at a nominal rent.

Some members held that at the time these plots were let they were under the impression that this piece of ground should be included with No. 1 Plot, and were of opinion that if it was not allowed to go with this plot, it would be turned into a dumping ground. Others agreed with the Borough Surveyor that it should be retained by the Corporation, and the Mayor proposed that Mr. Millar be given the plot on a yearly basis at a rent of 1/- per annum, and Councillor Crosbie seconded. Councillor Connolly, however, moved that it be allowed to stand with Mr. Millar's building plot, and Councillor Atkins seconded. After some discussion, however, it was decided to adjourn a decision on the matter so that Mr. Millar could be present with the Borough Surveyor.

#### HOLIDAY ON 15TH OF AUGUST.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council pointing out that the 15th August this year fell on Sunday, and as it was one of the Church Holidays substituted for August Bank Holiday, they requested the Corporation to substitute the 29th June in lieu of the August Holiday.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that they could not legally substitute a Sunday for the Public Holiday, and it was agreed to substitute the 29th June.



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## PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOUSING SCHEMES.

At the request of the Civics Institute of Ireland, it was decided to have photographs taken of some of the Housing Schemes in the Town for inclusion in an Exhibition to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 7th to 11th June next.

## RELIEF WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of 10th instant, when it had been decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction a partial scheme for Relief Works under the 1937/38 programme to be carried out during the Summer months, the Minister under date of the 20th instant, by letter No. RU/204/131, intimated that he was unable to agree to the Corporation's proposal to proceed with a partial scheme, and that a communication regarding the submission of a scheme would be addressed in due course.

## PLAYGROUND - TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee applied to have the surface of the playground covered with tar macadam under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, it being understood that on completion of the work the Committee would reimburse the Corporation the full extent of the cost of material and labour. This request was agreed to but with Councillor Connolly dissenting, and subsequently the Councillor gave notice that he would move the rescission of this resolution at the June Statutory Meeting.

## PARADISE ROW HOUSES.

A Memorial was read from six persons residing in condemned houses at Paradise Row protesting against their houses being condemned and they being transferred to Maudlintown, but it was pointed out to the Meeting that as the Demolition Orders had already been made, it was mandatory on the Corporation to carry them out, and it was agreed to inform the tenants of this.

## HOUSE AT BATT STREET.

A letter was read from a Mr. John Lett of Batt Street, requesting the Corporation to give a house to a Mrs. Roche, who was residing in one



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of his houses at Batt Street and which required repairs, but as these could not be carried out whilst she was in occupation, he made this request.

No action was taken on this letter.

#### FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had had a practice of the Brigade on the 22nd instant, when all the members were present and everything worked satisfactorily. He reported that the door of the Fire Station wanted to be overhauled.

It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should have the door attended to, and that the members of the Brigade in attendance at the practice should be paid the usual fee of 5/-.

#### 13 ST. ENDA'S TERRACE.

It was agreed to transfer the tenancy of No. 13, St. Enda's Terrace, formerly occupied by the late John McGrath, to his son-in-law, Michael J. O'Leary.

#### PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, in respect of premises at North Main Street, Wexford, occupied by Frank O'Connor & Co., was signed for one year to the 30th September, 1937.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The question of the appointment of a successor to the late William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, was referred to the Special Rates Committee for a report.

#### PAYMENT OF PREMIUM.

An application from Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant, asking the Corporation to pay the premium on his Fidelity Guarantee Bond, was submitted, and Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would move at the July Statutory Meeting that this premium be paid by the Corporation.

#### UNIFORM AND BOOTS FOR TOWN SERGEANT.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of a uniform for the Town Sergeant. They were from Messrs. W. & G. Hadden, Ltd. and Messrs. Healy and Collins. As the price quoted by the former, £3. 7. 6. was



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the lowest submitted, it was accepted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

Only one tender was submitted for the supply of boots, namely, from Messrs. Healy and Collins, who quoted 12/9 and 14/11, and it was agreed to accept the tender at 12/9.

#### OVERCROWDING IN CINEMAS.

The Town Sergeant reported overcrowding in the passages of the Theatre and Capitol Cinema during the past week, and it was decided to warn the proprietors in both cases that if a further offence was committed, proceedings would have to be instituted.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of April showed that he had examined 131 cattle, 265 sheep, and 43 swine.

Of the cattle, one whole carcase, two fore-quarters, and thirteen heads, together with fifteen organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and twenty organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, seven organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, three organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

The Sub Sanitary Officer reported that he had visited the dumping ground at Summerhill on several occasions recently, and found Mrs. Mary McCormack, of Thomas Clarke Street; Mrs. C. Griffin, of Wolfe Tone Villas; and Susan Harris, of Wolfe Tone Villas, removing rubbish therefrom.

As there was a Notice in the Dump prohibiting persons from removing rubbish therefrom, it was decided, in the interest of Public Health, to prosecute the three persons reported.

With reference to Minutes of 19th ultimo, when a report was read from the Meat Inspector on the working of the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, and when it had been decided to forward a copy of this report to the Minister for Agriculture for his observations, the Minister under date of the 1st instant, by letter No. E.19/4341, requested to be informed if the Veterinary Inspector would be in a position to attend to the veterinary examination requirements for the remainder of the period



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in respect of which his appointment had been made. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that on receipt of this communication he had asked the Meat Inspector if he would be prepared to carry out these duties under the Pigs and Bacon Act for the remainder of the period of his appointment, and he informed him that he would be unable to do so, and wished to be relieved of the duties as soon as possible.

It was agreed to inform the Minister for Agriculture accordingly.

*Michael Martin*

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at Three o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk, and Councillors Hayes and James Billington.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

With reference to the closing of the accounts of the Poor Rate Collector, the late William O'Donohoe, the Town Clerk suggested that, as there was nobody in a position to complete the Collector's discharges or to certify that any particular sums should be written off as irrecoverable, the Committee should recommend the Corporation to carry forward into the Warrant for 1937/38 the total amount of the arrears shown in Mr. O'Donohoe's books as at 31st March last. Such arrears could then be verified by the new Collector and dealt with when closing the Warrant for 1937/38.

As regards the appointment of a successor to Mr. O'Donohoe, the Town Clerk quoted correspondence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health before the appointment of Mr. Curran as Town Rate Collector, in which the Minister stressed at the time that there was no necessity for two collectors in the Borough, and it was only after the Committee had agreed to amalgamation at some future date that he sanctioned the appointment of a Collector in lieu of the late Mr.



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White.

The Committee discussed this matter for a short time, and eventually decided to refer the whole matter to the Council to decide.

#### BYE-LAWS RE FOOTPATHS, ETC.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health intimating that he had received an enquiry from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the adoption of Bye-laws on the subject of cleansing of Footways, Nuisances, Water Supply, and new Streets and Buildings. Copies of these suggested Bye-laws had been furnished to members of the Committee last year, but the meeting again decided to adjourn consideration of them until next meeting.

#### TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1934.

Draft Regulations proposed to be made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under the Town Planning Act, 1934, were submitted, and referred to the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk for their observations thereon.

*Michael Martin*



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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past three o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk, and Councillors Hayes, James Billington, Crosbie, Moran, John Billington, Dunne and Sinnott.

#### SHOP AT WHITEMILL.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the application of Mr. Whitmore, Whitemill, for permission to erect a shop there.

#### LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th instant, by letter No. H.38029, enquired if the Loan of £500 proposed to be raised from the National Bank to finance advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be sufficient, in view of the decision on 3rd instant to make a Loan of £450 to Mr. Thomas Walsh in addition to the Loans already approved for Cullen and Coghlan, and it was decided to request the Minister to amend the application for sanction from £500 to £800, and to recommend the Corporation to raise this latter amount.

#### DISPUTE WITH GAS COMPANY.

With reference to last meeting of the Finance Committee, when it had been decided to request the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company to meet a deputation from the Corporation regarding the dispute with the Corporation officials over the laying of gas mains at Maudlintown, the Secretary of the Gas Company under date of the 28th instant intimated that no meeting of Directors would be held until the 11th proximo, and suggested that an early date and time be fixed for the Conference by the Corporation, when he would endeavour to get some of the local Directors to attend.

The Committee decided to refer this communication to the Finance and Works Committee at their next meeting.

#### ALLOCATION OF HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN.

It was unanimously decided to transfer Thomas Duffin and Edward Busher from three-roomed houses at Nos. 2 and 3 Saltee Avenue, to four-roomed houses at 1 and 3, Antelope Road, and it was further decided to allocate a vacant house at Wolfe Tone Villas to Patrick Redmond, Keyser's Lane, who was living in a condemned house there. No. 2 Saltee Avenue was allocated to Patrick Kelly, Keyser's Lane, and No. 4 Saltee Avenue to Patrick Browne, Keyser's Lane, both of whom were living in condemned houses.

#### PARADISE ROW.

With reference to the Demolition Orders made in respect of ten houses at Paradise Row, the Committee were also asked to allocate houses to the occupiers thereof, but members referred to the Memorial which was submitted to the last meeting of the Finance Committee, from which it was seen that only three of the persons residing there were prepared to go to Maudlintown on the grounds that it was too far from their place of business in some cases, and in the case of persons of advanced years that it was too far from the Churches, so it was agreed only to transfer three persons for the present to Maudlintown, namely, Martin Comerford, Patrick Brien, and James Tierney, and these three persons were allocated Nos. 9, 10, and 11, Harbour View respectively.



### FURTHER ALLOCATION OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

The following persons who were living in rooms were allocated the remainder of the Maudlintown Houses:-

John A. Gray, 3 Monck Street.	Joseph Bolger, North Main Street.
John Barry, Cornmarket.	Patrick Sinnott, Faythe.
Richard Roche, Bride Street.	Nicholas Murphy, Kevin Barry Street.
Patrick Browne, King Street Avenue.	John Murphy, 170 Faythe.
Patrick Smith, Duke Street.	Patrick Clampett, Lacey's Yard.
Francis Mason, Abbey Street.	Michael Murphy, Byrne's Lane.
Humphrey Moore, Nth. Main Street	
Edward Grace, Distillery Road.	
James Boyle, Duke Street.	

Two other very deserving cases were amongst the applicants for these houses, namely Thomas Browne, Selskar Avenue, and James McMahon, Mulgannon, and it was unanimously decided that these two should be **given the first available houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.**

### TENDERS FOR RANGES.

Two tenders were submitted by the Borough Surveyor for self-setting Ranges from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty at £4. 17. 6 each, but as the former quotation included Smoke Plate and pipes, which the latter did not, it was unanimously decided to accept the tender of the Wexford Timber Company.

### RANGE AT WILLIAM'S HOUSE, WILLIAM STREET.

It was reported that a man named Williams, of William Street, had applied to have a close range provided for his dwelling, but that when the Borough Surveyor sent men to put in a suitable range, the occupant objected on the grounds that it was too small, although to instal a larger range would mean to enlarge the present 30" ope, and this the Borough Surveyor was not prepared to do, and had refused to proceed further with the matter.

The Committee unanimously approved of the action taken by the Town Clerk.

*Michael Martin*



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

The members present being:-

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Billington, James McMahon, Michael Martin, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, James Murphy, James Sinnott, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, and Phillip McGuire.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Martin, who had been nominated by the Mayor as his deputy, took the Chair.

#### MINUTES.

Alderman Coffey moved that the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 3rd, 10th, and 24th ultimo be taken as having been read; and that the Minutes of Finance, Etc. Committees on 3rd, 10th and 24th ultimo; Special Waterworks Committee on 7th and 21st ultimo; Housing Committee on 29th ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 29th ultimo be approved.

Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Minutes were accordingly signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,342. 19. 9. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

#### DISPUTE WITH GAS COMPANY.

Reference was made to a decision come to at a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 24th ultimo, when a deputation was appointed to confer with the Directors of the Gas Company, regarding the dispute between the officials of the Company and the Corporation about the laying of gas mains at Maudlintown, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to the Gas Company asking them to meet the Deputation, but he had received a reply to the effect that no meeting of Directors



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would be held until the 11th instant. The Manager of the Gas Company suggested that the Corporation should fix an early date for the Conference and he would endeavour to get some of the local Directors to attend.

In this connection, a letter was also submitted from the Secretary of the Wexford Trades Union Council, asking the Corporation to appoint representatives to a conference which the Council were trying to arrange regarding the installation of gas at Maudlintown.

Some members favoured a suggestion that representatives of the Trades Council should be invited to the Conference between the Corporation and the Directors of the Gas Company, but the Town Clerk pointed out that it was purely a dispute between the Gas Company and the Corporation and should be settled, if possible, between them without the intervention of outside organisations.

Councillor Cashman, however, proposed that the deputation appointed by the Finance Committee on the 24th ultimo, accompanied by representatives of the Trades Council, should meet the Directors of the Gas Company on the 11th instant. Councillor Connolly seconded. Councillor Gaul, however, moved as an amendment that the deputation appointed by the Finance Committee only meet the Gas Company on the 11th instant. Councillor Murphy seconded.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk stated that in his opinion the Corporation had no right to invite an outside Body to participate in this conference. It was the Corporation's business, and was entirely a matter for them to settle.

Councillor Gaul's amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting, when there voted:-

For:	Councillors McGuire, Gaul, Sinnott, Murphy, Crosbie, Moran,	
	Martin, James Billington, and Alderman Coffey-----	9.
Against:	Councillors Cashman and McMahon-----	2.
Declined	Councillors Dunne, Connolly, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk, and	
to Vote:	Cullimore-----	5.



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Councillor Gaul's amendment was thereupon declared carried, and the original motion declared lost.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The Widow and family of the late William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, acknowledged receipt of the vote of sympathy passed with them at last meeting.

The Secretary of the County Wexford Board of Health acknowledged receipt of a Resolution passed at the April meeting, calling on the Board of Health to establish a District Fever Hospital at Wexford.

The matter was before the Board of Health on the 26th April, when it was decided to inform the Corporation that consideration of this proposition had been deferred until other Hospitalisation Schemes were completed. The Board had not at any time taken a decision to abandon the proposal of providing a Fever Hospital at Wexford.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

The next business was to close the accounts of the Poor Rate Collector for the year 1936/37.

It was reported that the total amount of his Warrant was £12496. 13. 11. composed of arrears carried forward from

previous years-----£4275. 1. 5.

and current years rate-----£8221. 12. 6      £12496. 13. 11.

Of this he had collected-----£7675. 13. 4

allowed Discount of----- 84. 9. 2

leaving outstanding on 31st March last- 4736. 11. 5.      £12496. 13. 11.

The position of the collection had been before the Special Rates Committee on the 29th ultimo, when it was decided that as the Collector had died since 31st March, without having had an opportunity of completing Form 53 which would show the rates he considered irrecoverable, to recommend the Corporation not to declare any rates irrecoverable this year, but to carry forward the entire arrears of £4736. 11. 5 into the Warrant for 1937/38 so that they could be



verified by the new Collector, and any amounts deemed irrecoverable could be written off when the current year's Warrant was being closed. In the circumstances, the present meeting considered the recommendation a good one, and it was adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

#### POOR RATE FOR 1937/38.

The next business was to formally make a Poor Rate of 8/2 in the Pound as agreed to on 5th April last, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That a Poor Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence in the Pound be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Urban District of Wexford as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on 5th day of April, 1937."

The Books containing the various items of Poor Rate was then sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

#### COLLECTOR OF POOR RATE.

The next business was to make arrangements for the collection of the Poor Rate consequent on the death of Mr. William O'Donohoe, and in this connection the Town Clerk reminded the members of a communication received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 28th May, 1935, No. G.85464, when the question of the appointment of a Town Rate Collector in room of the late Patrick White, was under consideration.

At that time, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health considered there was no necessity for two collectors, and did not favour the appointment of a collector in lieu of Mr. White, but suggested that a permanent arrangement should be made with the then existing Poor Rate Collector by which he would undertake the collection of all the rates at a reduced poundage.

In the communication quoted above, the Minister intimated that he did not see that the Public Interest would be served by the appointment of two collectors to carry out duties which might be assigned to one.

As the Council, having before them the Minister's views, were not



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disposed to adopt the suggestion made to them, the Minister did not press the amalgamation of the posts, but he considered the possibility of having both Poor and Town Rates entrusted to one person at some future date should be provided for in the conditions attached to the appointment about to be made, and subject to the insertion of the following clause in the advertisement, he agreed to a new appointment being made at that time:-

"The person appointed shall, if at any time he is so required, undertake the collection of Poor Rate in the Urban District at such remuneration as the Corporation, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, shall fix."

After some discussion, this clause was agreed to at a meeting of the Corporation held on the 3rd June, 1935.

Some members held that a new appointment should be made in lieu of the late Mr. O'Donohoe, while others held the view that there should be amalgamation in accordance with the decision of June, 1935, and in reply to a query as to whether or not the Minister's instruction was binding, the Town Clerk replied that it was binding inasmuch as the Minister had to sanction the appointment if they decided to appoint a new collector. If, on the other hand, there was no alteration of the previous decision to amalgamate, the Corporation would have to come to some arrangement in regard to the remuneration of Mr. Curran, Town Rate Collector, and the Minister would have to sanction that. He further intimated that the resolution of June, 1935, referred to, would have to be rescinded if it was the feeling of the Corporation that another collector should be appointed.

In reply to a query by members as to the remuneration at present payable for the collection of the rates, the Town Clerk gave the approximate amount, but intimated that if amalgamation took place, there would be an alteration in the rate of poundage, and Mr. Curran would not be paid the present rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on both Town and Poor Rates.

After some discussion, the Town Clerk stated the position was that



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if it was the feeling of the meeting that a second collector should be appointed, it would be necessary for someone to give notice of motion to rescind the resolution of June, 1935. If, on the other hand, it was felt that the amalgamation suggested by the Minister should take place, there would have to be a proposal in regard to remuneration.

Thereupon Councillor Gaul gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the resolution of June, 1935, favouring amalgamation of the two posts, be rescinded; and Alderman Coffey intimated that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the two offices be amalgamated at a remuneration to be fixed.

#### BUILDING PLOTS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to Minutes of 2nd November, 1936, when it was decided to rent two plots of ground at Maudlintown for the erection of approved buildings at a rent of 30/- each per annum for a period of 100 years, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 10th ultimo, by letter No. H.31234, stated that he would be prepared to approve of the proposal to lease the two plots to private persons for the erection of approved buildings. He considered, however, that the rent proposed was inadequate and that the Corporation should advertise the plots, inviting tenders for sale or letting.

Alderman Coffey thereupon proposed that the two plots be advertised for letting for 100 years to the highest bidders. Councillor McMahon seconded.

Councillor Moran, however, proposed that the two plots be advertised for sale out and out to the highest bidders, and Councillor Gaul seconded.

Councillor Moran's amendment on being put to the meeting was declared lost by nine votes against to six for, and Alderman Coffey's motion that the two plots be let was declared carried.

#### WAGES OF RESERVOIR CARETAKER.

The Finance Committee recommended that the wages of James McMahon,



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Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir, be increased by 2/6 per week to 30/- per week as from the 3rd instant.

The matter arose out of an application on McMahon's behalf from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, who pointed out that his duties had increased through the installation of a Chlorination Plant at the Reservoir, and the Borough Surveyor had informed the Committee that the Caretaker had to look after this Plant and regulate the supply of Chlorine. He (Borough Surveyor) stated that McMahon handled the machine in an excellent manner, and gave every satisfaction in his duties.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, under date of the 29th ultimo, intimated that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held on the 14th and 15th September next, and invited the Corporation to nominate delegates to attend. The Town Clerk explained that in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Conferences Order, notice of intention to appoint delegates would have to be given to each member, and Councillor Cashman intimated that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that delegates be appointed to attend the Conference.

#### TECHNICAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

A motion in the name of Councillor Connolly that the decision of the Finance and Works Committee on 24th ultimo, to resurface the playground of the Technical School at the expense of the Vocational Education Committee, be rescinded, was adjourned until next meeting at the request of the Councillor himself.

#### AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF HEALTH RE WATER.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation an Agreement, in duplicate, between the Corporation and the County Wexford Board of Health regarding the supply of water to the County Hospital,



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and on the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor McGuire, the Agreement was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

#### LOCAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT.

There was also submitted a Local Contribution Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association, whereby the Corporation agreed to contribute in the Financial Year 1937/38 the sum of £10. to the funds of the Association, and on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Murphy, this Agreement was also executed on the part of the Corporation.

#### RESOLUTION RE DIRECT LABOUR.

The following resolution submitted by the Dublin Trades Union Council was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"That this meeting believing that the most economical and expeditious means of building is by direct labour, approves of the proposal of the Dublin Corporation to build houses for the workers by direct labour. Further, we believe that a satisfactory solution of the problem of housing the many thousands of our fellow workers and those denied the right to work can best be attained by way of houses built by the workers for the workers without the intervention of of the profit monger."

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, together with Regulations made thereunder by the Ministers for Local Government and Agriculture.

The Act dealt with the humane slaughter of animals, and would come into operation on 3rd August next.

The Act provides, inter alia, that on and from August 3rd all cattle, sheep, goats, horses, asses, and mules shall only be slaughtered by means of approved instruments by persons duly licensed by the Sanitary Authority.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had already issued a public advertisement informing all persons engaged in the slaughter of animals when the Act would come into force and the main provisions thereof.



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## SAMPLING OFFICERS.

It was agreed that the two Veterinary Surgeons employed by the Corporation, namely, Messrs. Francis Staples and Michael Finucane, be appointed Milk Sampling Officers for the purposes of the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

## FAIRS.

In reply to Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk explained that the date for the next Fair in Wexford had been changed from Tuesday, June 29th to Wednesday, June 30th, as the 29th was a Catholic Holiday. Arising out of this matter, complaint was made regarding the condition of Hill Street after the last Fair.

The Town Clerk said that he had received a couple of complaints from the residents and had made enquiries from the Foreman, who informed him that the May Fair was an exceptionally large one, and the place was cleaned as quickly and as well as the workmen could do it.

Some members suggested that railings should be placed in front of the houses in Hill Street in order to protect them from animals, but the Town Clerk objected on the grounds that the Corporation had no authority to expend money in protecting private property. They could, if they wished, erect railings to protect their own houses there.

A further suggestion that the Fair be held at Windmills Hill, where there were no houses, was made as a solution of the problem, but eventually it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to make a report to the next meeting on the cost of erecting railings, and on the cost of raising the wall in front of some of the Croke Avenue Houses facing Hill Street.

## TRESPASS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Councillor Sinnott complained of trespass of horses at Maudlintown and stated he would like a warning to be given, and the Town Clerk reported he had written to four persons that day, who, it had been reported to him, were allowing animals to trespass there.



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## LANE AT STONEBRIDGE.

Councillor Billington referred to an order recently made to have a lane at Stonebridge cleaned up, and asked why it had not been done. The Town Clerk replied that the Borough Surveyor had given instructions to the Foreman to have the lane cleaned, but had been informed by him that never since he came to work with the Corporation had they cleaned it. The Sub Sanitary Officer, he understood, also informed the Surveyor that years ago, before he was employed by the Corporation, he had been paid by the Harbour Commissioners for cleaning that lane. In view of these reports the Surveyor considered that the lane was the property of the Harbour Commissioners, and did not proceed with the cleaning pending further instructions from the Corporation. After some discussion in regard to responsibility for the lane, it was decided that the matter was too small to argue about, and apart from who was responsible, the Corporation were the Sanitary Authority, so it was decided to have the lane cleaned.

## COMPENSATION FOR JAMES O'LEARY, HILL STREET.

Councillor Connolly referred to the question of the payment of compensation to James O'Leary of Croke Avenue, Hill Street, for the loss of a garden consequent on the demolition of a house occupied by him at Hill Street.

In this case, the Corporation had decided to pay compensation, but the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had refused to sanction such a payment.

Councillor Connolly now urged that if a strong case were put before the Minister, there would be some chance of him altering his decision. The Town Clerk pointed out that this matter had been submitted to the Department on several occasions and had been turned down, and he did not think that there was much use in sending it up again. In addition, His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Flusk had personally interviewed the Minister on this matter whilst he was in Wexford last Summer. The Minister had taken notes of the case and went into



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the matter when he returned to his Department, but subsequently intimated that he could not alter his previous decision - that he had no power to give sanction in the matter.

It was decided to again communicate with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in reference to this question of compensation.

*A. Curran YD*  
*mayor*

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Martin (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Billington, James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, James Murphy, James Sinnott, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, and Phillip McGuire.

#### DUMPING.

A letter was read from Messrs. Statham's, Ltd., Westgate, complaining of the dumping of rubbish in Katt's Strand Lane, and it was decided to have a Notice erected in the Lane warning persons against dumping rubbish therein.

With reference to a decision at a recent meeting of the Council regarding dumping of rubbish at Redmond Road, Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Builders, who owned the ground on which the rubbish was being dumped, intimated that they were having the place cleaned up, and would have any person found dumping rubbish there in the future prosecuted.

#### REFUND OF RATES.

An application from a man named Thomas Roche, of Talbot Street, for a refund of rates on a house which was vacant during the year 1936/37, was submitted. The Town Clerk reported that he had referred the



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application to Rate Collector Curran, who informed him the premises were vacant for the period stated, and so it was unanimously decided to refund the amount paid.

#### FIVE-ROOM HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to erect fourteen five-roomed houses at Maudlintown, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo, by letter No.H.44872, requested to be furnished with information as to the necessity for the houses and also what rent it was proposed to charge.

The Town Clerk submitted a draft reply to this communication, which stated that there was a considerable demand for this type of house at a reasonable rent. The number of such houses erected in Wexford in recent years was extremely small in relation to the demand, and for the few which had been erected rents up to 25/- per week were charged by private landlords.

As regards the rent to be charged, the Town Clerk suggested that this depended entirely on the subsidy which might be given by the Minister; if a subsidy of two-thirds of the Loan Charges on £300 were paid, the houses could be let at approximately 12/6 each per week, or they could perhaps be sold on the tenant-purchase system.

The reply, as suggested by the Town Clerk, was unanimously approved of, on the motion of Alderman Flask, seconded by Councillor Moran.

#### ERECTION OF WALL AT QUAY.

Under date of the 1st instant, the Wexford Harbour Commissioners intimated that an application had been received from the Railway Company for permission to erect a wall between the Old Bridge and the Morgue on the Quay with a view to protecting the Permanent Way and also as a means of preventing the sea from washing over the roadway into Monck Street.

Before the Commissioners consented, they asked to be favoured with the views of the Corporation on the proposal, and it was decided to refer the communication to the Borough Surveyor for a report.



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## TENDERS FOR NEW TOWN HALL.

With reference to the decision of the Corporation rescinding the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. E. Stone & Sons, Ltd., and accepting that of Messrs. E. & W. Dempsey, Ltd. for the erection of a new Town Hall, the former firm, under date of the 1st instant, made objection to the acceptance of Messrs. Dempsey's tender on the ground that the same had been altered after it had been opened. The Firm intimated that a copy of the letter had been sent to the Department of Local Government.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this communication, he had sent a copy of it to the Architect for his observations, who replied that he had already been informed by the Local Government Department of this letter, and suggested that for the moment it be noted and acknowledged until he heard further from the Department on the matter.

The suggestion of the Architect was agreed to.

## SHOP AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to the application of Mr. Patrick Whitmore, Whitemill, for permission to erect a shop there, the Borough Surveyor objected on the grounds that, as it was the tendency to develop the Whitemill area as a Working Class district, the erection of this store would interfere with further development.

After some discussion, the following were appointed a Committee to inspect the site and consult with Mr. Whitmore on Thursday, 10th instant, at 8.0. p.m., namely, Alderman Cullimore, Councillors Gaul and Atkins.

## WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME.

The Borough Surveyor reported that work on the Whitemill Housing Scheme by the contractors, Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, commenced on the 25th instant, and a fair amount of preparation work had been carried out. At present there were 25 labourers, 2 nippers, 1 watchman, 2 carpenters, and 5 carters on the site, and the progress was satisfactory.



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In this connection, a letter was read from the Trades Council stating they understood it was proposed to have the joinery for this scheme made in Waterford and assembled in Wexford, and asked to be favoured with the views of the Corporation on this matter, as they understood there was a clause in the Contract that all work should be done locally.

It was decided to send a copy of this letter to the Contractors for their observations.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected Dunne's Lane (off John Street) and found that Mrs. Matthew Murphy was dumping filth and ashes over her wall into the lane causing a nuisance, and recommended that she be compelled to use her ashpit, and prevented from dumping rubbish into the lane.

It was decided to serve notice on Mrs. Murphy requiring her to have the filth and ashes removed within seven days from the lane, and to refrain from further dumping of rubbish therein.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a report was submitted from the Meat Inspector, relative to the working of the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, which report it was decided to forward to the Minister for Agriculture, the Minister under date of the 5th instant, by letter No. L.592, stated that as the Veterinary Inspector of the Corporation found it difficult to discharge the duties in question, the Department would be prepared to make alternative arrangements which would necessitate the appointment of an officer employed directly by the Department, and would discontinue the arrangement already existing between the Department and the Corporation.

In the circumstances, the Minister would be glad to be favoured with the further observations of the Corporation on the matter.

It was decided to refer this whole matter to the Special Rates Committee for consideration.

*R. Corish 41*  
*mayor.*



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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: John Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and Phillip McGuire.

#### RESERVOIR.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor intimated that the level of the water in the reservoir was down thirty inches, and that instead of shutting off the supply at night he was cutting down the pressure which he considered a more effective means of dealing with it.

#### LANE AT STONEBRIDGE.

A question regarding the responsibility for a lane at Stonebridge was adjourned for a report from the Town Clerk.

#### LANES LEADING FROM QUAYS.

Queries were raised regarding the condition of two laneways leading from the Main Street to the Quays, adjoining the premises of the L. & N. Tea Company and Mr. Nicholas Hore, and the Sub Sanitary Officer was to be asked for a report on their condition.

#### LICENCE FOR THEATRE ROYAL.

An application was submitted from a Mr. S. Carroll, of 25 Avoca Road, Dublin, for a Licence in respect of the Theatre Royal, Wexford, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and the Borough Surveyor having intimated that the premises were in a satisfactory condition, it was decided to recommend the Corporation to grant the Licence at next Statutory Meeting, and in the meantime, pending the preparation and execution of the Licence, Mr. Carroll was to be allowed to use the premises for Cinematograph exhibitions.

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## CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

Under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. 98/10, the Minister for Justice intimated that he proposed to issue instructions to the Garda Siochana to prosecute in future for any offences which they detected under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and requested to be informed if the Corporation, as the Licensing Authority for the Borough, was prepared to arrange to have a copy of each Licence supplied to the Superintendent of the Gardaí, and it was unanimously decided to agree to the Minister's request.

## WHITEMILL HOUSES.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Contract with Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton of Waterford for the erection of 62 houses at Whitemill, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the Document and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

## QUARTERLY MEETING.

Reference was made to the date of the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation which had been fixed some months ago to be held on Monday next, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m., and it was pointed out that in view of the fact that a General Election would be held on the following Thursday, and as well, Monday being the eve of a Catholic Holiday, it would be a most unsuitable date for this meeting, and it was unanimously agreed that the meeting should be allowed to lapse, and be convened by the Town Clerk, under Section 11 of the Local Elections Act, 1927, for Monday, July 5th.

At this stage Councillor Martin took the Chair.

## BOND FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Building Contractors, Waterford, made application to have the amount of their Bond for the erection of 62 houses at Whitemill reduced, and the matter was referred to the Town Clerk for a report.

## JOINERY WORK, WHITEMILL.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from



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the Wexford Trades Council on the subject of the joinery work at Whitemill, and had been referred to Messrs. Hamilton for their observations, they replied, under date of the 14th instant, that the work was being carried out according to their contract.

After some discussion, it was decided to ask Messrs. Hamilton where the mortising and tenoning of the materials was to be done.

#### MAUDLINTOWN BUILDING PLOTS.

One application was submitted for a building plot at Maudlintown. This was from Mr. Peter Rutledge of Batt Street, who offered the yearly rent of £3. for the plot, on which he proposed to build a dwelling-house, and on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation at next Statutory Meeting to accept Mr. Rutledge's offer.

#### ALLOTMENTS.

Four tenders were submitted for the supply of "Soltosan" spraying material for the unemployed allotments, and that of the Wexford Timber Company, being the lowest of the four, was accepted.

#### COAT AND BOOTS FOR CARETAKER OF RESERVOIR.

It was decided to accede to the request of the Caretaker of the Reservoir for a pair of waders and a waterproof coat.

#### HOUSE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Attention was called to the fact that a house at South Main Street formerly in the occupation of John Furlong and the subject of a Demolition Order under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, was in a dangerous condition. It appeared that the owners had commenced the work of Demolition but had not completed it, and as the building now stood it was positively dangerous to the public, and the Town Clerk was directed to get intouch with the owners immediately and if he could not receive an undertaking to have it demolished forthwith to instruct the Corporation workmen to carry out the demolition.

A further question was raised regarding the condition of the archway at Hogan's forge, South Main Street, and the attention of the owners



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was to be drawn thereto.

#### DAMAGE TO MOTOR CAR.

A letter from Mr. James J. Whelan, Jr., Bullring, Wexford, claiming the sum of £10. for damage to his motor car through the falling of a slate from the roof of the New Market Buildings at Common Quay Street, was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to ascertain if the Corporation had any legal liability.

#### RELIEF GRANTS.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Relief Grants for 1937/38 had been notified to the amount of £3640 and for 1938/39, £2184. He further intimated that he had referred the matter to the Borough Surveyor to prepare schemes for submission to the Corporation, and the attention of the Surveyor was directed to the following streets, which it was thought should be included:- The Folly, Barrack Street, and Fishers' Row.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

It was reported that an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court Judge refusing compensation for alleged malicious damage to a motor car to Mr. T. Boggan, would shortly appear in the list for appeals in Dublin, and the Corporation Solicitor enquired if the Corporation would instruct Senior as well as Junior Counsel, but on the recommendation of the Town Clerk the Meeting decided that Junior Counsel would be sufficient.

#### ROAD AT MAUDLINTOWN.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would be in a position shortly to complete the road at Mr. Scallan's end of the Maudlintown Housing Site.

#### ERECTION OF HOUSES ETC.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Minister for Local Government regarding the proposal of the Corporation to erect a Fire Station and Bungalows at Davitt Road, North, and fourteen five-roomed houses at Maudlintown.



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## HOUSE AT GIBSON STREET.

It was reported that some time ago a Demolition Order had been made in respect of a house at Gibson Street, occupied by a man named Martin Stafford, who, in reality, was only sub-tenant to a man named Hogan, and the mistake arose through Hogan being in hospital at the time the house was inspected. The landlord was now prepared to demolish the dwelling, and alternative accommodation had to be provided for Hogan, so it was unanimously decided that he be given a house at Maudlintown.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

A quotation from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd. for the supply of Fire Extinguishers for the Town Hall and Trinity Street Store was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report as to what Fire Fighting equipment was required for these buildings.

## CARETAKER'S WAGES AT BATHING PLACE.

An application on behalf of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place for a wage of £2. 7. 0. per week instead of his present wage of £2. was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to ascertain if a statement by a couple of the members, that the wages of a former Caretaker had been reduced from £2. 10. 0. to £2., were correct.

## SHOP AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a Committee had been appointed to inspect a site at Whitemill, in respect of which an application to erect a shop was submitted from Mr. Patrick Whitmore, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Committee had met Mr. Whitmore on the site, and as a result of their conversation, certain alterations were proposed in the structure which he was at present discussing with Mr. Whitmore, so the matter was adjourned until Mr. Whitmore and the Surveyor had come to an agreement on the type of building to be erected.

## FLOODING AT HANTOON ROAD.

Complaints from the tenants of Hantoon Road regarding the flooding of their front gardens were read. These had already been submitted



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to the Borough Surveyor, who reported that owing to the nature of the ground it was very difficult to eliminate this, and suggested that concrete paths be laid to the houses, which would provide a dry footing to the tenants and their families in wet weather. It was agreed to carry out the Surveyor's suggestion.

## COMPLAINT RE SCAVENGER.

Councillor McGuire complained of a remark made by one of the scavengers named Thomas whilst passing through the street on a recent occasion, and it was decided to demand a written apology.

## PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER.

The Town Clerk was authorised to purchase a new typewriter for the office as the machine at present in use was not able for the amount of work being carried out.

## TRESPASS.

A complaint regarding the trespass of goats in St. Patrick's Churchyard was referred to the Town Sergeant for a report, and the Town Clerk was requested to expedite the provision of dust bins for the Croke Avenue Houses.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of May showed that he had examined 115 cattle, 266 sheep, and 56 swine.

Of the cattle, four heads and eight organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and ten for other diseases.

Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, two fore-quarters, one head, and one organ were condemned for Tuberculosis.

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, under date of the 16th instant, intimated that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Fenlon, tenant to Mr. John Lett, Sr. of Batt Street, regarding the condition of the house occupied by him at Batt Street, and requested the Town Clerk to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor thereon, as according to the instructions given to them they had no doubt that the Corporation would make a Demolition Order in respect of the dwelling.



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The Town Clerk produced reports made by the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor in April and May, 1936, when both the officers condemned this house as unfit for human habitation.

He further explained that this house had been included in the original Batt Street Clearance Order last year, but that subsequently a resolution had been passed by the Corporation purporting to exclude it from the terms of the Order, as a result of which, inter alia, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had refused to confirm the Order and directed that the Corporation make Demolition Orders in respect of houses they considered unfit.

When these Demolition Orders were being made, this house had not been included amongst them, and it was apparent from the reports that the house was not only unfit for human habitation, but was actually dangerous to the occupants.

After some discussion, it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing the time and place, under Section 23 of the Act of 1931, for the receipt of any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling.

#### SLAUGHTERING LICENCE.

An application from Mr. John Scott of the Wexford Meat Supply Company for a Slaughter Licence under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, was submitted, and as the members were aware that Mr. Scott was a fully qualified butcher who had been practising his trade in the Factory for a number of years, it was unanimously decided to grant the Licence.

#### SALE OF MILK.

The County Medical Officer of Health intimated that the following premises had been inspected by the Veterinary Surgeon, and reported on as suitable for the sale of milk, namely, James Murphy, 92, South Main Street; Dora O'Leary and Ellen Doyle, Cornmarket; Agnes Lowe, The Faythe; and Mrs. E. F. McCarthy, Selskar Street, and it was unanimously decided to register the premises of these five persons in the Register of Dairymen.

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*mayor.*



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A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall at half-past seven o'clock p.m. in accordance with the Provisions of Section 11 (2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James McMahon, Michael Martin, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, John Billington, and Nicholas Connolly.

This meeting had been originally fixed for Monday, June 28th, but at a meeting of the Finance Committee (which is composed of the entire Corporation) held on the 21st ultimo reference was made to the unsuitability of the date. It was pointed out that it was the eve of a Catholic Holyday and that business-men would be unable to leave their business, and, as well, that a General Election would be held on the following Thursday. The meeting unanimously agreed that the date fixed was most unsuitable, and that the Quarterly Meeting should be allowed to lapse on the 28th June and be convened by the Town Clerk under Section 11 (2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, for Monday, July 5th.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meeting of Corporation on 7th ultimo were taken as read, and were signed; and Minutes of Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 7th and 21st ultimo were approved, and signed.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business was the election of a Mayor, who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1938.

As was the practice for a number of years past, Alderman Corish, the

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outgoing Mayor, vacated the Chair, and requested Alderman Flusk, who was second Senior Alderman, to preside during the election.

Alderman Flusk replied that on this occasion he was sorry he could not accept the Chairmanship of the meeting as a protest against the action of Alderman Corish in the recent General Election and the lying propaganda that was used. He was sent there to represent the Fianna Fail people of the town, and he thought he would be lacking in his duty as an Irishman to even accept nominations for the Mayoralty. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the outgoing Mayor should occupy the Chair, but, being a candidate for the office for a number of years past, it had been the practice for him not to occupy the Chair during the election. The only person who had a specific right to sit in the Chair was the Mayor; in his absence the Corporation could appoint any Chairman they choose.

In reply to Alderman Flusk, who said he had been asked the question that day, the Town Clerk replied that if, for any reason, the Quarterly Meeting was not held on the day fixed by Statute it was open to the Town Clerk to convene a meeting on any suitable date, and if the Alderman would note the phraseology of the summons to the meeting he would see that it was convened in accordance with the Section of the Local Elections Act, 1927, which gave this power to the Town Clerk. Thereupon Councillor McMahon moved that Councillor Martin take the Chair, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

On a vote being taken, eleven members voted for the proposition that Councillor Martin take the Chair, and the remaining members did not vote.

Councillor Martin thereupon occupied the Chair, and invited nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected for the eighteenth successive year to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st July, 1938, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.



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The motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh.

Councillor James Billington said that he intended to vote for the re-election of Alderman Corish, but before doing so would ask the Mayor to take an early opportunity of reviewing the cost of scavenging in the town, which, he believed, a considerable saving could be made on if certain recommendations made by the Borough Surveyor were carried out.

Councillor Connolly thought that Alderman Corish had been in office for too long, and that there were other members of the Council who would be able to fill the office quite as well.

As there was no other nomination the Chairman declared Alderman Corish re-elected, and having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporation's (Ireland) Act, 1840, Alderman Corish re-occupied the Chair.

In returning thanks for his re-election, Alderman Corish said that he was sorry the Fianna Fail Party had taken up the attitude they did. He did not want to deal there with anything that had happened at the General Election, as there was a time and place for that kind of thing. Continuing, Alderman Corish said he was perfectly satisfied that the members were not prepared to listen to a long speech as they had had enough of that during the past three weeks.

He had always had the co-operation of the members, which he appreciated and hoped he would have it for the next twelve months.

In conclusion, he thanked the officials for their loyal co-operation during the past year, and hoped that any little differences they had had between the members on that night would disappear, and that all would work in the interests of the town generally.

#### SYMPATHY.

Before proceeding further with the business of the meeting, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Michael J. O'Connor, who had been their legal adviser for the past forty-one years.

Mr. O'Connor, he said, was one of the most familiar figures in the



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town and Wexford was the poorer for his passing. He was known not alone in his native town, but all over the world.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1938, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk Alderman Coffey proposed that they be fixed for Monday, October 4th, 1937; Monday, January 3rd, 1938; and Monday, April 4th, 1938.

Councillor James Billington seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the existing Committees were unanimously re-elected. They were as follows:-

FINANCE AND WORKS, WATERWORKS, AND OLD AGE PENSIONS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES, of the entire Council; the latter Committee being empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

HOUSING COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dunne, James Billington, Hayes, Buckland, and John Billington, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Aldermen Tobin, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Buckland, Doyle, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor, with Councillor Hayes.

SCHOOL MEALS COMMITTEE: Councillors Crosbie, Connolly, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTaminey, Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Hayes, James Billington, Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.



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At the request of Councillor McMahon, the Town Clerk was asked to arrange that meetings of the Old Age Pensions Committee would not be held on any night on which there was an ordinary or Special meeting of the Corporation.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2907. 19. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of a payment to the North End Garage for repairs to a Concrete Mixer, the Town Clerk was asked to submit a scheme to next meeting for the distribution of such work amongst all the Garages in the town.

#### COMPENSATION.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a question was raised regarding the payment of compensation to a Mr. James O'Leary of Hill Street for the loss of a garden formerly occupied by him, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated under date of the 25th ultimo, by letter No. H.50684, that as already pointed out in previous correspondence, he had no power to authorise payment of compensation in this case.

After some discussion, the Mayor was requested to personally interview the Minister for Local Government on this matter.

#### LOCAL ELECTIONS ACT.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Local Elections Act, 1937, which postponed the holding of Local Elections to a day to be appointed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, not later than 30th September, 1940.

In this connection, Councillor McMahon said it was not fair for the Government to postpone these elections as he for one would rather have gone before the Electorate. At the present time, he held, the members of the Corporation did not represent anybody.



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## APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Cashman moved that two delegates be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held on the 14th and 15th September next.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to. The selection of delegates was then proceeded with, and Alderman Coffey proposed that Councillor James Billington be one of them. Councillor McGuire seconded.

Alderman Cullimore proposed Councillor Moran, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Cashman proposed that the Mayor be a delegate, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor James Billington, however, withdrew his name, and Councillor Moran and His Worship the Mayor were declared elected, and it was agreed that if either or both of the two gentlemen happened to be elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, he or they be authorised to attend the number of meetings of this Committee in respect of which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the payment of expenses under the Local Conferences Order.

## POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Gaul moved that the resolution of 3rd June, 1935, agreeing to the amalgamation of the posts of Town and Poor Rate Collectors in accordance with a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 28th May, 1935, No. G.85464, be rescinded.

Councillor McMahon seconded.

In moving the motion, Councillor Gaul stated his reasons for doing so were (1) that he believed there was a living for two people in the posts; and (2) if amalgamation took place there would be a reduction in the rate of remuneration.

Councillor Cashman, who was the mover of the motion in June, 1935, that



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amalgamation should take place at a future date, said he had in mind at the time that if one man were appointed to collect all the rates, he would require an assistant, but it was pointed out to Councillor Cashman that the Corporation would have no power to insist on the Collector having an assistant, as if they did it would be very difficult to hold the collector responsible for the collection. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that on the present basis the remuneration of the two collectors amounted to approximately £460 a year, and if the remuneration were reduced to fourpence in the pound it would amount to approximately £330 including the Franchise Fees.

The Mayor, however, moved, as an amendment to Councillor Gaul's motion, the following resolution:-

"That in view of the large number of young men seeking employment at the moment We request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider the attitude taken up by him when Mr. Curran was appointed Town Rate Collector, to permit of the Corporation making a new appointment for the collection of Poor Rate in Wexford."

Councillor Martin seconded the amendment, and on a show of hands it was declared carried by ten votes for to eight against.

The Town Clerk was then directed to submit the resolution to the Minister for Local Government without delay, and to request him to be so good as to treat it as one of urgency.

Alderman Coffey then agreed to adjourn a motion standing in his name to the effect that amalgamation of these posts agreed to on 23rd June, 1935, be now put into operation by combining the vacant post of Poor Rate Collector with that of Town Rate Collector, ~~the~~ *at a* remuneration to be fixed.

#### TECHNICAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that a resolution of the Finance and Works Committee of 24th May last, agreeing to resurface the playground of the Technical School, be



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rescinded.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that at the meeting of the Committee referred to the Vocational Education Committee had asked the Corporation to have their playground covered with tar macadam, and intimated that they would reimburse the Corporation the cost. In moving his motion, Councillor Connolly said that he gave notice on the grounds that the Borough Surveyor would have to superintend this work, and he held that he (Borough Surveyor) had sufficient work to do for the Corporation without going outside it.

At this stage it was explained that it was a condition of the appointment of the Borough Surveyor that he carry out any work necessary for Committees of the Corporation.

Councillor Connolly failed to see why, if the Technical School wanted the work done, they could not employ someone else to do it. He thought that at the last meeting of the Committee other works were discussed, and that the Chief Executive Officer said he was going to have it done by the students.

After some further discussion the Mayor said that if Councillor Connolly's motion were carried it would not alter the fact that the Borough Surveyor would have to go to the Technical School if called upon, as it was in the terms of his appointment.

Councillor Atkins seconded Councillor Connolly's motion.

Alderman Flusk then proposed that men on the Waiting List for employment by the Corporation be given the job of resurfacing the playground under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor Connolly thereupon withdrew his motion in favour of that proposed by Alderman Flusk, and the latter's proposition was adopted.

#### PAYMENT OF PREMIUM.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Walsh moved that the Corporation refund for the current year and future years the premium paid by Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk.



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In moving this motion, Alderman Walsh stated that it was hardly fair to ask this young man, with a comparatively small salary, to pay this premium, and, as well, he understood that the Wexford County Council had recently agreed to pay the premiums on the Bonds of their Rate Collectors.

The Mayor seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

The Finance Committee recommended that a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be granted to a Mr. S. Carroll of 25 Avoca Road, Dublin, in respect of premises known as the "Theatre Royal" High Street, Wexford.

Councillor Gaul proposed the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and unanimously agreed to; the Town Clerk being asked to request the owner to see that suitable films of an innocuous character were only shown at Children's Matinees.

#### BUILDING PLOT AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Finance Committee further recommended that the offer of Mr. Peter Rutledge, of Batt Street, of £3. per year for a plot of ground at Maudlintown be accepted.

It was explained that in connection with the erection of working class houses at Maudlintown, there were two plots of ground available, but owing to the nature of the ground it was not considered economical for the Corporation to build on them, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 10th May last, by letter No. H.31234, intimated that he was prepared to approve of the proposal to lease the two plots provided tenders were invited by public advertisement for sale or letting.

It had been decided to advertise the plots for letting, and only one application had been received.

Thereupon Councillor Crosbie proposed that the offer of Mr. Rutledge be accepted at £3. per year for a lease of the plot for a term of 100 years, on which to erect a building to be approved of by the Corporation.



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Corporation.

Councillor Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

#### CLERK OF WORKS, WHITEMILL.

The next business was to consider applications for the post of Clerk of Works on the erection of sixty-two working class houses at Whitemill Road at a salary of £5. 5. 0. per week.

The Town Clerk reported that the position had been advertised in the local and Dublin newspapers, and that fourteen applications had been received.

In accordance with the regulations laid down by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the appointment of Clerks of Works, he had referred the file of applications to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

Of the fourteen applications, Mr. McNally now recommended that Messrs. T. M. O'Connor, 2 Annesley Road, Dublin; U. Levin, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.I., 20 Grove Park, Rathmines, Dublin; W.J. Molloy, B.E. B.Sc., 29 Curzon Street, Dublin; and T. J. Millar, Town Hall, Wexford, as suitable persons for the post.

A number of members asked that the references submitted by Mr. William Hanrahan from two former Borough Surveyors under whom he had worked as Foreman in Charge of Building Schemes for the Corporation, be read, in view of a remark made by the Borough Surveyor at a recent meeting that he did not consider Mr. Hanrahan would be competent for the job of Clerk of Works.

It was agreed, however, to leave over the question of references until the Corporation had arrived at a decision on the applicants. In reply to a suggestion that he should state how he arrived at his decision in regard to the four applicants recommended, the Borough Surveyor said that he was responsible only to the Minister to answer for that, but the Mayor replied that he must answer the Corporation also.

Much disappointment was expressed by members that none of the three



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local tradesmen, whom the members asserted had considerable experience of building work, were included in those recommended by the Borough Surveyor, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk said that if any appointment were made that night it should be made from amongst the four applicants recommended by the Surveyor.

The Mayor then asked the Town Clerk what would the position of the Corporation be if they felt that the Surveyor was acting unfairly; but he (Mayor) definitely made it clear that he did not suggest the Surveyor was acting unfairly in the present case.

In reply, the Town Clerk stated that if the Corporation felt he was not acting fairly, he suggested that all the applications be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for him to decide if any other person was competent in addition to the four recommended.

After some discussion, Councillor Moran proposed that Mr. Thomas J. Millar, who was one of the four recommended by the Surveyor, be appointed, and Councillor Dunne seconded.

In reply to a query by Councillor Billington, the Borough Surveyor stated that the Clerk of Works could not leave the job without his permission and he (Surveyor) would take his place while absent.

Alderman Flusk proposed that the four names recommended by the Surveyor be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for him to make a selection, but withdrew the proposition afterwards in favour of Councillor Moran's, that Mr. Millar be appointed.

Councillor Crosbie proposed that Mr. William Hanrahan be appointed, and Councillor McMahon seconded, but the Mayor ruled that he could not accept this proposition as Mr. Hanrahan's name was not amongst those recommended by the Surveyor.

The Mayor then moved as an amendment to Councillor Moran's motion that

"As we are of the opinion that the names of William Hanrahan, William McGrath, and John Doyle should be included in the



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list of those recommended by the Borough Surveyor as they are sufficiently qualified, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 3 of the letter of 3rd January, 1936 (Circ. S. 5/36) we refuse to vote on the recommendation of the Surveyor until the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has perused the applications."

The amendment was seconded by Alderman Coffey, and on a show of hands was declared carried by twelve votes for to six against.

#### GRIPE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed conveying a gripe at Maudlintown from the Great Southern Railways to the Corporation for the sum of One Shilling, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Corporate Seal was affixed thereto and witnessed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James McMahon, Michael Martin, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, John Billington, and Nicholas Connolly.

#### PILOT LIGHT.

At the request of several members, the Town Clerk was asked to procure a report from an official of the Electricity Supply Board as to the best position for an All-night Pilot Light at Maudlintown.



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## POOR RATE COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION.

An application was submitted from the widow of the late William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, for a sum of £100 on foot of poundage due to him in respect of the collection of Poor Rate for 1936/7.

It was reported to the meeting that Mr. O'Donohoe's poundage for the year amounted to approximately £194, and that in December, 1936, he had been paid a sum of £50 on account, leaving £144 due.

As Mrs. O'Donohoe had some pressing liabilities to meet in connection with the illness and death of her late husband, the meeting unanimously decided to accede to her application, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

*Richard Corish*  
*Mayor*

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, James Billington, Thomas Dunne, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, and Michael Martin.

## WAGES OF CARETAKER OF BATHING PLACE.

With reference to Minutes of 21st instant, the Town Clerk reported that in April, 1928, the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place had been reduced from £2. 10. 0. to £2. per week, and after a short discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Atkins, to recommend the Corporation to increase the wages to that at present paid the ordinary labourer namely, 47/- per week, with effect as from the 8th instant.



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## WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had received a letter from Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Contractors for the Whitemill Road Housing Scheme, enclosing a copy of correspondence which had passed between themselves, the Borough Surveyor, and the Clerk of Works relative to the timber being used.

He had referred the correspondence to the Borough Surveyor for his observations, and the Surveyor had pointed out that both the Clerk of Works and himself were acting in the interests of the Corporation and he considered it both unusual and injudicious for the employer to interfere with the Architect in a matter of this kind, and the Committee unanimously decided that the matter in dispute was entirely one to be settled between the Contractors and Mr. McNally.

## MESSRS. HAMILTON'S BOND.

With reference to Minutes of meeting on 21st ultimo, when an application had been submitted by Messrs. Hamilton of Waterford for a reduction in the amount of their Bond, the Town Clerk reported that the difference between the tenders of Messrs. Hamilton and Nolan was £153, but that Mr. Nolan gave two sureties instead of a Bond and presumably did not include the cost of a Bond in the price quoted. As far as he (Town Clerk) could ascertain the rate for such a Bond was 12/6d. per cent. and on the amount of Mr. Hamilton's contract would cost approximately £130. A reduction of one-half the amount of the Bond would probably reduce Mr. Hamilton's expenditure thereon by £65, which would still leave his price the lowest submitted for the erection of the houses.

After some discussion, Councillor Moran proposed that no reduction be made in the amount. Alderman Coffey seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed that the Bond be reduced by an amount equivalent to the value of the work done to date, but there was no seconder for his motion and Councillor Moran's was accordingly declared carried.



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## CARTING TO WHITEMILL SCHEME.

A letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union relative to non-local labour being employed to cart sand and gravel to the Whitemill Scheme, was adjourned.

## FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to erect fourteen five-roomed houses at William Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked for an assurance that tenants would be forthcoming for the houses at rents of not less than 13/- per week exclusive of rates, and it was decided before giving such an assurance to advertise for persons willing to take these houses at a rent of approximately 15/- each per week.

## HOUSING ACCOMMODATION - JAMES BROWNE.

The Town Clerk read correspondence which had passed between himself and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to the application of James Browne, Grogan's Road, for housing accommodation, as a result of which the Minister enquired whether the Corporation had considered the advisability of offering Browne a new house at an economic rent in view of the fact that he was not eligible for a house as a slum dweller, but this correspondence was referred to the Housing Committee, who were to meet on Saturday next, the 17th instant, and in the meantime the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was to be asked for a copy of the representations made by Browne in this connection.

## TENDERS FOR DUST BINS.

Five tenders were submitted for the supply of dustbins from a number of local traders, and as that of the Wexford Timber at 8/1d. each was the lowest, it was unanimously decided to accept it.

## HOLIDAYS.

The Sub Sanitary Officer and Miss Lacey both applied for their annual holidays, and the applications were granted.



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## BREACH OF WATERWORKS REGULATIONS.

The Turncock reported that a branch pipe and tap had been erected over a sink in a house at South Main Street occupied by Mrs. Keating by an unauthorised plumber named Laurence Hayes, of Batt Street, and it was unanimously decided that Hayes be prosecuted for this breach of the Waterworks Regulations.

## WASTE OF WATER.

The Surveyor drew attention to the enormous waste of water in the Borough, and it was decided to issue a public notice appealing to the citizens to refrain from wasting water, and warning them that any cases of deliberate waste would be prosecuted.

## FEES ON NEW TOWN HALL.

An application was submitted from Mr. Donnelly, Architect for the new Town Hall, for a sum of £600 on account of fees, and it was decided to point out to Mr. Donnelly that up to the present the Corporation had not received the Loan for the erection of this building and were not in a position to pay the amount asked for, but as soon as possible an instalment on foot of the claim would be sent to him.

## APOLOGY.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a complaint was made regarding an expression used in the public street to Councillor McGuire by Daniel Thomas, an employee of the Corporation, Thomas replied that if he had said anything to insult any member of the Corporation he was sorry, and withdrew same. This apology was accepted.

## GRIPE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

A Deed conveying a gripe at Maudlintown from the Great Southern Railways to the Corporation was duly sealed and signed on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

## RATE COLLECTION.

It was reported that Rate Collector Curran had obtained decrees



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against a number of defaulting ratepayers, and that these had been returned by the Sheriff marked "No Goods". As Mr. Curran had entailed considerable expenditure in these prosecutions he asked to have instructions from the Corporation concerning them, and the matter was adjourned to enable a report to be made against next meeting in any other cases in which decrees had been returned by the Sheriff marked "No Goods".

#### STONEBRIDGE RIVER ETC.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make arrangements to have a number of tins, which it was stated were in the Stonebridge River, removed; and he was also asked to arrange to have Larkin's Lane, Stonebridge, resurfaced; and, as well, to have a coating of tarred stones placed on the Main Street from Rowe Street to the Bullring.

#### RELIEF SCHEMES.

It was further decided that a report as to the cost of the 1936/37 Unemployment Grants, together with the proposals of the Borough Surveyor for the expenditure of the 1937/38 and 1938/39 grants, be submitted to next meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

Reports were submitted from the Medical Officer of Health that he had inspected three houses at Ram Street occupied by James Byrne, James Gray, and Myles Phillips, and found sanitary arrangements unfit for human use. He recommended that the owner be required to provide a proper privy and ashpit or Water Closet for each house, and it was unanimously decided to serve notice on the owner requiring Water Closets to be provided within one month.

The Medical Officer further reported that he had inspected a house at John Street tenanted by David O'Neill. He found no sanitary accommodation, and sewage from the yard was oozing through the floor of hall causing a danger to public health, and he recommended that the owner be required to have a proper privy and ashpit or Water Closet provided and have same opened and cleaned.



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It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring a Water Closet to be provided within one month, and to have the shore opened and cleaned within seven days.

As requested, the Sub Sanitary Officer reported that he had inspected two lanes off the Main Street, and found nothing insanitary. The report was noted.

As requested, the Town Sergeant reported that he had visited St. Patrick's Graveyard on the 23rd ultimo and found two goats trespassing therein. There was a large hole in one of the walls, and if this were repaired it would stop all trespass.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have this breach in the wall repaired as soon as possible.

Applications for Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, were submitted from James Jones, Francis Sutton, William J. Underwood, and John Furlong, and the four applications were granted.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. M.C.50147, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded extracts from the Return Form L showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Urban Area, and requested that the necessary action be taken thereon. This communication was marked "Read".

A report was submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health on the application of Patrick O'Connor, Monck Street, for registration under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, in respect of a Milk Shop at Monck Street and a Cowshed at Trimmers Lane, and the Medical Officer recommended that the application be refused in respect of both premises.

As regards the Milk Shop, he reported that the room used for the sale of milk was also used for the sale of vegetables and communicated directly with a living room. The wallpaper and ceilings were damp and dirty. The milk vessels were dirty, and the premises could not be made suitable for the sale of clean milk.

As regards the cowshed at Trimmers Lane, he reported that the floor was



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rough and full of holes; the lighting and ventilation very bad and impossible to remedy owing to the congestion of the area. There were no proper milking cans or overalls provided for the milkers, and no attempt made to keep the milk clean.

Refusal Orders were thereupon submitted to the meeting, and in view of the reports of the County Medical Officer of Health, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Martin, to refuse registration, and the Refusal Orders were sealed on the part of the Corporation.

*Richard Cairns*  
mayor.

17th July, 1937.

A meeting of the Special Waterworks Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at three o'clock p. m.

The members present were:- The Mayor in the Chair, with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore and Councillor Thomas Hayes.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

The proposals of Mr. Delap (outlined at last meeting) regarding the improvement of the Water System were now submitted in the form of a report from Messrs. Delap & Waller, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to refer the report to the next meeting of the Corporation for consideration. In the meantime the Town Clerk was to ascertain if the sum of £400 included for scraping the 12" main included re-coating it as well.

*Richard Cairns*  
mayor



17th July, 1937.

A meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at Four o'clock p. m.

The members present were:- The Mayor in the Chair, with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, Councillors Hayes, Crosbie, John Billington, Dunne, Moran and Sinnott.

With reference to decision of 21st ultimo to serve a notice on Mr. John Lett of Batt Street, fixing a time and place for the submission of any offer with regard to the future user of a house at Batt Street in the occupation of Patrick Fenlon, a letter was submitted from Mr. Lett to the effect that he considered the house a good one which would suit a fair-size family, but that it was rather small for the present occupier who had twelve in family.

As both the M.O.H. and Borough Surveyor considered this house unfit for human habitation, and in the opinion of the members it was not possible to make it fit at a reasonable cost, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect thereof.

Reports were submitted from the C.M.O.H. on the condition of a house at Faythe occupied by Michael Sinnott, and on a house at Old Fever Hospital Grogan's Road, partly occupied by John Whitty, and it was decided to proceed for a Demolition Order in the Case of sinnott's and to refer the report of Whitty's to the Borough Surveyor for a further report.

A report from Dr. Sinnott, M.O.H. on two rooms at Oyster land occupied by Francis Murphy, was referred back to the Dr. for a report on the entire house.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of a Garden at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by a man named Kielthy, and it was decided to call his attention to the clause in the agreement he signed that he would keep the garden in a presentable state.

In view of a complaint regarding dumping at Maudlintown it was decided to have a Notice erected there warning persons found dumping rubbish that they would be prosecuted.

The following persons residing in rooms were selected as tenants for five vacant houses at Maudlintown, namely, Patrick Roche, Duke Street, John Reck, Do., Joseph Thomas Skeffington Street, James Browne, Foundry Lane, and James Mahon, Barrack Street.

*Richard Cunniff*  
Mayor



26th July, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m. The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Timothy Cashman, and Michael Martin.

It was agreed that as the August Statutory Meeting fell on a Bank Holiday to hold a Finance Meeting on Tuesday August 3rd, and to deal with other business at a Special Meeting on the 9th Idem.

The Town Sergeant applied for and was granted his usual 14 days leave.

It was reported that one of the tenants selected for a house at Maudlintown was not available and it was decided to refer the matter to the Housing Committee to select a tenant from the list of applicants in their possession.

With reference to minutes of the 21st Ultimo when a claim for £10 as compensation for the damage of a car through the falling of a slate from the new market buildings was referred to the Corporation Solicitor, the Solicitor, under date of the 24th instant stated that although the Corporation could put up a good case in law the risk of a decision would not be worth the expense involved. As well, if Mr. Whelan succeeded it might start a deluge of similar claims, and as he was prepared to accept £5 in settlement, the solicitor advised that it would be sheaper to pay this sum and be done with the matter. It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Alderman Walsh to accept the Solicitors opinion and to pay the £5 compensation.

The Solicitor reported that the appeal of Mr. M. Boggan against the decision of the Circuit Court dismissing his claim for compensation for malicious damage to a car had been heard before two judges of the High Court and had been dismissed.



Attention was called to the fact that a vacancy existed for a Solicitor through the death of the late Michael J. O'Connor, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation at next meeting to fix the terms of appointment of the incoming officer on the same basis as Mr. O'Connor held the post, namely, payment on taxed costs.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on 5th instant when the appointment of a Clerk of Works for the Whitemill Housing Scheme was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 20th idem, by letter No.H.58718, stated that as the onus of seeing that the work is properly executed rested with the Surveyor, he must be given responsibility for the selection of a Clerk of Works.

The File had been referred back to Mr. McNally who now recommended Mr. Thomas J. Millar, but as it was pointed out that Mr. Millar was Clerk of Works for the new Town Hall, Mr. McNally then recommended a Mr. W. J. Molloy, of Curzon Street, Dublin.

As this was a matter entirely for the Corporation proper and had only been raised at the request of a member further discussion was postponed until the appointment came before the Corporation at next meeting.

With reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Millar as Clerk of Works on the New Town Hall, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, underdate of the 23rd instant by letter No.S.58726, intimated that the post must be advertised in accordance with the circulars issued on the subject and an appointment made in accordance with the recommendation of the Architect. He sanctioned Mr. Millar's temporary appointment at his present rate of remuneration but stated that the remuneration for the post to be advertised should not exceed £5 - 5 - 0 per week.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Alder,an Walsh, it was unanimously agreed to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the remuneration to remain as proposed, namely £299 per annum, as in the opinion of the Committee five guineas was too small having regard to the onerous duties involved. The question of advertising the post was referred to the Corporation at next meeting.



A quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the conversion of two lights at Maudlintown into all-night pilot lights for the sum of £4-9-0 up to 31st March next was accepted on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Cashman.

It was agreed to write to the Gas Company and inquire when they proposed to instal gas at Maudlintown.

With reference to Minutes of the 21st ultimo when the question of Fire extinguishers for the Town Hall, Etc., was referred to the Borough Surveyor, Mr. McNally reported that at least three were required for the Town Hall, two for Trinity Street Store and one for each of the petrol lorries, and as these articles were on the Trades List, it was unanimously decided to procure them from the Contractors, Messrs. Minimax.

A claim for /£3 compensation for damage to linoleum through the choking of the main sewer in Fisher's Row as a result of which the drain burst up through the kitchen of Mrs. K. Murphy, was submitted from this lady. The claim had been referred to the Borough Surveyor who reported that the damage did not exceed £1 and it was decided to offer £1 in settlement without prejudice.

At the request of the Mayor who stated that as asked at meeting of the Corporation on the 5th instant, he has interviewed the Secretary of the Local Government Department relative to the payment of Compensation to James O'Leary of Hill Street, it was decided to again write to the Minister asking him to permit of the payment of the Compensation proposed.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of Decrees for rates returned marked "No Goods" was under consideration, a copy of a letter from the Co. Registrar to M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for the Rate Collector was submitted relative to Mr. Patrick Gregory. The Registrar stated that Mr. Gregory's circumstances were common knowledge and he was satisfied that a return of "Nulla Bona" would be a proper return in this case.

It was decided to instruct the Rate Collector to take whatever further steps were necessary to collect the amounts due in each case.



The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the manner in which a house at St. John's Road was being built by Mr. Samuel Yates, to see if it complied with the terms of the lease that only recognized tradesmen should be employed on its construction.

It was agreed to pay the usual bonus of five per cent. to the Town Clerk Miss. K. Lacey and Miss Francis M. Daly for their extra services in connection with the Free Milk Scheme for the year 1937/38 in the same proportion as in previous years.

*Richard Coates*  
*Mayor*

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

On the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes to register, under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, the premises of: Mrs. Johanna Keating, Bride Place; Mr. T. A. Armstrong, North Main St.; and Messrs. William Walker & Sons (Wexford) Ltd., North Main Street.

On the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, it was decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Crosbie to make a Refusal Order under the Milk and Dairies Act in respect of the application of Mrs, Bridget Doyle Cornmarket, on the following grounds: (1) The shop was used as a general vegetable store which is detrimental to the milk; (2) the shop was too small to permit a separate storing of the milk; and (3) the shop communicated directly with a living room making it impossible to keep the milk clean.

As requested the Sub-sanitary Officer reported that he had inspected the premises of the Wexford Engineering Company and Messrs. Phillip Pierce & Co., and found the sanitary arrangements satisfactory. It was decided to adjourn consideration of this report for the attendance of the S. S. O. at next meeting.

A question as to the condition of Dunn's Lane (Off John Street) in respect of which sanitary notices had been served on the 8th ultimo was adjourned for a further report from the Medical Officer of Health.

It was decided to serve notices afresh on Mr. Samuel Wetherald to provide water closet for two houses at Bride Street, Wexford, occupied by Mahony and Carty.



3rd August, 1937.

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 eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Murphy, James McMahon, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, and James Gaul.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, Alderman Flusk was moved to the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4912. 12. 1 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONER.

The only other business on the Agenda for this meeting was the appointment of a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing year.

The Town Clerk intimated to the Meeting that under the Provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, the names of Councillors Moran and Hayes had been submitted to the Secretary of the Board not less than forty-eight hours prior to the present meeting, and these names had been transmitted to him by the Secretary.

Councillor Crosbie proposed that Councillor Hayes be appointed, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor Dunne proposed that Councillor Moran be appointed, and Councillor James Billington seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Councillor Hayes: Councillors Cashman, Crosbie, McMahon, and

Alderman Walsh----- 4.



For Councillor Moran: Councillors Connolly, James Billington,  
Murphy, Dunne, Aldermen Cullimore and  
Flusk----- 6.

Declined to Vote: Councillors Hayes, Moran, and Gaul----- 3.

Councillor Moran was thereupon declared elected, and returned  
thanks to the members.

*Richard Corish*  
*Mayor.*

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, Nicholas  
Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie,  
James Murphy, James Billington, James Gaul, Michael  
Martin, and Thomas Dunne.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh,  
the minutes of meetings of Corporation on 5th ultimo and 3rd instant  
were taken as having been read and were signed; and Minutes of the  
Finance, Etc. Committees on 5th, 12th, and 26th ultimo; Special  
Waterworks Committee on 17th ultimo; and Housing Committee on 17th  
ultimo were approved and signed.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of the late Michael J. O'Connor acknowledged, with  
thanks, the vote of sympathy passed with them on the 5th ultimo.

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR WHITEMILL SCHEME.

With reference to Minutes of meeting on 5th ultimo, when the question  
of the appointment of a Clerk of Works for the Sixty-two house

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scheme at Whitemill was adjourned to enable the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to peruse the applications for the post, the Minister under date of the 20th ultimo, by letter No. H.58718, intimated that as the onus of seeing that the work was properly executed rested with the Borough Surveyor, he must be given responsibility for the selection of the Clerk of Works. In the circumstances, the Corporation should proceed to nominate for appointment the person recommended by the Borough Surveyor as being the most suitable applicant. The Borough Surveyor recommended Mr. Thomas J. Millar for appointment as Clerk of Works, and thereupon Councillor Moran proposed that Mr. Millar be appointed. Councillor Connolly seconded.

In this connection, members called attention to the fact that Mr. Millar was already acting Clerk of Works on the Town Hall site, and after some discussion a letter which appeared further down on the Agenda, regarding Mr. Millar's appointment as Clerk of Works on the Town Hall site, was read. This was from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 23rd ultimo, No. S.58726, and intimated that the post should be filled by the procedure laid down in the Minister's circulars on the subject, whereby applications for the post were invited by public advertisement and a recommendation from the Engineer in charge of the Scheme conveyed to the Local Authority.

The Minister raised no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. Millar for the supervision of the piling work pending the appointment of a Clerk of Works for the structural work after advertising. The Minister further intimated that the advertised remuneration for the post should not exceed £5. 5. 0. per week.

A lengthy discussion followed on these two communications during which several members held that the names of William Hanrahan, William McGrath, and John Doyle, three local tradesmen, should have been included in the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, as, in their opinion, they were quite competent to carry out the work, and eventually the Mayor moved as an amendment that the matter be further



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adjourned, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be again requested to consider the resolution adopted on the 5th ultimo, and to express an opinion as to whether Hanrahan, McGrath, and Doyle should be included in the list of those recommended by the Surveyor for appointment. Alderman Walsh seconded.

On a poll being taken on the amendment, there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, James Billington, Crosbie, Hayes,  
McGuire, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor----- 8.

Against: Councillors Dunne, Gaul, Murphy, Moran, Connolly,  
Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore----- 8.

As the voting was equal, the Mayor exercised his right to give a casting vote, and gave it in favour of the amendment which was declared carried, and on being put to the meeting as a substantive motion was declared passed by the same voting.

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR TOWN HALL.

Regarding the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject of the post of Clerk of Works for the Town Hall site, it was pointed out that the question of the remuneration had been considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee on 26th ultimo, when it had been decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the rate originally fixed for this position, as in the opinion of the Committee £5. 5. 0. per week was inadequate having regard to the responsible nature of the work.

#### SURCHARGE.

With reference to the charge of £50. made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1936, against twelve members in respect of loss sustained by the leasing of a plot of ground at Stonebridge, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of 28th ultimo by letter No.157088, stated that he had had under consideration the application made to him to enquire into ~~and~~ decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the auditor for making this charge.



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Having reviewed the facts of the case, the Minister had decided that the charge was lawfully made, and he was unable to find any grounds in the Appeal that would warrant a remission of the charge.

Alderman Flusk stated he still held that were it not for the action of the Town Clerk in accepting the further offer of £50, the charge would not have been made, and that the Town Clerk had no business in accepting the offer.

The Town Clerk, in reply, stated he did not accept the offer; he only placed the letter before the Corporation as in duty bound to do. The appeal submitted to the Minister having been read over, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision in the matter, in view of the fact that the offer of £50. was not received until after the time stated in the public advertisement for the receipt of applications.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

With reference to Minutes of 5th ultimo, when the question of the amalgamation of the posts of Town and Poor Rate Collector was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 30th ultimo, by letter No. G.58705, stated that in June, 1935, the Council decided that when the opportunity arose an arrangement would be made to have the collection of all the rates carried out by one collector, and the Minister regretted to note that the Council did not propose to give effect to the assurance given at the time.

If one officer could be reasonably expected to carry out the collection of both town and Poor Rate without employing assistance for the purpose, there was no reason why two collectors should be appointed. Having regard to the size of the town and the amount to be collected, there did not appear to be sufficient work to occupy two whole-time collectors. The Minister therefore asked the Council to consider the matter solely from this point of view. He could not agree that it was in the public interest to appoint, for the purpose of affording



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employment, more officers than were necessary.

This matter was discussed at length, and eventually Councillor Gaul gave notice that he would move at next meeting that a second collector be appointed, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was decided to convene a Special Meeting for the 16th instant in view of the urgency of the matter, and it was further agreed that a motion in the name of Alderman Coffey that amalgamation should take place be put on the agenda for this Special Meeting.

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1935.

There was submitted to the meeting an Order under the Seal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health bringing the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, into operation as from the 3rd instant.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR.

The Finance Committee recommended that a solicitor be appointed in lieu of the late Michael James O'Connor with remuneration on the basis of taxed costs.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Walsh and unanimously agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

As regards an item on the agenda for the appointment of a temporary solicitor, Councillor Gaul proposed, and Councillor Dunne seconded, a motion that Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, of the firm of M. J. O'Connor & Co., be appointed to carry out any legal work uncompleted at the time of Mr. M. J. O'Connor's death and arising between then and the appointment of his successor.

This resolution was also unanimously adopted.

#### CARETAKER OF BATHING PLACE.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place be increased from £2. to £2. 7. 0. per week as from the 8th July last.

It was pointed out that some time ago the wages of all labourers in



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the town had been increased to 47/- per week, but that the Caretaker of the Bathing Place was only being paid the old rate of £2., so on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the condition of the Bathing Place.

#### DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT BATT STREET.

The next business was a Committee recommendation that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Batt Street in the occupation of Patrick Fenlon and owned by John Lett.

The Notice required by Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1931, had been served on the owner, but no undertaking had been accepted with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house. The house in question had been condemned as unfit for human habitation by both the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, and Councillor Crosbie moved that a Demolition Order be made. Alderman Walsh seconded.

Some members thought, however, that the owner should be given a further opportunity of putting the house into proper order, and Councillor Moran proposed that the making of the Demolition Order be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a further inspection with the object of ascertaining whether any substantial repairs had been carried out recently. Councillor Gaul seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Councillor Moran's Amendment:	Councillors Martin, Gaul, James Billington, Murphy, Moran, Connolly, McGuire, and McMahon-----	8.
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Against:	Councillors Dunne, Crosbie, Hayes, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk, Cullimore, Walsh, and the Mayor-----	8.
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As the voting was equal, the Mayor exercised his right to give a casting vote and gave it against the amendment, which was accordingly declared lost. The original motion that a Demolition Order be made



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was then put to the meeting and declared carried by nine votes for to seven against.

#### LOAN FOR S.D. A. ACTS.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £800 proposed to be advanced for the purpose of making loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, and on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Mortgage Deed sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 9th day of August, 1937, It was resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 8th June, 1937, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd. the sum of £800. for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to be repaid to the Bank by half yearly instalments spread over the period of 15 years with interest thereon at £5. per cent. per annum, said Loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. AND that the seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

#### ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June showed that he had examined 10 samples of milk, 5 of butter, 3 each of margarine and cheese, 2 of Port Wine, and 1 each of sugar, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, sausage and cocoa.

The total number of articles analysed during the quarter was 28, and one sample of milk had been found to be deficient of 11.66 per cent. of its fats. Proceedings were taken against the person from whom the sample was obtained, when the case was dismissed on the payment of costs by the defendant.

#### WEXFORD WATER SUPPLY.

The following report on an amended Scheme for the improvement of the water supply was submitted by Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers:-

"The Town Clerk,  
Borough Council, Wexford.

Dear Sir,

©: We have reported through you to your Council from  
the date of the report.....



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time to time on the best way of improving the Water Supply of Wexford, in respect of quantity, quality and pressure.

The scheme outlined in our report of 1934 provided in full for these three conditions, but the cost, which was about £27,000, was considered to be beyond the finance available at the time.

Any cutting down of this scheme must necessarily mean a corresponding curtailment of the advantages it was designed to secure.

In 1935, at Wexford request, we put forward a modified scheme, omitting the proposed reservoir at Hayestown, which was to have increased the storage capacity and supplied water under adequate pressure to the higher parts of the town, and substituting for it an electrical pumping plant. This scheme was estimated to cost £14,400 and to involve an annual expenditure of from £150 to £260 for pumping alone. This scheme was not approved, we understand, on account of running cost.

We have now been asked to submit a modified scheme, and, having reconsidered the whole project and discussed it with your Borough Surveyor, we submit as follows:-

1. That the present catchment be increased and a larger flow brought into Coolree Reservoir by the conduit from Forth Commons to Coolree, which was common to both our earlier schemes.
2. That a filtration plant be installed at Coolree Reservoir, to deal with the whole supply to Wexford.
3. That an automatic pump, i.e., a hydrostat, be installed on the 12" main from Coolree to Wexford, close to Monument Cross, and the branch mains serving this area altered to suit the new conditions.
4. That a new main be laid from the said hydrostat to a high level tank or water tower to be erected on the high ground near the Sisters' Cross which will serve the upper third of the town.
5. That new connections be made from the water tower to the mains now serving the upper part of the town, and that all the town mains where necessary be altered and extended to make it possible to cut off and sectionalize the town system, and thus afford means to control the supply and to detect waste.
6. That the 12" main from Coolree to Wexford be scrapped.

The cost of the scheme outlined above will be about as follows:-



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1.	Forth Commons to Coolree conduit including wayleave	say ...	£3,650
2.	Filtration Plant, Coolree	...	1,900
3.	Hydrostat	...	500
4.	New 9" main and water tower	...	3,750
5.	Alterations and extensions in town mains	...	2,000
6.	Scraping 12" main	...	400
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			£12,200
Contingencies 10%			...
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			£13, 420
Engineering expenses already incurred (a) and on above scheme (b)			(a) 500
			... (b) 900
Legal and general expenses including Local Government Department Inquiry			...
			300
Clerk of Works			
32 weeks @ £6.6.0. & Expenses			...
			230.
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TOTAL			... £15,350
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This estimate is as close as we can go, in view of the rapid changes now taking place in prices.

The scheme as outlined above will give, in an exceptionally dry year, sufficient water to meet the full requirements of the town taken as 480,000 gallons diem (= 40 gallons/head/diem on a population of 12,000), even if three exceptionally dry months occur consecutively; in fact the storage available, coupled with incoming water, will be sufficient to tide over 100 days on full supply.

It will secure that all water coming to Wexford will be filtered.

It will supply water to the higher parts of the town at reasonable pressure.

To the successful working of this scheme or any scheme, it is essential that all leakage and waste of water in the town should be reduced to a very small percentage. Failure to do this must mean that all efforts to give a pure and sufficient supply at adequate pressure will be to some



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degree vitiated.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Alfred D. Delap,

Delap & Waller."

In reply to a query by Councillor Billington regarding the waste of water referred to in the report, the Town Clerk pointed out that the scheme provided for the sectionalizing of the town so that they could confine the waste to any particular area and improve the chances of detecting it more rapidly than at present.

After a short discussion, the Mayor proposed that they refer the report to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for examination by the Department's engineers. Alderman Walsh seconded this proposition which was adopted.

#### LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Applications from a man named Peter Rutledge of Batt Street for a Loan of £560 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; and from a man named Peter Dempsey of Paul Quay for a Loan of £510, were granted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

#### GAS MAINS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of gas mains at Maudlintown, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Manager of the Gas Company in which he stated that the pipes had been on order for some time, but up to the present had not been delivered. As soon as they came to hand arrangements would be made to carry out the work.

*Michael Flusk*



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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Murphy, James Billington, James Gaul, Michael Martin, and Thomas Dunne.

#### SHOP AT WHITEMILL.

Councillor Gaul raised the question of the application of a man named Whitmore of Whitemill for permission to erect a shop there, and the Borough Surveyor replied that he had had several consultations with Mr. Whitmore on the proposed building, and he was not prepared to allow the building Mr. Whitmore proposed to be erected. No action was taken until an agreement had been arrived at between the Surveyor and Mr. Whitmore.

#### BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Borough Surveyor applied for and was granted three weeks of his annual holidays. He intimated that he would be in Wexford practically all the time and available in case any urgent matter arose; Mr. Millar would be able to look after affairs during his absence.

#### COMPLAINT RE MURPHY'S HOUSE, DISTILLERY ROAD.

Reference was made to a complaint of a man named Murphy of Distillery Road regarding the condition of the hall of his house, and the Surveyor stated that the hall was a tiled one with red and blue tiles. the red tiles had work and he proposed to concrete the hall with red cement, but the tenant would not allow this. There were 22 houses in the row and most of them were suffering from the same complaint; if one were tiled they would all require to be done and there was not sufficient money available for repairs to Artisans Dwellings to permit of this expenditure.



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No further action was taken on this matter.

#### SEWER AT JOHN STREET.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to prepare plans, specification, and estimate for the replacement of a sewer at John Street.

#### LEASE OF BUILDING PLOT, Etc. - SAMUEL YATES.

A lease of a building plot at St. John's Road, and a Mortgage Deed to secure repayment of a Loan of £650 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Samuel Yates were submitted, and sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation on the proposition of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie; and an Agreement with the Irish Piling Company was sealed and signed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran.

#### RELIEF GRANTS.

With reference to the allocation of Relief Grants for 1937/38 and 1938/39, the Borough Surveyor suggested for the 1937/38 scheme that the concreting of Spawell Road be completed at a cost of £1,900, and that Redmond Place be concreted at a cost of £1,740, making a total of £3,640.

For the expenditure of the 1938/39 Grant he recommended the surfacing in macadam of Grogan's Road at a cost of £442; the surfacing in concrete of Barrack Street at a cost of £750; the surfacing in macadam of Summerhill Road at a cost of £336; and the surfacing in macadam of Monument Place at a cost of £656, making a total of £2,184, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was agreed to submit these schemes for the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Town Clerk was asked to submit a Return of the expenditure on the Relief Grants for 1936/37 to next meeting.

#### EXCHANGE OF HOUSES.

An application for an exchange of houses between a man named Layne of 51, Hantoon Road, and Furlong, 26, Croke Avenue, was adjourned for a report on the condition of the houses in question.



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## BUILDING PLOT - St. John's Road.

Arising out of an application for a building plot at St. John's Road, it was decided to write to Mr. Matthew Boggan, who had been granted this plot some time ago, and enquire when he proposed to commence building operations.

## FIVE ROOMED HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST.

The Town Clerk intimated that in response to an advertisement issued he had received applications from thirteen persons desirous of securing the tenancy of the proposed five-roomed houses at William Street, and it was decided to give the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the assurance asked for in his letter of the 10th ultimo, No. H.49881, that tenants would be forthcoming for these houses, and it was further agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the thirteen persons who had applied should be given first preference for these houses when they were completed.

The applications were from Peter O'Rielly, 10 Clifford Street; P. Norton, Richmond Terrace; R. Keeley, St. John's Road; J. Scott, 113 The Faythe; John O'Brien, John Hickey, and Nicholas Morris, Garda Siochana, Wexford; Joseph O'Connell, 93 Sth. Main Street; F. Goodall, 35 Parnell Street; William Cronin, Free Press; William Ryan, Westgate; P. Murphy, Dempsey's Terrace; and S. A. Malone, 69 Sth. Main Street.

## DAMAGE TO FENCES.

No action was taken on a letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, regarding a complaint from Mr. John Kirwan of Mary Street that the fences on his land known as Pipe Field were again being damaged.

## JOINERY FOR WHITEMILL.

Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford, intimated, in reply to a query, that the mortising for the joinery work for Whitemill Housing Scheme was being done on the site.



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## LIGHTING OF SIDE STREETS.

It was decided to continue the lighting of the side streets leading from the Quays with gas lamps for the 1937/38 Season.

## COMPENSATION.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to offer £1. as compensation to a woman at Fisher's Row for damage to her kitchen through the bursting of a sewer, Mrs. Murphy complained that this was not sufficient, and asked the Corporation to increase the offer, but it was decided not to increase the original offer of £1.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Meat Inspector applied for and was granted his usual 21 days annual leave as from the 17th instant, and Mr. B. Hickey, V.S. was appointed as substitute during his absence, with remuneration at the rate of £8. 8. 0. per week, on condition that two-thirds of this amount would be recouped by the Department of Agriculture for work performed under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, Etc. This arrangement was made on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Martin.

Slaughter Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, were granted to James Byrne, South Main Street; Samuel O'Rourke, Carrigeen Street; and James Furlong, Selskar Street, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

A report was submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health (Acting) on a house at Faythe in the occupation of Mrs. Kate Cullen, but consideration of it was adjourned until the County Medical Officer of Health returned from leave.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected Dunne's Lane (off John Street) and found that filth and ashes continued to be dumped therein. Some of the filth was of recent origin and continued to cause a nuisance. He recommended that the law be enforced.

As the lane in question was private property, it was seen that



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proceedings would have to be taken against the owner, and it was decided to serve the usual notice on Mrs. Hore, John Street, who was the owner of the particular piece of ground where the refuse was being dumped, requiring her to have the filth and ashes removed within seven days, and to take steps to prevent a recurrence.

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*Mical Flue*



10th August, 1937.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore, Walsh, and Walsh, and Councillor Hayes.

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 8.15 p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, and Councillors Moran, Dunne, Crosbie, and Hayes.

The Meeting had been convened to select a tenant for a vacant house at Maudlintown, and after perusing the remaining applications which were originally taken for the Maudlintown houses, James Grace, who was residing in rooms at No. 9 King Street, was selected.

Reference was made to the appalling conditions under which a man named Whitty was living at Grogan's Road, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to give him the first vacant house at Maudlintown.

*Miss F. L. W. C.*



10th August, 1937.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, and Walsh, and Councillor Hayes.

The meeting had been convened to consider correspondence from the Department of Agriculture relative to the operation of the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, in relation to the veterinary examination duties necessary at the premises of the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory, Ltd.

Mr. Finucane, Meat Inspector, was also in attendance.

The meeting carefully considered the correspondence with the Department of Agriculture and the report of the Meat Inspector on the extra duties necessary in the operation of the Act.

At the outset, the Committee and the Inspector were most anxious to co-operate with and facilitate the Department in every way in the administration of this Act and the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts 1930/35, and approached the matter with these objects in view. They found that the administration of the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, had undoubtedly placed very heavy extra duties on Mr. Finucane in addition to those for which he was appointed, namely, the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Public Health Acts.

The administration of the Fresh Meat and the Pigs and Bacon Acts at the Factory premises necessitated the constant attendance of the Inspector at the Factory from 8. 0. a.m. until 5.30 and 6. 0. p.m. each day, after which he had to carry out his duties under the Public Health Acts at the premises of the various victuallers in the town.

When Mr. Finucane was appointed for duties under the Fresh Meat Acts, it was very rarely necessary for him to be in attendance at the Factory for a full day and he was usually able to carry out his Public Health duties without working after 6.0. p.m. Now, his work at the factory kept him on duty the entire day, which meant the



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use of a motor car to enable him to carry out his Public Health work in the evening within reasonable hours.

The Committee discussed the matter at length with Mr. Finucane, and eventually a suggestion was made that if the Department of Agriculture were prepared to make him an allowance of £50. per annum towards the cost of running his car for the purposes of his work, that he should continue to carry out the necessary duties under the three Acts mentioned above, even though it would mean working after 6.0. p.m. This suggestion was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh. It was also acceptable to the Inspector, and the Town Clerk was directed to forward it to the Minister for Agriculture to ascertain if he was prepared to agree to it.

*Michael Finucane*

16th August, 1937.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, Michael Martin, and Robert Moran.

The Meeting had been specially convened to deal with the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector in room of the late William O'Donohoe, consequent on two motions, notice of which had been given on the 9th instant. They were as follows:-

- (1) A motion by Councillor Gaul: "That the Resolution of 3rd June, 1935, relating to the amalgamation of the posts of Town and Poor Rate Collector, be rescinded; and that a new Collector be appointed in room of the late William O'Donohoe."



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- (2) A motion by Alderman Coffey: "That the amalgamation of these posts, as agreed to on 3rd June, 1935, be now put into operation by combining the vacant post of Poor Rate Collector with that of Town Rate Collector, at a remuneration to be fixed."

At the outset, the Town Clerk again read the letter dated 30th July, 1937, No. G.58703, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject, which was before a meeting of the Corporation on the 9th instant.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved the rescission of the Resolution of 3rd June, 1935, agreeing to the amalgamation of the posts of Town and Poor Rate Collector when a suitable opportunity arose. Alderman Walsh seconded.

In moving his motion, Councillor Gaul stated that he did so in the belief that there was sufficient work for two collectors, and that one man could not possibly carry out the collection of both rates efficiently.

In seconding the motion, Alderman Walsh pointed out that if there were only one collector and he became ill, they would not have an experienced man available to carry ~~on~~ the rate collection.

Other points made during the discussion were that owing to the Poor Rate Collection being in arrear, the time was not opportune to effect amalgamation of the posts. If amalgamation took place, the majority of the members were of opinion that a Rates Office should be provided, and that the Collector would have to employ an assistant to attend the office.

As well, it was pointed out that at the present time the Poor Rate was being collected in two moieties, whereas there was no division on the collection of Town Rate, it being all paid in one sum; this, it was thought, would lead to considerable confusion.

Three members, namely, Councillors Murphy, Billington, and Alderman Coffey spoke against the proposal to rescind this resolution, and



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in their opinion amalgamation of the posts would lead to greater efficiency as well as a saving in the poundage charges.

Eventually a poll was taken on Councillor Gaul's motion, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Cashman, Crosbie, Connolly, Atkins,  
Gaul, McMahon, Moran, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and  
the Mayor----- 11.

Against: Councillors Murphy, Billington, and Alderman Coffey--- 3.

The motion was accordingly declared carried and the Resolution of 3rd June, 1935, rescinded.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved that steps be taken to appoint a Poor Rate Collector in room of the late William O'Donohoe, on the same terms and conditions as he held the post, namely, that he be paid a poundage of sixpence in the pound on all monies collected and lodged; that he be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company in the sum of £1,000; and a joint and several Bond with two solvent sureties in the sum of £200.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and adopted by eleven votes for to three against.

It was then seen that there was no need to move Alderman Coffey's motion, as it was a direct negative to the motion which had already been passed.

The Meeting then separated.

*Micéal Flinn*



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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the Special Meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, Michael Martin, and Robert Moran.

#### COMPENSATION.

With reference to the decision of the Corporation on 4th March, 1935, to pay a sum of £15 as compensation to Mr. James O'Leary for the loss of a garden attached to a house formerly occupied by him at Hill Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 13th instant, by letter No. H.68500, stated that having regard to the special circumstances represented, and in deference to the wishes of the Corporation in the matter, he would raise no objection to the proposal to pay the sum of £15. to Mr. O'Leary.

Much satisfaction was expressed at this communication, and it was agreed that the amount should be paid at the next Finance Meeting of the Corporation.

#### ERECTION OF BUNGALOWS, Etc. at DAVITT ROAD.

With reference to the proposal to erect eight bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health enquired for what purpose the houses were intended and what rents it was proposed to charge.

In this connection it was decided to point out to the Minister the necessity for housing the members of the Fire Brigade in one area, and to inform him that the houses in question were for the accommodation of the members of the Fire Brigade.

As regards the rents to be charged, the Town Clerk pointed out that



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on the basis of a subsidy of one-third on a Capital outlay of £300 the economic rent would be approximately 8/6 per week, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Minister should be informed that the Corporation proposed to fix a rent of approximately 6/- each per week.

As regards the Fire Station, the Minister had asked for a report from the Borough Surveyor on the necessity for this new building, and the Town Clerk was directed to forward the necessary information as soon as possible.

It was further decided to request the Minister to permit of the erection of these houses and the Fire Station by Direct Labour.

#### HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

Regarding the proposal to erect fourteen houses at William Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 15th instant, by letter No.H.68835, intimated that it was observed that applications for these houses had been invited in the Local Press, and requested to be furnished with the number of applications received, together with particulars as to the circumstances of the applicants where possible. The Town Clerk was asked to forward this information at his early convenience.

#### SALE OF HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD - EDWARD DOYLE.

Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, stated that with reference to the proposed sale of house at St. John's Road to Mr. Edward Doyle on the tenant-purchase system, Mr. Doyle was anxious that the Deed should be in the names of his two daughters Johanna and Kathleen. This alteration was unanimously agreed to, and the Corporate Seal was affixed to a new Deed in the name of the two ladies in question.

#### SHOP AT BRIDE STREET.

Permission was granted to Mr. Charles Kehoe, Bride Street, for the erection of a shop there in accordance with a plan submitted, and approved by the Borough Surveyor.



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## SHOP AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to a discussion at last meeting, on the subject of the application of Mr. Patrick Whitmore, Whitemill, for permission to erect a shop there, it was seen from an examination of the plan that the roof proposed was a flat felt roof, and it was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor on his return from leave if he would be prepared to approve of this plan provided an ordinary tiled roof was put on the building.

## STREETS OF TOWN.

A lengthy discussion took place on the condition of the streets of the town, which members stated were in a deplorable state, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that quarrying work be commenced immediately with a view to having the streets put into a decent state of repair with as little delay as possible, and it was further agreed that when the material was ready for this work that a small Committee should be appointed to examine the streets with the Borough Surveyor.

## PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd and 24th May last, when the question of the extent of a building plot at St. John's Road leased to Mr. Millar was under consideration and adjourned, the Meeting was again asked to decide if the small piece of ground running at right angles to Mr. Millar's building plot should go with it.

It was recalled that when these building plots were being leased, everybody was under the impression that the piece of ground should go with the plot it adjoined, as otherwise it was thought it would be used as a dumping ground. The Borough Surveyor, however, on examining the maps on the leases, had lodged an objection with the Town Clerk to this piece of ground being included in Mr. Millar's plot, and thought it might be required at some future date for the further widening of the road.

A lengthy discussion followed, during which Councillor Gaul moved



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that the piece of ground be included with Mr. Millar's building plot and Councillor Connolly seconded.

Councillor James Billington, however, moved as an amendment that the matter be adjourned for a further two weeks to enable a Committee to inspect the place. Alderman Coffey seconded.

On a show of hands, nine members voted for the amendment and five against, so the amendment was declared carried.

The following were appointed a Committee to visit the place on Thursday afternoon next at 3.0. p.m., namely, Councillors James Billington, Moran, Atkins, Crosbie, Aldermen Cullimore, Coffey, Walsh, and the Mayor.

In reply to a query by Councillor Atkins the Town Clerk stated that some time before the Borough Surveyor had lodged any objection with him to this piece of ground being included with Mr. Millar's plot, he had received a query from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on the matter, and at the time, being himself under the impression that the piece of ground went with Mr. Millar's plot, he had informed the Solicitors that it was part of a building plot being leased to Mr. Millar.

#### SWIFT'S HOUSE, ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE.

Mr. Thomas Swift, St. Magdalen's Terrace, intimated that as from 1st August he proposed to give the rent of his house into the hands of his Solicitors until such time as there was a seven foot wall erected at the end of his house as it was when he rented it.

It was explained that this wall had been demolished in connection with the development of the Maudlintown Housing Site and could not be permanently repaired until such time as the roadway at Mr. Scallan's was completed, and the Acting Borough Surveyor was requested to prepare a map showing the proposed alteration of Mr. Scallan's boundary for submission to him for approval as soon as possible.

#### BOGGAN'S PLOT, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a question was raised as to when Mr. Matthew Boggan, St. John's Road, proposed to



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commence building operations on a building plot leased to him some time ago, Mr. Boggan replied that he would be glad if the Corporation would allow the matter to stand over for one month, when he would again communicate with them on the subject.

This course was agreed to.

#### DANCE LICENCE.

The Committee of the St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band intimated that they proposed to apply to the District Court for a Licence to use the Band Room for Dances, and asked, before making such application to the Court, if the Corporation had any objection.

It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to make a report on the premises against next meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of July showed that he had examined 113 cattle, 324 sheep and 41 swine. Of the cattle, two hind quarters, six heads, and thirteen organs, to the extent of 4 cwt. had been destroyed for Tuberculosis, and fifteen organs for other diseases. The 324 sheep were found to be in order. Of the swine, two hind quarters to the extent of 22 lbs. weight were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

It was reported that on the 14 ultimo a Notice had been served on a Mr. P. O'Leary, Abbey Street, requiring him, within one month, to erect a Water Closet at the premises of Mr. David O'Neill, John Street. The time of this Notice had now expired and the convenience had not been erected, so it was decided to request Mr. O'Leary to inform the Committee when he proposed to commence the work.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee on 17th ultimo, when it was decided to serve the usual Notice fixing the time and place when the making of a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Faythe, occupied by Michael Sinnott and owned by Mr. Patrick Carty, would be considered, Mr. Carty appeared before the meeting and intimated that he was prepared to put the house into a proper state



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of repair, and after some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington, to adjourn consideration of the matter for a month to enable the Borough Surveyor to indicate what repairs were necessary to make the house fit for human habitation.

*Michael Flusk*

25th August, 1937.

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

The members present being:-

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, William Cullimore, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Michael Martin, James Sinnott, James McMahon, and Patrick Atkins.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor James Billington, Alderman Flusk took the Chair.

Alderman Flusk moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Mayor, the Mayoress, and their children on the death of their eldest son, Richard.

In moving the motion, the Alderman stated that he was not only expressing his own feelings and those of the Corporation, but also those of the citizens of the Town, in extending sympathy to the Mayor in his sad bereavement. The boy had reached the age of twenty-three years and had a promising career before him, and he was certain that universal sympathy was felt for his bereaved parents, brothers and sister.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Staff and Employees of the Corporation, also associated himself with the vote. The motion was adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flusk*



30th August, 1937.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Gaul, Michael Martin, Thomas Buckland, and James Sinnott.

On the proposition of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Coffey, Alderman Flusk took the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

The Meeting had been specially convened to select a tenant for a vacant house at Maudlintown, and eight applications were received.

The Housing Committee recommended that a man named John Whitty, Grogan's Road, who was living under appalling conditions there, be given the house, and thereupon Councillor Hayes proposed the adoption of the recommendation. Councillor Connolly seconded.

The majority of the members were aware that Whitty was badly in need of a house, so it was unanimously agreed that the house now vacant be allocated to him.

The Meeting then separated.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Alderman Michael Flusk (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Gaul, Michael Martin, Thomas Buckland, and James Sinnott.



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The Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. Millar, was also in attendance.

#### DANCE HALL LICENCES.

No objection was raised to the renewal of the following Dance Hall Licences:- St. Iberius Club; Geraldine Athletic Club; Town Hall; and Whitemill Social Club.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when an intimation had been received from the Committee of St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band of their intention to apply to the District Court for a Dance Hall Licence, and when the Borough Surveyor had been asked to make a report on the condition of the Hall, Mr. Millar reported that the premises were absolutely unsuitable for a Dance Hall, there being no sanitary accommodation. As well, the Hall was four feet below the level of the street and step ladders lead down from the two entrance doors.

In reply to a query, Mr. Millar stated that he did not think it possible, without the expenditure of a considerable amount, to make these premises conform with the Regulations.

It was unanimously decided to inform the Committee that if they were prepared to make the premises conform with the Regulations, the Corporation would have no objection to the granting of a Dance Hall Licence.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

With reference to Minutes of 16th August, when the Corporation had decided to appoint a new Collector in room of the late William O'Donohoe, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st instant, by letter No. G.70626, intimated that having regard to the views of the Council, he would not insist on amalgamation of the posts of Town and Poor Rate Collector, provided that the person appointed, should he be at any time so required, would undertake the collection of the Town Rates, Etc. at such remuneration as the Corporation, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, should fix.



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Much satisfaction was expressed at the contents of this communication, and the meeting then proceeded to draft the advertisement.

Councillor Gaul proposed that the same procedure be followed in this case as in the appointment of the Town Rate Collector, and Alderman Coffey seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, moved that the age limit be 25 to 50 years, and Councillor Hayes seconded.

On a show of hands, seven members voted for Councillor Connolly's motion and seven against, and as the voting was equal the Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion, which was declared lost. Councillor Connolly thereupon gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the age limit be fixed at 25 to 50, and the Chairman accepted this notice.

Councillor Connolly also gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that a small proportion of the commission due to the Collector be paid to him monthly, but subsequently withdrew this notice on the suggestion of the Chairman, who stated that this would be a matter for the Special Rates Committee to discuss.

The Town Clerk was asked to convene a meeting of this Committee as soon as possible.

Alderman Flusk asked the Town Clerk to let the Council have the amount of arrears of Poor Rate by next meeting.

#### PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed on behalf of McMullan Brothers, O'Connell Street, Dublin, in respect of their premises at Trinity Street, Wexford.

#### DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

Alderman Walsh referred to the dangerous condition of the roof of a house at Commercial Quay, owned by a man named Shiggins, which was a danger to passers by, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to place a hoarding round it immediately..

Councillor Connolly called attention to the dangerous condition of



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a house at John Street, owned by James Kehoe, which was the subject of a Demolition Order, but it was decided to adjourn consideration of this for the attendance of the Borough Surveyor.

Reference was also made to the demolition of houses at Keyser's Lane, which was not yet completed, and the Town Clerk was directed to write to the owners on the matter.

#### PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 16th instant, when a special Committee had been appointed to inspect Mr. Millar's plot, the matter again came up for discussion, but it was decided to adjourn it for the attendance of the Borough Surveyor.

#### CONDITION OF STREETS.

Several members complained of the dirty condition of the streets, and the Foreman was directed to instruct the scavengers to do them more carefully in future.

Councillor Billington complained of a certain portion of the Folly outside his house, which was very seldom cleaned, and the Foreman was directed to have this done regularly in future.

#### APPLICATION FOR A CLOSE RANGE.

An application for a close range was received from Mrs. Gaul, Carrigeen Street, who stated that she was willing to pay the difference between an open and close range, and as Mr. Millar intimated that the open range at present installed was out of order, it was unanimously decided to instal a "Pierce" Range as soon as possible, Mrs. Gaul to pay the difference between an open and close range.

#### WHITEMILL HOUSES.

In reply to a query by Councillor Billington, Mr. Millar intimated that the progress on the Whitemill Housing Scheme was satisfactory.

#### TOWN HALL SITE.

Councillor Crosbie asked if the Contractor for the Piling of the Town Hall Site was paying Trade Union Wages, and Mr. Millar replied that as far as he knew he was paying the standard rate, namely,



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1/- per hour.

## GUARDS SALARIES.

Alderman Flusk gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation call upon the Government to restore the cuts in the Guards pay.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at 25, Barrack Street, and found no sanitary accommodation. He recommended that the owner be required to provide a Water Closet or a properly constructed privy and ashpit.

It was unanimously decided to serve notice on the owner to provide a Water Closet within one month.

Complaint was made that a man named White, of King Street, had paid to have the ashpit in his house cleaned out some time ago, but that it had not yet been done, and it was unanimously decided that the "Morris" lorry should be requisitioned to do all the outstanding ashpits forthwith.

Complaint was also made that a Water Closet had not yet been provided in the house of David O'Neill, John Street, although the time of the Notice had expired, and the Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the owner, and inform him that the work must be put in hands immediately.

*Micéal Flusk*



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

The members present were:-

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, Michael Martin, and Robert Moran.

On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Atkins, Alderman Flusk occupied the Chair during the temporary absence of the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

At the outset, the Town Clerk read a letter from His Worship the Mayor acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with himself and his family at a recent meeting, on the death of his eldest son.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on the 9th, 16th, 25th, and 30th ultimo were taken as having been read and were signed, and the Minutes of Finance, Etc. Committees on 9th, 16th and 30th ultimo; and the Housing and Special Rates Committees on 10th ultimo, were approved and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,417. 13. 4. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

Arising out of a payment for liquid Chlorine in connection with the chlorination of the water supply, Alderman Coffey referred to the



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fact that the water from the reservoir at the present time was muddy, and the Town Clerk pointed out that a scheme for the improvement of the water supply was at present being examined by the Department's engineers to see if it was suitable, and he further intimated that the latest report on the water, which was made about two months ago, showed that it was bacteriologically pure.

It was also pointed out to the meeting that it was quite usual at this time of the year for the water at Coolree to be slightly brown in colour, and until a filtration plant was installed (which was included in the Scheme at present before the Department) this could not be remedied.

It was eventually agreed that the Reservoir Committee should visit Coolree at an early date, and the Town Clerk was directed to request the County Medical Officer of Health to take further samples for analysis.

At this stage His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish, attended and took the Chair.

#### CLERK OF WORKS FOR WHITEMILL.

With reference to Minutes of 9th ultimo, when the question of the appointment of a Clerk of Works in connection with the Whitemill Road Housing Scheme was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 13th August, 1937, by letter No. H.68836, intimated that the Corporation should proceed to appoint the person nominated by the Borough Surveyor as the most suitable applicant for the post.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved that Mr. Thomas J. Millar, the person recommended by the Borough Surveyor, and the present acting Clerk of Works, be appointed. Councillor Connolly seconded.

The members saw that they had no option but to appoint the person recommended by the Borough Surveyor, and in reply to a query by Councillor Billington as to the duties of this official, the Borough Surveyor said that he was to keep an absolute check on the Contractor



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to see that he was carrying out the plans and specification properly; and that the work was being properly carried out; to check any laying out of levels of sewers or watermains. As regards his hours, he should be on the job at all times, but if he required to be absent for a short period of half an hour or so, he could, with the permission of the Borough Surveyor.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, and finally, on a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Councillor Gaul's Motion:	Councillors Moran, Martin, Gaul, Dunne, Connolly, Sinnott, McGuire, Hayes, Buckland, Atkins, Murphy, Cashman, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor-----	16.
Against:	Councillors Crosbie, McMahon, and Alderman Coffey-----	3.
Declined to Vote:	Councillor James Billington-----	1.

The motion was accordingly declared carried, and Mr. Millar appointed as Clerk of Works, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and at the request of the Mayor it was further decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to further define paragraph 3 of his circular letter of 23rd January, 1936, No. S.5/36, by stating if in his opinion tradesmen who had acted in a similar capacity before, were eligible for appointment as Clerks of Works in accordance with the terms of this paragraph.

#### CHARGE OF £50.

With reference to Minutes of 9th ultimo, when the question of a Charge of £50 made by the Auditor at his audit for the year ended 31st March, 1936, was referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that he reconsider the matter and remit the Charge, the Minister under date of the 19th ultimo, by letter No. S.68841, intimated that he was unable to find any grounds in the representations made by the appellants that would warrant a



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remission of the Charge. He was, therefore, unable to reconsider the matter, and further intimated that at the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation held on the 5th May, 1935, it was open to the members to consider the offers which were then before them.

Councillor Connolly moved that the matter be again referred back to the Minister with a request that he remit the Charge, and Councillor McMahon seconded.

As at last meeting, Alderman Flusk complained that this Charge would not have happened if the Town Clerk had not brought forward the letter containing the offer of £50, which was received after the time of the advertisement. Councillor Connolly's motion was unanimously agreed to.

#### APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date of the 21st ultimo, by letter No. G.70626, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that having regard to the views of the Corporation he would not insist on the Town Rate Collector being required to undertake the collection of Poor Rate, and requested that a draft of the advertisement proposed to be issued for the post should be submitted for approval. The advertisement should include a proviso that the person appointed, should he be at any time so required, would undertake the collection of the Town Rates and Water Charges, at such remuneration as the Corporation, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, should fix.

In this connection, the Finance Committee recommended that the age limits for the post be 25 to 45 years, and that the appointment be made by way of qualifying examination in Irish, English, and Arithmetic of the same standard, etc. as when the Town Rate Collector was being appointed. Councillor Gaul thereupon moved that the age limits be 25 to 45 as recommended by the Finance Committee. Councillor Martin seconded.

In reply to a query as to how he would define the age limits, the Town Clerk stated that a person who had not reached his twenty-fifth birthday or a person who had reached his forty-fifth birthday would



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not be eligible, and Councillor Connolly thereupon moved as an amendment that the age limits be 25/45 years on last birthday. Councillor Hayes seconded.

After a short discussion, Councillor Gaul withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment moved by Councillor Connolly, which was then unanimously agreed to.

The question of the examination was then considered, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Cashman, it was agreed that the examination should be in Irish, English, and Arithmetic equivalent to Fourth Standard with minimum pass marks of 33 1/3rd percent., which was similar to the examination set for the post of Town Rate Collector. The examination to be conducted by the Local Christian Brothers.

#### POOR RATE ARREARS.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk stated that the arrears of Poor Rate at 31st March last were £4,736, and when further asked to explain how these arrears accrued he stated that the delay started so far back as 1921, when the Poor Rate was not struck until August of that year owing to the belated demand of the County Council, and soon afterwards the Collector's Books were seized by the British Military Authorities and retained by them for several months, so that the Rate was not closed until October, 1922, instead of six months earlier.

In the following year (1922/3) the collection was not finished until July, 1923, and in 1923/4, it was not completed until June, 1924. Then in the year 1924/5, the Rate was not made until September, 1924, instead of in May of that year, while in the following November, the Collector, Mr. Godfrey, resigned, and sanction to the filling of the vacancy was not accorded until January, 1925.

The late James Breen was approved as the new Collector in February, 1925, and entered upon his duties shortly afterwards, but he died in January, 1926, and Denis Duff's appointment to the vacant post



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was sanctioned in a month afterwards.

The time necessarily taken in filling these two vacancies retarded the collection of the Rate to a considerable degree, and at Statutable Meeting in March, 1926, special attention was drawn to the fact that on that date portion of the Rate for the year to March, 1925, was then outstanding, and that the collection of the rate for the year 1925/6 had not even been commenced, and, further, that the Rate for the ensuing year ending on 31st March, 1927, could not possibly be begun to be collected for at least twelve months after the close of that year.

Then in August, 1928, large sums of Poor Rate were discovered to have been misappropriated by the Collector, Denis Duff, who had absconded, and as a consequence, the collection was suspended for a time, but the Borough Rate Collector was soon afterwards appointed temporarily to carry on the work.

There was also, of course, a necessary delay in the appointment of Mr. O'Donohoe, and when he took up duty in 1929, he had to collect the Rate for the year 1928/29 and 1929/30, together with arrears carried forward from previous years which were pretty considerable. At the time he took up the collection the arrears were close on £10,000, and the present sum of £4,736 contained a number of items which would be regarded as irrecoverable had the Collector been alive to vouch them so.

The discussion ended.

#### GARDA SIOCHANA SALARIES.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Flusk moved "That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, call on the Government to give early and favourable consideration to the claims made by the Garda Representative Board for a restoration of the cuts in the mens' pay and allowances."

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted unanimously.



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## HOUSING LOANS.

Two Resolutions from the Tipperary Urban Council relating to the repayment period for Housing Loans, and the all-in cost figure of £300 in respect of which the State paid two-thirds of the Loan Charges, were adjourned until next meeting.

## LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE.

The next business was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Dolphin Road, and twelve applications were submitted for it.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Martin O'Brien, Faythe:	Councillor Moran and Alderman Flusk---	2.
For Thomas Rossiter, Barrack Street:	Councillors Martin and Billington-----	2.
For Harry Kirwan, Clifford Street:	Councillors Dunne, McGuire, and Alderman Walsh-----	3.
For James Cullen, Peter Street:	Councillor Atkins and Alderman Cullimore-----	2.
For George Smith, Faythe:	Councillor Murphy-----	1.
For John F. Sinnott, St. Ibar's Villas:	Councillors Gaul, Connolly, Sinnott, Hayes, Buckland, Crosbie, McMahon, Cashman, Alderman Coffey, and the Mayor-----	10.

It was seen that no person had a clear majority, and on the elimination of Smith, Councillor Murphy transferred to O'Brien. On the elimination of Cullen, Councillor Atkins and Alderman Cullimore also transferred to O'Brien, and on the elimination of Rossiter, Councillor James Billington transferred to Kirwan, and Councillor Martin to Sinnott.

This gave Sinnott eleven votes which was a clear majority of the members present, and he was declared the tenant.

## COUNCILLOR O'LEARY'S SEAT.

The Mayor gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the seat formerly held by Councillor John J. O'Leary (resigned) be declared vacant.

*J. J. O'Leary*  
Mayor



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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Alderman Richard Corish, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, Michael Martin, and Robert Moran.

#### 14 HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd May, 1937, when it had been decided to build fourteen houses at William Street, and when it was agreed to leave it for the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to decide which of the three methods suggested by the Borough Surveyor would be the best, the Minister under date of the 25th ultimo, by letter No. H.70625, intimated that the question of the method of construction was one for decision by the Corporation, and after some discussion it was decided that the houses be built with concrete block cavity walls at an estimated cost of £7,340, and, as well, that when the time came for roofing these houses that they should be roofed with asbestos slates manufactured in Saorstát Éireann.

#### PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 16th ultimo, when the question of leasing a plot of ground at St. John's Road to Mr. Thomas J. Millar was under consideration and a Committee had been appointed to inspect the place, the matter was again raised by the Town Clerk, who read a letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, under date of the 4th instant, enquiring, on behalf of Mr. James English, whether the Corporation would be prepared to sell or let to him this piece of ground which adjoined his dwelling house, it was decided to further



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adjourn this matter until next meeting for the attendance of Mr. Millar.

#### PILING OF TOWN HALL SITE.

With reference to the piling of the Town Hall Site, the Town Clerk intimated that he had applied to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an instalment of the Grant of £1750 for this work, and the Minister under date of the 17th ultimo, by letter No. S.66867, intimated that payment of the Grant would be considered when work on the main contract was in progress, and in the meantime no objection would be raised to expenditure on the piling work being financed temporarily by means of overdraft, and enclosed a letter of sanction in duplicate for such overdraft accommodation.

It was agreed to request the Treasurer to grant the necessary accommodation pending the receipt of the Grant.

The Minister further stated in the letter above referred to that he would raise no objection to the remuneration for the permanent post of Clerk of Works being advertised at £5. 15. 0. per week.

A further letter regarding the piling work was read from the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, who reported that the length of the piles was considerably longer than the trial piles indicated. The trial piles gave an average length of 26 to 30 feet, but the actual drive of the concrete pile had been between 40 and 44 feet. He had to find out the general run of piles driven before reporting, and the increased length would involve an extra on the contract which would be based on the contract Schedule.

It was agreed that nothing further could be done in this connection, until the account for the extra work had been received.

#### BILL OF QUANTITIES - TOWN HALL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Cullen and O'Brien, Quantity Surveyors, regarding payment of a balance of £463 due to them for preparing the Quantities for the Town Hall, and it was decided to point out to them that up to the present the Corporation had not received any instalment of the loan for the erection of the building, but as soon as it came



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to hand their account would be discharged.

#### CEMETERY CARETAKER'S WAGES.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. P.H.60428, stated that with reference to the proposal to increase the remuneration of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, the present wage of £2. per week with a free house seemed to be sufficient for the work to be done, and requested the further observations of the Corporation in justification of the proposed increase.

The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of the correspondence which had taken place between himself and the Minister in this connection since December last, and it was decided to again point out to the Minister that this man must be on duty for seven days a week up to 9.0. p.m. in the Summer time, at which hour the Cemetery was closed, and in the circumstances the Corporation do not consider the proposed remuneration unreasonable.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

The Secretary of the County Council stated he was instructed to request the Corporation to make a substantial lodgement in respect of the Demand for 1936/7, otherwise the County Council would be obliged to proceed by way of mandamus for recovery of the outstanding instalments. It was decided to inform the County Council that owing to the death of the Poor Rate Collector, the collection had had to be suspended pending an appointment of a new collector, and as soon as his successor was appointed every effort would be made to bring the Demand up to date.

#### TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAYS.

The Town Clerk applied for and was granted two weeks of his annual leave.

#### GARDEN AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

With reference to a complaint in July last that a man named Patrick Kielty, 4 Wolfe Tone Villas, was not keeping his garden in a



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presentable state, the Town Clerk in reply to a query stated he had written to this man and read a long communication from him in which he stated that he was not prepared to do anything with the garden as he hoped to get a house away from the locality in the near future, and complained that he could not allow his children outside his house owing to the expressions and conduct carried on.

In this connection it was decided to enquire from the Corporation Solicitor if the Corporation had power to enforce the clause in the Agreement that he should till and keep in a presentable state the garden in the front and rere of his house.

#### TRANSFER.

An application was submitted from Thomas Swift, 14 St. Magdalen's Terrace, and John Clancy, 4 Davitt Road, South, for an exchange of houses, and this was agreed to provided that the rents of both were paid up to date and the houses were in a proper state of repair.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

It was reported that notice had been served on Mr. Patrick O'Leary, Abbey Street, requiring him to provide a Water Closet for a house at John Street occupied by David O'Neill. The Notice had expired on the 14th ultimo, and on the 17th idem the Town Clerk had written to Mr. O'Leary requesting to be informed when he proposed to commence the work, as otherwise the Corporation would be obliged to carry it out themselves and proceed against him for the costs.

Under date of the 28th ultimo, Mr. O'Leary replied that he intended to reside in this house himself and give O'Neill the house in which he at present resided at Abbey Street. As soon as he secured possession, he intended to improve the dwelling at John Street, which improvements would include the erection of a Water Closet. On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, further consideration of this matter was adjourned for a month.

It was reported that Notices had been served on Mr. Samuel Wethereld requiring him to provide Water Closets for two houses at Bride



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Street occupied by James Carty and Stephen Mahony.

The Notices expired on the 28th ultimo, and up to the present nothing had been done nor was it thought possible to get Mr. Wethereld to move in the matter.

As this was a case in which the members thought they would have to erect the conveniences themselves and proceed against Mr. Wethereld afterwards for the cost, it was agreed to give notice of it to each member for the next meeting.

The Minister for Agriculture intimated that on the 17th ultimo an officer of his Department obtained four samples of butter at Wexford for analysis. The samples had been submitted to the Public Analyst for the Borough who certified that they proved to be genuine. On the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health it was agreed to register the premises of Mr. James A. Lambert, Bullring, and Mr. John Henry Stone, South Main Street, under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1936.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at School Street tenanted by Lee, and found the sanitary accommodation was being constructed, and he recommended that no further action be taken.

An application for a Licence under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, was submitted from Mr. A. Scallan of Gibson Street, and it was unanimously agreed to grant it.

The Town Clerk reported that under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, all persons slaughtering animals to which the Statute applied were required to be licensed by the Sanitary Authority and to use an approved instrument for slaughtering.

There were thirteen slaughterers, he reported, and only nine had applied for Licences, and only seven were using an approved instrument for slaughtering.

In this connection it was decided that the Town Clerk warn those persons who were not licensed and those who were not using an approved



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instrument of the penalties they were liable to if they did not carry out the provisions of the Statute.

*R. Corish* 47  
*mayor*

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, James Billington, John Billington, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Gaul, and Thomas Hayes.

#### NEW SEWER AT JOHN STREET.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the question of providing a new sewer at John Street, and estimated that it would cost approximately £270 to carry out this work, and after some discussion it was agreed to recommend the Corporation at next Statutory Meeting to adopt this scheme, and to raise a loan of £270 from the Local Loans Fund to finance it.

#### MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE.

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk stated that he was responsible for a meeting of the Committee not being called on the 20th instant, having left instructions with his deputy before going on holidays that unless anything of importance turned up it would not be necessary to convene a meeting, but it was decided that for the future meetings of the Committee should be held weekly.

#### FLOODING AT BELVEDERE.

A complaint was read from the Slaney Furniture Manufacturing Company regarding flooding at their premises through the absence of a water



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channel in the roadway at Belvedere, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the place and found that if a concrete water channel was put in for a distance of 21 yards at a cost of approximately £3. 10. 0. the flooding could be remedied, and it was agreed to have this work done on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington.

#### PURCHASE OF SCALLAN'S LAND.

At this stage the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. F. M. O'Connor, attended to have a contract sealed and signed purchasing a strip of ground from Mr. Joseph Scallan, St. Magdalen's, for the purpose of making a new roadway to the Maudlintown Housing Site, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the contract was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### COMPENSATION.

A letter was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, claiming compensation on behalf of the father of a child named Patrick Farrell of 62 Wolfe Tone Villas for injuries to his hand as a result of which the fore-finger had to be amputated.

It appeared that the accident was caused by reason of the fact that a heavy metal grating over a sewer-opening at Wolfe Tone Villas was left open and when the child put his hand through the grating to recover some article that had fallen in, it fell down severely injuring his hand.

It was decided to refer this communication to the Corporation Solicitor for his advice as to whether or not the Corporation had any liability in the matter.

#### SUR-CHARGE.

With reference to the Charge of £50 made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1936, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st instant, by letter No. S.76557, intimated that no further reasons had been advanced why the Charge should be remitted, and there was no evidence before the Minister which would warrant this



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course.

It was decided to convene a meeting of the twelve members concerned to examine this case and see if any further representations could be made or circumstances adduced which would warrant the Minister to remit the Charge.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Under date of the 22nd instant, the Secretary of the County Council stated that his Council considered the Corporation should take steps to obtain a Loan or Overdraft to meet the Demand of the County Council to date, and that the Poor Rate Collection in the town had been suspended for nearly five months through the failure of the Corporation to appoint a temporary collector.

In this connection it was seen that it would be at least a further month or two before a new collector could be appointed, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was agreed that as many Demand Notes as possible should be sent out from the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Clerk authorised to collect any Poor Rate he could.

#### CLERK OF WORKS, WHITEMILL.

Under date of the 16th instant, by letter No. H.76555, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health approved of the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Millar as Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Housing Scheme for a period of six months from the 7th idem, with remuneration at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per week.

The Minister further pointed out that Tradesmen who have acquired considerable experience of supervising contracts are eligible for appointment as Clerks of Works provided they are in a position to submit evidence that they have had sufficient experience in a responsible capacity of work of a similar nature to that for which the supervision is required.

#### NEW TOWN HALL SITE - MR. MILLAR'S FEES.

A letter was read from Mr. Millar applying for extra remuneration



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in connection with the position of Clerk of Works at Whitemill and on Town Hall Site. In his application, Mr. Millar pointed out that he carried out both jobs concurrently and was only paid a salary in connection with one.

The piling of the Town Hall Site commenced on the 8th July and finished on 11th September, which represented approximately seven weeks working time. The running of the two jobs would normally have cost the Corporation an extra £40. 5. 0. if a second Clerk of Works had been appointed, and Mr. Millar applied for an extra payment of £3. per week, or a total of £21 for this work.

It was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that the Corporation be recommended to grant this application.

#### PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of previous meetings, when the dimensions of a plot of ground at St. John's Road being leased to Mr. Thomas J. Millar as a building site was under consideration, the matter was again raised to see if the plot of ground running at right angles to his building site should be included therewith, and a letter was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. James English, enquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to sell or let him this portion of ground.

In connection with this matter, the Borough Surveyor lodged a formal application against this plot being given to Mr. Millar except on such conditions as would enable the Corporation to obtain it at any time they required to do so, as he pointed out that if certain lands at the back of it were at any time required, there would be frontage for four houses.

After a lengthy discussion, the following proposals were made:-

Councillor Gaul: That the matter be adjourned for a week for the attendance of Mr. Millar. This was not seconded, and it was pointed out to the meeting that Mr. Millar had already been invited



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but stated that he would prefer the Corporation to decide the matter entirely without reference to him.

Councillor Murphy proposed that the plot be leased to Mr. Millar as a garden at a rent of 1/- per year, the tenancy to be determined by twelve months notice in writing on either side. Councillor James Billington seconded.

Councillor Connolly moved that the plot be included with Mr. Millar's building ground. Councillor Atkins seconded.

Alderman Flusk proposed that a rent of £5. per year be charged for this piece of ground, but there was no seconder for this proposition. On a show of hands being taken, four voted for Councillor Connolly's proposal and eight for Councillor Murphy's.

Councillor Murphy's motion was thereupon taken as carried, i.e. that the plot be rented to Mr. Millar as a garden for 1/- per year; the tenancy to be determined by twelve months notice.

#### GROUND AT RERE OF DWELLING, ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE.

An application from a man named Furlong, St. Magdalen's Terrace, for the use of a piece of ground at the rere of his dwelling, was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

#### FENCING FOR MAUDLINTOWN.

Three tenders were submitted for fencing at Maudlintown from Mr. Thomas Malone, Newtown; Messrs. Thomas Pearson, Dublin; and the Wexford Timber Company, and the three were submitted to the Borough Surveyor to ascertain which was the lowest and report to next meeting.

#### APPLICATION FROM MR. H. DOYLE.

An application from Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, for the difference in the Town Clerk's salary and his own for the period the Town Clerk was on holidays, was refused on the motion of Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Arising out of the last list of men selected for employment, the



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Mayor substituted James Goodison, Duke Street, for Thomas Murphy; Alderman Walsh substituted John Byrne, Cornmarket for Edward Redmond; Alderman Coffey substituted Joseph Doyle, Grogan's Road for Thomas Doyle, Mary Street; and Councillor John Billington substituted John Boyte, St. John's Road, for Michael Shiel.

## BUILDING AT WHITEMILL.

A plan of a building proposed to be erected at Whitemill for Mr. Patrick Whitmore, was approved on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor.

WEXFORD MANUFACTURED RANGES  
AND PAINT.

Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that in all future building schemes Wexford manufactured ranges and paints should be specified.

## TRESPASS OF CATTLE.

The Borough Surveyor was requested to expedite the erection of a railing at Croke Avenue to prevent trespass by cattle on Fair Days.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Minister for Agriculture under date of the 7th instant, by letter No. L.2289, intimated that he was prepared to continue the existing arrangement until 31st March, 1938, whereby the Corporation's Meat Inspector performed Veterinary Examination duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, and the Pigs and Bacon Acts at the premises of the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory, and to refund to the Corporation two-thirds of the Inspector's remuneration at the rate of £450 per annum, and it was unanimously agreed to renew this arrangement for a further six months, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Applications for Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, were submitted from Denis Keegan, South Main Street; Patrick Murphy, High Street; Richard P. Busher, Distillery Road; Thomas Furlong, John Street; and James O'Rourke, South Main Street, and it was



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unanimously agreed to grant the five applications.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the Gate Lodge of the old Fever Hospital at Grogan's Road. The house was in a very dilapidated condition and required extensive repairs to bring it to a habitable condition. The following repairs were essential:- New roof; new floors and ceilings; replastering internally and externally; new windows and doors; new W.C. The drain should be inspected and repaired and an intercepting trap put in to prevent rats from getting up from the main sewer.

Unless these repairs were carried out, the house was unfit for human habitation and should be demolished.

It was decided to serve notice on the owners fixing a time and place when any representations with regard to the future user of the house would be considered.

*R. Curran 4.3*  
*Mayor.*



4th October, 1937.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Billington, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, and Michael Martin.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of meeting of the Corporation on 6th ultimo were taken as having been read and were signed; and minutes of meetings of Finance, Etc., Committees on 6th and 27th ultimo were approved and signed.

#### ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4 ,978 - 18 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

#### LOCAL LABOUR.

Arising out of a payment to Messrs. H & A. Hamilton, Contractors for the erection of 62 houses at Whitemill, Councillor Hayes called attention to the fact that local tradesmen were idle while men from outside the Town were engaged on the Scheme.

As it was a condition of the Contract that Local Labour be employed as far as possible on the Scheme, it was agreed on the Motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to write to the Contractors on the matter and request them to carry out the terms of the contract in this respect.

#### SYMAPTHY.

On the Motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded seconded by Councillor Murphy, the condolences of the Corporation were extended to the



Minister for Agriculture, and the Ryan family on the death of their Uncle, the late John Sutton.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Widow, Family, and the citizens of Cork on the death of Lord Mayor Sean French. Councillor Connolly seconded.

Both resolutions of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

#### "98" COMMEMORATION.

The Mayor referred to the "1798" Commemoration proposed to be held throughout the County next year and stated that he had been requested to convene a meeting in Wexford for the purposes of making arrangements for it. He wished to have the opinion of the Corporation as to whether the meeting should be convened by invitation or by a public notice to all who desired to attend.

The meeting favoured a notice in the press inviting any member of the public who wished to attend and the Mayor accepted this view.

#### ACHILL RELIEF FUND.

Councillor Moran proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of those who met their death under such tragic circumstances in Scotland recently; and suggested that a Subscription List for the relief of their friends be opened by the Corporation.

Ald. Flusk Seconded the motion which was adopted in silence.

The following were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the opening of a subscription list, namely, the Mayor, Aldermen Coffey, Flusk, Cullimore, Councillors Moran, Murphy, Walsh, James Billington and Hayes.

#### NUISANCES.

Attention was called to the danger in the Main Street on Saturday nights through the furious pace at which messengers on cycles travelled; and as well to the nuisance caused by the distribution of handbills outside the Churches on Sunday mornings.

As regards the cyclists it was agreed to request the Garda Siochana to take action, and the question of the distribution of handbills was referred to the Town Clerk to enquire whether the Corporation or the Garda had any power to prevent their distribution.



## SEWER JOHN STREET

The Finance Committee recommended that a new sewer be laid in John Street at a cost of £270, and that a Loan of this amount be raised from the Local Loans Fund to finance the work.

The necessity for this work arose through the constant flooding of the street in wet weather and to the fact that a new sewer down St. John's Road was run into it.

As the work was an absolute necessity, the recommendation was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, Seconded by Councillor Connolly.

## BONUS CLERK OF WORKS.

The Finance Committee further recommended that a sum of £21 be paid to Mr. Thomas J. Millar for acting as Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Housing Scheme and on the Piling of the Town Hall Site.

In his application for extra remuneration Mr. Millar pointed out that for a period of seven weeks he had acted as Clerk of Works on both Schemes, and as they were about a mile apart, the work necessitated the constant use of a motor car.

He further pointed out that he had been sanctioned for both jobs at a separate salary of £5 - 15 - 0 per week, but was only paid salary in respect of one, and if a second Clerk of Works had been appointed it would have cost the Corporation £40 - 5 - 0 for the seven weeks.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

## VACANT HOUSE.

The Housing Committee recommended that a house vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas be given to Thomas Browne who was residing in rooms at Selskar Avenue.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that a number of applications had been received for this house including two from men named White and Tierney who had 12 and 11 in family respectively.

After some discussion, Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation and Councillor Dunne Seconded.

Alderman Walsh, however, moved as an amendment "that in view of the cases of hardship disclosed in the applications that the re-housing of Browne be adjourned until there was a three room house available as he had



only a small family"

~~CCCCCCCC~~ Alderman Coffey seconded the amendment which was declared carried, but with Councillor Gaul Dissenting.

After some further discussion, it was unanimously agreed that White be allocated the tenancy of the vacant house and that Tierney be given the next four-room house available. This motion was proposed by Alderman Flusk and seconded by Councillor Hayes.

#### PANEL OF TENANTS.

Councillor James Billington gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that a panel of persons eligible for vacant houses be established so that they could be installed by the Town Clerk immediately a house became vacant.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM TIPPERARY U. D. C.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a Resolution from the Tipperary U.D.C. asking the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the period ~~60~~ for repayment of Housing Loans to 70 years was adjourned for a report, figures were submitted showing that the economic rent of a house costing £350 on the present basis of 35 years was 6/3 per week, whereas if the repayment period were extended to 70 years the rent would only be reduced to 5/9. As well in the former case the Corporation and Government would pay over 35 years £721 and in the latter case £1209.

It was seen that it would not be good finance to ask for this extension and accordingly the resolution was unanimously rejected, and in lieu thereof the following resolution as proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor James Billington was unanimously adopted. "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reduce the interest on Housing Loans to 4% and to pay subsidy on the full cost of a house instead of £300 as at present." If this resolution were adopted by the Minister it would have the effect of reducing the economic rent to approximately 5/3 per week.

A further Resolution from the Tipperary Council regarding the operation of the Conditions of Employment Act, The Widows & Orphans Pension Act, and the increased cost of building materials, in relation to the all-in



cost of a house was marked "read".

#### WEXFORD MADE PAINTS AND RANGES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that for the future only Wexford made paints and ranges be used for Corporation Work. Alderman Flusk seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

#### VACANT SEAT.

In accordance with notice given, the Mayor moved that the seat formerly held by John J. O'Leary as Councillor for St. Selskar Ward be declared vacant. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Councillor O'Leary was elected on the 26th June, 1934, and on the 31st January, 1936, tendered his resignation as a member of the Corporation, which resignation was accepted at a Statutory Meeting held on the ~~31st~~ ~~31st~~ 3rd. day of February, 1936.

Accordingly the following Declaration was Sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation:-

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

#### DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD CORPORATION.

WHEREAS on the 26th day of June, 1934, John J. O'Leary was elected as Councillor for St. Selskar Ward of the Borough of Wexford.

AND WHEREAS since the date of said election (to wit on the 31st day of January, 1936) Councillor O'Leary tendered his resignation as a member for the Saint Selskar Ward of the Borough of Wexford, which resignation was accepted by the Corporation at a Statutory Meeting held on the 3rd day of February, 1936.

AND WHEREAS the said John J. O'Leary has absented himself from meetings of the Corporation of Wexford for over six months consecutively, and has therefore vacated his seat as a member thereof under Article 12(9) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of Article 12(10) of the aforesaid Order, hereby declare the Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by John J. O'Leary, to be vacant.



AND WE FURTHER DECLARE That a Declaration to this effect, at, on or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this fourth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

L. S.

RICHARD CORISH MAYOR) Three members  
THOMAS WALSH ) of the said  
MICEAL FLIUSC ) Corporation.

COUNTERSIGNED JOHN J. BYRNE, TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk reported that as requested he had written to Alderman Tobin relative to his absence from meetings of the Corporation for over six months, and read a letter from the Alderman stating that his absence was due to the illness of his wife who was away from home, making it impossible for him to attend at present.

Councillor McMahon thereupon proposed that this excuse be accepted as sufficient reason for the Alderman's absence. Alderman Coffey seconded and the proposition was unanimously adopted.

*Richard Corish T.D.*  
*Mayor*

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A meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above Statutory Meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

#### FAILURE OF RENT COLLECTOR TO CHECK.

The Town Clerk reported that Rent Collector Richard Scallan failed to attend for checking on the 27th September, 1937. He (Town Clerk) sent for him twice on the 28th idem, but he could not be found. He again sent for him on the 29th when he could not be found. He turned up for checking on the 30th and made a lodgment of £123-10-0. This was three days after the appointed day for lodging and checking.



An examination of his accounts on the 30th ultimo showed an overlodgment of £5 - 18 - 1.

The Town Clerk further reported that he had failed to turn up for checking on this day (4th October, 1937) nor had any lodgment been made in respect of the rents collected for the week ended on the 2nd instant.

The meeting took a very serious view of the Town Clerk's report in this case and unanimously decided on the motion of ~~Councillor~~ Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to suspend Collector Scallan from duty pending a complete investigation of his accounts.

The meeting further decided to appoint Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office, to collect the rents pro. tem. on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

The Town Clerk further reported that in July last he had sent notices to approximately 100 tenants of Corporation houses regarding arrears of rent, and not one of them had disputed the amounts shown to be then due. He was having the annual rent books for all the tenants prepared showing the amount of arrears in each case at the 30th September, 1937. These would be sent to the tenants before the 11th instant with a request to examine the arrears shown and to report any inaccuracy to him immediately. In this way he hoped to ascertain the exact amount of the Collector's Defalcations in the course of a couple of Weeks.

#### TENDERS FOR MAUDLINTOWN FENCE.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when tenders for the above fencing were referred to the Surveyor for a report, he submitted the following:-

Item No. 1. Messrs. Thomas Malone & Messrs. Thos Pearson 4/8 per yard.

No. 2 Mr. Thomas Malone gives the lowest quotation.

No. 3 Do. Do.

No. 4 The Wexford Timber Co. quotes lowest.

No. 5 Do. Do.

No. 6 Do. Do.

No. 7 The Wexford Timber Co's quotation although not exactly as

I asked for works out the cheapest quotation.

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It was unanimously agreed to accept the tender of Mr. Thomas Malone for



Item No. 1, and the lowest tender in each of the others on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

#### BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S FEES.

With reference to minutes of 5th April last when it was agreed to pay the Borough Surveyor a sum of £60 for the work of re-surfacing the Streets taken over from the Harbour Commissioners, Councillor Gaul asked if this money had yet been paid to him, and the Town Clerk replied that he was still awaiting the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the matter, so it was agreed to again write to the Minister for such approval.

#### TRANSFER OF HOUSE - HILL STREET.

At the request of Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, it was agreed on the Motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Connolly, to approve of the Transfer of No. 1 St. Ita's Terrace, Hill Street, from Mr. John F. Heffernan to Mr. Joseph Cullen.

#### OPENING OF GROUND BRIDE STREET.

With reference to previous discussions relative to the provision of sanitary conveniences for two houses at Bride Street, it was reported that the occupier of one had agreed to install such a convenience himself as the Landlord had failed to comply with a Statutory notice in the matter, and it was agreed on the Motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Coffey to have the Street opened for the sewerage connection free of charge.

#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES PARNELL STREET.

The Sub-Sanitary Officer was requested to report on the number of houses at Parnell Street without water closets.

#### FIRE REPORT.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he was called to a fire at Parnell Street on the 30th ultimo where he found a chimney on fire. There was no damage done and the time on fire was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours for three men.

He also reported that he proposed to hold a practise on Saturday next at 2 - 0 p. m. with the Fire Escape to see that it was in order.

The Scavengers applied for their annual pair of Boots and it was agreed to procure tenders for same by next meeting, together with tenders for



four pairs of hip boots for the use of men cleaning sewers etc.

#### WATER ANALYSIS.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health enclosing copy of a bacteriological report on the Reservoir water, which showed that there was something wrong with the mains. The probability was that the mains were semi-choked with infected material and this destroyed to a certain extent the effect of the Chlorine.

As there was a proposal at the moment before the Department to have the mains scraped and re-coated amongst other things, it was seen that nothing further could be done at the moment in this connection.

At the request of Councillor Hayes it was agreed to ask the County Medical Officer of Health to have samples of water taken at John St., Summerhill, Distillery Road, Whitemill and Folly for analysis.

#### OPENING OF STREET.

The Borough Surveyor reported on a complaint contained in a letter from the Wexford Trades Council regarding the opening of the Street for Mr. H. Stone at South Main Street, and intimated that he had given permission for the raising of a flag in the footpath to facilitate the repair of a service pipe, as he had no mason available himself at the time, and this explanation was accepted.

#### HOUSE TALBOT STREET.

Two reports were submitted on a house at Talbot Street occupied by John Doyle. One was from the M.O.H. Dr. Sinnott who stated that the house was not fit for Doyle's large family but might suit a childless couple, and the other was from the County M.O. H. who considered the house unfit for human habitation. It was agreed to refer Dr. Sinnott's report to the C. M. O. H. for his observations in view of his own report on the dwelling.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to the footpath from William Street to Tuskar View and to the surface of Keyser's Lane.

*Richard Curtis T.D.*  
*Mayor*



11th October, 1937.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: John Billington, James McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Murphy, James Billington, Robert Moran, and Thomas Dunne.

#### SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Denis J. Hickey, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who died rather suddenly on the 10th. Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was adopted in respectful silence.

#### APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The meeting had been specially convened to appoint a Poor Rate Collector in room of the late William O'Donohoe, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received three applications for the post from John J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford; Michael H. O'Neill, Paul Quay, Wexford; and John Whitney, 1 Abbey Street, Wexford.

The three candidates had presented themselves for the examination in English, Irish, and Arithmetic, conducted by the Rev. Brother Foran, Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford.

The result of this examination was as follows:-



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Name.	English	Arithmetic	Irish	Total	Average.
O'Neill	96	100	90	286	95.3
O'Leary	95	100	40	235	78.3
Whitney	40	10	40	90	30.0

It was explained to the meeting that on 6th September the Corporation had agreed that the minimum pass marks in this examination should be 33 1/3rd per cent., and accordingly it was seen that only two of the candidates, namely O'Neill and O'Leary, had qualified.

Alderman Coffey thereupon proposed that Mr. O'Neill be elected, and Councillor James Billington seconded.

Councillor Crosbie proposed that Mr. O'Leary be elected, and Councillor Hayes seconded.

Alderman Flusk, however, moved that in view of the suspension of the Rent Collector on the 4th instant by the Finance Committee, and in view of the fact that no reply had been received up to the present from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Town Clerk's letter of the 5th idem reporting such suspension, that the appointment of the Poor Rate Collector be adjourned until the November Statutory Meeting. Councillor Dunne seconded.

A number of the members objected to this adjournment holding that the suspension of the Rent Collector had nothing whatsoever to do with the appointment of the Poor Rate Collector, and in reply to a query by Alderman Coffey the Town Clerk stated that as far as he was aware there was no legal or other objection to the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector at the present meeting.

On a show of hands, seven members voted for Alderman Flusk's motion and nine against.

The motion was accordingly declared lost, and a poll was taken as between Messrs. O'Neill and O'Leary, when there voted:-



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For O'Neill: Councillor James Billington, Murphy, Atkins, and  
 Alderman Coffey----- 4.  
 For O'Leary: Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie, Hayes, Connolly,  
 Cashman, McMahon, John Billington, Aldermen  
 Cullimore, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 10.  
 Declined to  
 Vote: Councillors Dunne, Moran, and Alderman Flusk---- 3.

Mr. O'Leary was accordingly declared elected.

*Richard Corish TD*  
*Mayor*

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health  
 Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and  
 William Cullimore.

Councillors: John Billington, James McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Patrick  
 Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie,  
 James Sinnott, James Murphy, James Billington, Robert  
 Moran, Thomas Dunne, and Michael Martin.

#### 5-ROOMED HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to erect fourteen  
 5-roomed houses at William Street, the Minister for Local Government  
 and Public Health under date of the 9th instant, by letter  
 No. H.76552, intimated that it seemed clear that there was only a  
 slender demand in the Borough for the type of house proposed; that  
 although the Corporation advertised on three occasions only fifteen  
 applications were received for the fourteen houses. It was a matter  
 of some doubt, said the Minister, whether a Local Authority should be  
 called upon to provide houses of the expensive type for persons who  
 were in a position to pay an economic rent. They had already  
 incurred a heavy Capital indebtedness for houses previously erected,



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and it was very desirable that capital expenditure should be restricted to urgent public needs. In the circumstances the Minister was not prepared to approve of the proposal.

In view of this letter, and to avoid further delay in building on this site, the Borough Surveyor was asked to prepare a scheme for the erection of four-roomed houses for submission to the November Statutory Meeting.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN.

An application was submitted from a man named John Leonard, St. John's Road, for a supplementary loan of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. It was explained that on the 7th September, 1936, the Corporation had granted a loan of £550 to Mr. Leonard.

Mr. Leonard now found that the building had cost much more than he had at first anticipated, so it was agreed that if the Borough Surveyor was satisfied that the value of the building warranted the increase asked for, the Corporation should be recommended to grant it.

#### FIRE AT MAIN STREET.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported having been called to a fire on Monday morning, the 10th instant, at the premises of Mr. Thomas Quigley, North Main Street, and intimated that the Brigade were engaged for seven hours. He also reported that he had had a Fire Practice on the 9th instant with the Fire Engine, and intimated that certain repairs were necessary to the Fire Escape Station. This matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor for his attention.

#### COMPENSATION.

With reference to a claim on behalf of Denis Farrell, Wolfe Tone Villas, for damage to his hand through the falling of a gully trap thereon, the Corporation Solicitor intimated that he could not see how the Corporation were in any way liable, and it was decided to inform Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, who were acting for Farrell, that the Corporation could not accept liability.



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## GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN.

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, it was decided not to grant the request of William Furlong, St. Magdalen's Terrace, for the use of a small piece of ground at the rere of his dwelling, as in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor it should be reserved by the Corporation for the present.

## SALE OF EXPLOSIVES, ETC.

The Town Clerk was requested to see if the Corporation had any power to refuse to licence the sale of explosives in the town; and to ask the Gardai to keep a passage in the Bullring free of cars.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The County Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on a house at Talbot Street, occupied by a man named Kirwan, which he considered dangerous and unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve a Notice on the owner fixing time and place when any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling would be considered. The Town Clerk reported that he had received a notice from the Inspector of Factories to the effect that both sexes were employed at the Factory occupied by Messrs. Cousins & Co., Old Pound, and that only one sanitary accommodation was provided. He had also received a report from the Inspector to the effect that no sanitary accommodation was provided at the Redmond Road Garage, occupied by Mr. Richard Roche, and a notice that no sanitary accommodation was provided at the Garage occupied by Mr. Patrick Meyler, Redmond Place.

He had referred the three reports to the Medical Officer of Health, who stated that with regard to Messrs. Cousins & Co. he had inspected the premises and ascertained that the female staff used the lavatory of dwelling house of proprietors and male staff used lavatory in works.

He reported that he had inspected the premises of Mr. Richard Roche, Redmond Road, and found no sanitary accommodation provided. He



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ascertained that the staff used a public lavatory in the vicinity. As regards the North End Garage, occupied by Mr. Patrick Meyler. He found no sanitary accommodation on the premises, but ascertained that the female staff used private lavatory of house adjoining, and male members used a public lavatory in vicinity. It was decided to refer the Medical Officer's report in each case to the Inspector of Factories for his observations. The Town Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Patrick O'Leary, Abbey Street, regarding the Notice served on him to provide sanitary accommodation for house at John Street, occupied by David O'Neill, requesting him to intimate when he proposed to commence the work, as if not the Corporation would have to carry it out themselves and proceed against him for the costs.

*Richard Corish T.D.  
Mayor*

18th October, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: John Billington, Michael Martin, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, and Timothy Cashman.

#### RENT COLLECTOR.

The Town Clerk reported that he had now completed the checking of the accounts of the Rent Collector, Richard Scallan, who had been suspended on the 4th instant, and in so far as it had been possible to discover, the amount of his defalcations was £182. 5. 8.

These all occurred in the collection of the weekly rents of Artisans Dwellings, and he had been unable to discover any evidence



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of discrepancies in the collection of Ground Rents.

This matter was debated at length, and eventually it was decided to (1) inform the Department of Local Government and Public Health of the amount of his discrepancies; (2) to inform Scallan himself; and (3) to inform the New Ireland Insurance Company, who were Scallan's guarantors.

#### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE.

Under date of the 11th instant, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the proposals submitted by the Corporation for the expenditure of the Employment Schemes Vote of £3,640 in respect of the current year, and in this connection two tenders were submitted for the supply of cement from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty. The Former quoted £2. 10. 0. and the latter £2. 11. 6. per ton, and as the tender of the Wexford Timber Company was the lower of the two submitted it was accepted on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that these men would be employed for three days each per week and that the week would end on Friday night, and informed the meeting that he proposed to pay them on the following Wednesday.

Tenders were also submitted for the supply of Resilient Jointing and Reinforcement, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the tender of Messrs. Graves & Co., Waterford, was accepted for the former, and the tender of Messrs. Thomas Pearson & Co. Ltd., Dublin, for the latter.

#### TOWN RATE COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION.

The Town Rate Collector, Mr. Patrick Curran, applied for the sum of £100 on foot of commission due to him for collecting Town Rates in the current year. The Town Clerk reported that up to date Mr. Curran had collected and lodged £6,274, and that the commission due thereon was £159, so it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and



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Public Health, to pay the sum asked for.

#### TENANCY OF HOUSE AT ROCHE'S TERRACE.

A man named James Carty, of No. 1 Roche's Terrace, applied to have the tenancy of this house placed in his name. The house had been formerly in the name of Mrs. Margaret Crosbie, his mother-in-law, but since the death of his wife in 1935, Mrs. Crosbie had gone to live with another of her daughters.

Some members pointed out that this house was already sub-let by Carty, and before coming to a decision on the matter it was decided to enquire from him if it were true that he had already sub-let the house.

#### ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Borough Surveyor was requested to submit a plan for the erection of 4-roomed houses at William Street, he reported that in his opinion part of the site was not suitable for houses of the type suggested as it would not allow for adequate back garden space, which was very important in Working-class houses. He submitted a rough sketch showing his proposals in the matter, and it was agreed that he should prepare plans on the lines suggested by himself for submission to the next Monthly Meeting.

#### USE OF MARKET PLACE.

An application from the Catholic Young Mens' Society for permission to use the Market Place for side shows in connection with a Carnival proposed to be run in December, was granted.

#### NEW TOWN HALL.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had communications from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposed new Town Hall for Wexford, intimating that the Architect had been requested to make a report in connection with the tenders to the Corporation.

Under date of the 15th instant, Mr. Donnelly intimated that on



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notifying Messrs. Dempsey Brothers of the acceptance of their tender of £18,745, they asked for the return of their priced Bill of Quantities for the purpose of checking their figures.

He had given the Bill to them, when he was informed that they had made a mistake in their figures, and that their tender would be £21,544.

He had considered the question of re-advertising for tenders, but owing to the continuance of the Building Strike in Dublin he found that Contractors were not inclined to give keen prices even if tenders were given at all. As the strike was now over, he was of opinion under all the circumstances that the best course for the Corporation to adopt would be to re-advertise for tenders at once.

In this connection, it was pointed out that if it was decided to re-advertise for tenders the resolution accepting the tender of Messrs. Dempsey Brothers would need to be rescinded, and accordingly Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the resolution accepting the tender of Messrs. Dempsey Brothers be rescinded, and that fresh tenders be invited by public advertisement for the proposed building.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

It was decided to ask for a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the houses at the South side of Green Street.

With reference to a Demolition Order made in respect of a house at Batt Street, occupied by Patrick Fenlon and owned by Mr. John Lett, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, under date of the 15th instant, stated their client, Mr. Lett, was under the impression that it would be in order for him, as soon as he got possession of the house, to carry out necessary repairs and to re-let it. He did not realise the position he was in under the Demolition Order, and consequently did not appeal to the Circuit Court against it.

The Town Clerk pointed out, in connection with this communication, that once a Demolition Order had been made and became operative, it was mandatory on the Corporation to see that the house be demolished and the site cleared and levelled, and in his opinion it was not



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possible to have the Order rescinded.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that the Corporation were precluded by law from allowing Mr. Lett to repair and re-let the premises.

#### CARE OF GRAVEYARDS.

A circular letter No. P.H.125, under date of the 15th instant, was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to the maintenance of Burial Grounds. The letter suggested that the Corporation should arrange for the periodical inspection by a responsible officer of all Burial Grounds in their district, and he would submit reports as to the improvements which were necessary. In this connection it was agreed to request the Borough Surveyor to make a report on all the Graveyards under the control of the Corporation.

*Richard Corish T.D.*  
*Mayor*

25th October, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, and James Gaul.

#### TENANCY OF HOUSE AT ROCHE'S TERRACE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when an application was made by James Carty, 1 Roche's Terrace, to have the tenancy of this house transferred to his name, a letter was read from Mr. Carty stating that the house had been sub-let before he came into possession, and consequently it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Cullimore,



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seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to transfer the tenancy from Mrs. Margaret Crosbie to James Carty provided that if the present sub-tenant at any time left the house, it could not be further sub-let.

#### DATE FOR STATUTORY MEETING.

The Town Clerk pointed out that Monday, November 1st, the date of the Statutory Meeting, was a Catholic Holiday, and it was agreed to hold the meeting at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd ~~instant~~.

#### DEMOLITION OF MORGUE.

A letter was read from the Harbour Commissioners asking the Corporation to pay half the expenses of demolishing the old Morgue on the Quay. It was stated that the demolition had cost £18, but before considering the matter further it was decided to ask the Commissioners for details of how the £18. was made up.

#### PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of premises at Paul Quay, Wexford, occupied by Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons.

#### PAYMENT OF RATES.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, House Agent, in connection with Rate Demands out of the estate of the late Edward Redmond, who stated he was unable to meet these demands in full. He had only taken over the management of this property recently and found it heavily in debt. If the Corporation were willing, he was prepared to advance a sum equal to two years rates in full settlement of the amount due.

This matter was adjourned for a report as to the full amounts due and for the observations of the Rate Collector.

#### PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Mr. Thomas J. Millar wrote stating that the decision of the Corporation to rent him a plot of ground adjoining his house at St. John's Road at 1/- per year, was acceptable to him.

It was agreed to formally submit the decision of the Finance Committee



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to the Statutory Meeting for ratification, and in this connection attention was called to the letter under date of the 4th ultimo from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey asking if the Corporation would be prepared to sell or set this plot to their client, Mr. James English, whose dwelling-house also adjoined it.

As previously decided, the Corporation would not sell this plot of ground as it might be needed at some future date for further development there.

As regards Mr. English's request, the members were of opinion that it would not be advisable to even let to him as the house which adjoined it was a very old one and they themselves might find it necessary to acquire it at some future date. If they sold or let him this plot it would give him a valuable frontage and by demolishing his present house he could build a substantial building which the Corporation would find it very difficult and expensive to acquire if it were ever necessary.

A question was also asked as to whether or not Mr. Millar, if he so desired, would be permitted to erect a garage on this plot of ground, but it was decided that this matter could be settled if and when Mr. Millar made application.

#### FURTHER LAND FOR CEMETERY.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of acquiring further land for Crosstown Cemetery was under consideration, a letter was read from Mr. Patrick Furlong of Ballyharran, offering to sell a field containing about 3 1/3rd Statute Acres for the sum of £75 per acre, and it was decided to refer this matter to the Borough Surveyor for a report as to the suitability of the land in question. It was also decided to ascertain who owned the field on the left-hand side of the walk leading to the Cemetery.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Under date of the 18th instant, the Secretary of the County Council again requested the Corporation to apply for sanction to overdraft



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accommodation to clear off the County Council Demand to date, and in this connection the Town Clerk intimated that he had lodged £790.14.6. to the credit of the County Council this week, so it was decided not to take any action until the new Poor Rate Collector was sanctioned.

#### SUSPENSION OF RENT COLLECTOR.

In connection with the suspension of Richard Scallan, Rent Collector, the Town Clerk reported that he had made a formal demand on Scallan to lodge £182. 5. 8., being the amount found to be deficient in his accounts; he had made a further demand on the Insurance Company for this amount under their Guarantee Bond; and he had further sent a full statement to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. He had received no reply from any of the three, but intimated that an Inspector from the Ministry had visited him on Tuesday and Wednesday in connection with the matter.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that Mr. Patrick Curran, Town Rate Collector, be appointed to collect the rents pending the removal of Scallan's suspension or the appointment of a new Rent Collector.

#### DUMPING.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Forde, of Redmond Road, complaining that rubbish had been dumped by a man named John Cullen, Faythe, on the property of Miss O'Connor at Redmond Road and adjoining his house. In this connection the meeting was reminded that some time ago Miss O'Connor had intimated to the Corporation that she had come to an arrangement with Mr. Forde to report to her any unauthorised person he saw dumping rubbish there with a view to prosecution, and before taking any action on Mr. Forde's letter, it was decided to send a copy of it to Miss O'Connor for her observations.

#### BOOTS FOR WORKMEN.

Tenders were submitted from Messrs. Healy & Collins, Messrs. W. & G. Hadden and Mr. William Jenkins for the supply of boots for Corporation workmen. It was reported that the boot quoted on the Local Government Trade List was 13/2, and the lowest tender submitted was from Mr.



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Jenkins at 12/6 per pair. This boot did not contain nails, but it was felt that these could be obtained for a few pence per pair, and it was decided to accept his tender on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Hayes for the boots quoted at 12/6 per pair and to have nails inserted in them..

#### DEMOLITION OF HOUSE IN JOHN STREET.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to the owner of a house in John Street, which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation, directing him to take steps to have it demolished forthwith.

#### WELL AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

The Borough Surveyor was requested to examine the house at Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by Robert Hanton, and to have a well there cleaned.

#### JOHN STREET WATER.

Regarding the taking of samples of the John Street Water, Councillor Hayes and Alderman Flusk requested to be informed when Dr. Bastible proposed to take the samples so that they could be in attendance, and the Borough Surveyor informed the meeting that he had attended at John Street Reservoir this afternoon with Dr. Bastible for the purpose of taking a sample but found that the place was so much overgrown with briars and weeds that they were unable to take a sample at the place required. They had decided to leave the matter until he was able to have it cleaned up in the course of a day or two, so the Borough Surveyor was asked to arrange with the Doctor to take a sample at about 12.30 some day, which hour would suit the two members who wished to be in attendance.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been served under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, on the Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, the owners of the Gate Lodge at the old Fever Hospital, Wexford, fixing this date for the receipt of any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the dwelling.



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No representations had been received from the Board in the matter, and accordingly it was decided to recommend the Corporation at next Statutory Meeting to make a Demolition Order in respect of the premises. A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health in respect of a house at Talbot Street in the occupation of John Doyle. The house he stated was damp, dark and badly ventilated, and he was of the opinion that the dampness was ground damp, which could not be corrected. The lighting and ventilation could not be made suitable at a reasonable cost, and consequently he considered the house unfit for human habitation.

In this case it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing time and place for the receipt of any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling.

*Richard Curran TD*  
*Mayor*

A Meeting of the members who were recently charged by the Auditor with £50 was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being The Mayor, Councillors Moran, Crosbie, Sinnott, Atkins, Aldermen Walsh and Flusk.

The Town Clerk explained the facts in connection with the Charge and what lead up to it.

A perusal of the applications showed that in the first applications received Mrs. Cullimore was the only person who offered to put a substantial building on the site, and it was decided to point out to the Minister that in the first applications, on which the Corporation made their decision, neither Messrs. Stafford nor Broaders signified their intention of building. Mrs. Cullimore, on the other hand, stated that she was prepared to erect a substantial building, and this was what influenced the Corporation in their decision as they visualised a decent revenue through the medium of rates. The members were perfectly satisfied in their own minds that if Mrs. Cullimore had not made application for the plot neither Messrs. Stafford nor Broaders would have made any attempt to secure it.



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They further decided to point out to the Minister that the plot in question was an open river which carried the sewage of a portion of the town and that it was to the advantage of the Corporation and the residents of the district to have it covered over.

It was decided to again point out to the Minister that the members had nothing to gain by giving the plot to Mrs. Cullimore.

*Richard Corish T.D.*  
*mayor*

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (in lieu of Statutory Meeting due to be held on 1st instant, which was a Catholic Holiday, and pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Murphy, James Sinnott, and James McMahon.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

At the outset, the Town Clerk read letters from the Minister for Agriculture, Miss Ellen O'Ryan, and the relatives of the late Denis J. Hickie acknowledging votes of condolence passed with them at recent meetings.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meetings of Corporation on 4th and 11th ultimo were taken as having been read and were signed, and Minutes of the Finance,



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Etc. Committees on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th ultimo were approved and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Alderman Coffey asked why the practice of circulating the Minutes amongst the members had been discontinued, and he was informed that by a Resolution of the Council on 7th November, 1936, it was decided to abandon this practice, as it had been ascertained that the Minutes had been handed to persons not of the Council concerned with the administration, and as they had been circulated merely for the information of members of the Corporation, it had been considered advisable not to furnish copies any more.

The Alderman intimated that he would raise this matter on a future occasion.

#### PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £10,146. 17. 0. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

#### RENT COLLECTOR'S SUSPENSION.

The first business was the ratification of the suspension by the Finance Committee on the 4th ultimo of Rent Collector Richard Scallan following the discovery of irregularities in his accounts, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the suspension was ratified.

The Finance Committee on the same date had appointed Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office, to collect the <sup>Rents</sup> ~~rates~~ temporarily, and this temporary appointment also came up for ratification, together with a motion, notice of which had been given by Councillor Connolly, that the Town Rate Collector, Mr. Patrick Curran, be substituted for Mr. Doyle pending the removal of the suspension of Mr. Scallan or the making of a new appointment. Alderman Coffey moved the ratification of the appointment of Mr. Doyle by the Finance Committee. Councillor McGuire seconded.



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Councillor Connolly moved that Mr. Patrick Curran, Town Rate Collector, be substituted for Mr. Doyle, and Alderman Flusk seconded. In moving his motion Councillor Connolly stated that on several occasions complaints had been heard that the Corporation Office Staff was overworked, and he did not see how they could carry on the normal business of the Corporation if Mr. Doyle was absent for a couple of days each week collecting rents.

Alderman Flusk, in seconding Councillor Connolly, made similar remarks.

Before a vote was taken on the two proposals, the Town Clerk stated that some time ago the Finance Committee had asked him to issue the Demand Notes for the Poor Rate pending the appointment of a Collector in room of the late William O'Donohoe. In order to help as much as possible, he had agreed to do this, and had been able to get out a few hundred Demands (but mostly after normal working hours) until the trouble arose in connection with ~~Rate~~<sup>Rent</sup> Collector Scallan. He had then to immediately concentrate on checking the Rent Books to ascertain the exact amount of Scallan's deficiency, and this had hampered the Poor Rate Collection in so far as he was concerned. Having regard to the abnormal circumstances at the time, he had not demurred when asked to undertake this extra work, and he had been ably assisted in it by the two Clerks in his office. It had meant that the entire three of them had to work somewhat longer hours than usual but in order to help the Corporation they had done so, and he felt rather surprised at the remarks of some of the members this night.

Alderman Flusk then asked if he (Town Clerk) was not receiving extra remuneration for this work, and he replied that no question of extra remuneration had been mentioned when he had agreed to undertake it. The Mayor thereupon decided to treat Councillor Connolly's motion as an amendment, and put it to the meeting first.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-



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For: Councillors Murphy, Moran, Dunne, Atkins, Connolly,  
and Alderman Flusk----- 6.

Against: Councillors Sinnott, McMahon, Crosbie, Hayes, Cashman,  
John Billington, McGuire, James Billington, Aldermen  
Walsh, Coffey, Cullimore, and the Mayor----- 12.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and the original motion that the appointment of Mr. Doyle as Temporary Rent Collector be ratified, was declared carried by the same voting.

#### HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Finance Committee recommended that eighteen four-roomed houses be erected at William Street and Batt Street.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the Corporation had originally intended to erect fourteen five-roomed houses on this site, but that under date of the 9th ultimo, by letter No. H.76552, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he was unable to approve of the erection of this type of house by the Corporation as in many other areas such houses had been provided by private enterprise.

This letter had been considered by the Finance Committee, who had requested the Borough Surveyor to prepare an estimate for the erection of four-roomed houses on the site.

Mr. McNally's estimate for eighteen four-roomed houses of a similar type to those erected at Maudlintown and in course of erection at Whitemill, was £6,335, using either concrete blocks or concrete in situ walls and cement asbestos slated roofs.

Councillor Connolly moved that this scheme be adopted. Alderman Cullimore seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Cashman then moved that the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to the erection of these houses by Direct Labour.

It was further agreed that the eighteen houses if, and when, erected should be used for the re-housing of slum dwellers.



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## PLOT, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

The Finance Committee recommended that a strip of ground at St. John's Road be rented to Mr. Thomas J. Millar at 1/- per year; the tenancy to be determined by twelve months notice in writing on either side. Alderman Walsh moved the adoption of this recommendation, and Councillor Hayes seconded.

Alderman Coffey, however, proposed that no letting be made, and that the Corporation retain the piece of ground themselves.

Councillor James Billington seconded.

The plot of ground in question adjoined Mr. Millar's dwellinghouse at St. John's Road, and it was stated that a letter had also been received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. John English, enquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to sell or let him this plot.

This letter had been considered by the Finance Committee and the members were of opinion that it would not be advisable to even rent this plot to Mr. English, as his house which adjoined it was a very old one, and they themselves might find it necessary to acquire it at some future date. If they sold or let him this plot it would give him a very valuable frontage, and by demolishing his present house he could erect a substantial building which the Corporation would find it very difficult and expensive to acquire if it were ever necessary.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the Recommendation:	Councillors McMahon, Sinnott, Murphy, Moran, Crosbie, Hayes, Cashman, Dunne, John Billington, McGuire, Atkins, Connolly, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor-----	16.
Against:	Councillor James Billington, and Alderman Coffey-----	2.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was accordingly declared carried.



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SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS  
ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Finance Committee further recommended that a Supplementary Loan of £200 be made to Mr. John Leonard under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. It was explained to the meeting that on the 7th September, 1936, Mr. Leonard had made an application for a Loan of £550, which had been granted, and the dwellinghouse had been valued at £880, so that the supplementary Loan of £200 would be inside the 90 per cent. of value which the Corporation were permitted to advance. The recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

DEMOLITION ORDER.

The Public Health Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in respect of the Gate Lodge at old Fever Hospital, Grogan's Road, Wexford. The necessary Notice under Section 23 of the Statute had been served on the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, the owners of the house, fixing a time and place when any representations regarding its future user would be considered, but no such representations had been made.

Thereupon Alderman Cullimore moved that the Demolition Order be sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. Councillor Connolly seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted.

NEW TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of meeting of 24th May, 1937, when the tender of Messrs. Dempsey, Brothers, Dublin, for the erection of a new Town Hall for the sum of £18,708. 3. 2. had been accepted, Alderman Walsh, in accordance with notice given, moved that this resolution be rescinded. Councillor Cashman seconded.

It was explained to the meeting that under date of the 15th ultimo the Architect, Mr. R. Donnelly, reported that on notifying Messrs. Dempsey Brothers of the Corporation's acceptance of their tender, they asked for the return of their Bill of Quantities to check their



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figures. He gave them the Bill, and was then informed that they had made a mistake in their figures, which should be £21,544. After a delay of some weeks owing to difficulties in connection with the Building Strike, he had an interview with them when they pointed out their mistake. He considered the question of readvertising for tenders, but at the same time owing to the continuance of the strike he felt that Contractors were not inclined to give keen prices even if tenders would be given at all. He reminded the Corporation that only one firm, apart from Dublin Contractors, originally tendered, and this firm gave by far the highest tender. As the strike was now over, he was of the opinion that under all the circumstances the best course for the Corporation to adopt would be to re-advertise for tenders at once.

There was also read for the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th ultimo asking that the Corporation's proposals as to the procedure to be adopted regarding the acceptance of a tender be submitted with the least possible delay.

After some discussion, Alderman Flusk suggested that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked if the Corporation should approach Messrs. Stone & Sons, Ltd., (whose tender of £24,469 had been accepted on 3rd May but rescinded on 24th idem) with a view to having them take up the contract at this figure. This suggestion met with favour and Alderman Walsh agreed to adjourn his motion to rescind the acceptance of Messrs. Dempsey's tender and re-advertise, until a reply was received from the Minister.

#### NAME FOR ROAD.

In accordance with notice given, the Mayor moved that the extension from St. John's Road to Windmills Hill be named "St. John's Parade". Alderman Coffey seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, suggested that in view of the celebrations to be held in the County Wexford next year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Insurrection of 98, the



road should be called after one of the 98 patriots.

As no one, however, could suggest a suitable name, it was decided to adjourn the matter to enable the Finance and Works Committee to recommend one.

#### LETTING OF HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James Billington moved that a panel of persons eligible for the tenancy of Artisans' Dwellings be established, so that immediately a house became vacant it could be allocated by the Town Clerk to the person whose name appeared first on the panel. He suggested that a panel of six should be selected. Councillor Murphy seconded.

After some discussion, the principle of the motion was unanimously agreed to, and the details were left to the Finance and Works Committee to prepare.

#### COUNCILLOR FOR ST. SELSKAR WARD.

The next business was to fill the vacancy in St. Selskar Ward, caused by the resignation and absence from meetings for over six months of Councillor John J. O'Leary.

The declaration of vacancy had been executed on the 4th ultimo and a copy thereof affixed at the entrance to the Town Hall in accordance with the Declaration.

A formal request had been received by the Town Clerk from two electors of St. Selskar Ward requesting the filling of the vacancy, which could be by the choice of the Council in accordance with Section 9 of the Local Elections Act, 1937.

Thereupon Councillor Hayes proposed that Mr. Patrick Hawkins, of Michael Street, be selected to fill the vacant seat. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Councillor Murphy, however, proposed that Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Redmond Road, be selected. Councillor Connolly seconded.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Hawkins: Councillors McMahon, Sinnott, Crosbie, Hayes, Cashman,  
John Billington, McGuire, James Billington,

Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, and the Mayor-----11



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For O'Brien: Councillors Murphy, Moran, Dunne, Atkins, Connolly,  
Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore----- 7.

Mr. Hawkins was accordingly declared selected to fill the vacant seat in St. Selskar Ward.

#### BOROUGH ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September last showed that twenty samples had been submitted to him by the Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts.

These were composed of 5 of milk; 4 of buttermilk; three each of butter and margarine; 2 of cheese; and one each of sugar, sago, and Strawberry Jam. In addition, 4 samples of butter had been submitted by Mr. P. Gallagher, Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, making a total of 24 samples analysed during the Quarter, all of which had been found genuine.

#### CONTROL OF TRAFFIC.

There was submitted to the Meeting a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th ultimo, No. R.V.221/31, enclosing Bye-laws for the control of traffic, 1937, and it was decided to refer these to the Finance Committee for consideration, and copies were to be obtained for each member.

#### REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

A resolution from the Mallow Urban District Council calling for the release of Republican prisoners was ruled out of order by the Mayor on the grounds that it was political.

#### COST OF LIVING.

Before the meeting terminated, Alderman Walsh complained of the very large increase in the cost of living in recent months, and suggested that the <sup>Government</sup> ~~Corporation~~ should be requested to take legislative action with a view to controlling the price of essential food stuffs.

The Mayor, however, informed the meeting that legislation was at present before Dail Eireann to widen the scope of the activities



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of the Prices Commission, and in view of this statement, no further action was taken on Alderman Walsh's complaint.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. Corish T.D.*  
*mayor*

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, Patrick Atkins, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, James Murphy, and Timothy Cashman.

#### DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

At the outset, the recently co-opted member for St. Selskar Ward, Mr. Patrick Hawkins, made the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

#### APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. John J. O'Leary as Poor Rate Collector, and suggested that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened for Monday next, 15th instant, to execute a Warrant authorising Mr. O'Leary to collect the Poor Rate. This suggestion was agreed to.

The meeting further approved of the two personal sureties offered by Mr. O'Leary, namely, Mr. Edward Carroll, Bride Street, and Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John Street.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The Town Clerk intimated that it was usual at this period of the year, owing to heavy commitments by way of loan instalments, to



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seek overdraft accommodation, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to an overdraft not exceeding £5,500 up to 31st January next.

#### RELIEF SCHEMES.

A discussion arose in connection with the men employed on Relief Schemes in regard to wet days, and the Surveyor explained that he had arranged to allow men who were stopped on wet days to make up their time in the current week if possible, and if not, in the following week.

#### REPAIRS TO STREETS.

Complaint was made about the condition of the surface of Barrack Street, Rowe Street, and the Folly, and it was explained that in regard to Barrack Street that it would be concreted under one of the Relief Schemes this year, and as regards Rowe Street some tarred chips would be put on to fill pot holes. The Folly, however, required some heavy material, and it was agreed to roll some of the tarred stones which were being taken off Spawell Road into the surface, if a Roller could be obtained on loan from the County Council.

#### PAYMENT OF RATES.

With reference to Minutes of 25th ultimo, when an offer of Two Years Rates in respect of the estate of the Representatives of Edward Redmond had been under consideration, and was referred to the Town Clerk and Rate Collector for a report, the former intimated that the amount of rates due to 31st March, 1938, was £46. 5. 8. He had referred the file to the Rate Collector, and Mr. Curran advised the acceptance of the offer as he believed nothing further could be done, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept two years rates in full settlement of the claim.

#### EXTRA REMUNERATION - MR. MILLAR.

With reference to a recent decision of the Corporation to pay extra



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remuneration to Mr. Thomas J. Millar for acting as Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Housing Scheme and on the piling of the new Town Hall site, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo, by letter No. S.84968, intimated that no objection would be raised to the payment of an additional sum in respect of the time during which Mr. Millar was engaged on both works, provided, however, that the total remuneration did not exceed the rate of £7. 7. 0. per week.

It was decided to adjourn this matter to enable the views of Mr. Millar to be obtained on the letter.

#### DEMOLITION OF MORGUE.

A claim from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for half the cost of demolishing the old Morgue on the Quay was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to ascertain what responsibility, if any, the Corporation had in the matter.

#### TRADESMEN ON WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Complaint was made that outside tradesmen were being employed on the Whitemill Housing scheme, which was contrary to the terms of the terms of the Specification, and the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Contractors on the matter.

#### PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, were signed in respect of the premises of the Irish American Oil Company at Redmond Road, and of Messrs. Irish Shell, Ltd., at Trinity Street.

#### LETTING OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 2nd instant, when the principle of a panel of persons eligible for the tenancy of Artisans Dwellings was adopted and the working details referred to the Finance Committee, a lengthy discussion took place thereon and a number of suggestions were made, but the only one which seemed to find any favour was that the panel should be selected on the basis of proportional representation, but before coming to a final decision



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it was agreed to give each member notice of this suggestion for a meeting due to be held on the 22nd instant.

#### GATES & RAILINGS FOR WHITEMILL SCHEME.

A question was raised as to where the gates and railings were being made for the Whitemill Housing Scheme, and the Borough Surveyor said he understood they were being manufactured in Waterford, and he did not think he had any power to insist on them being manufactured locally, so it was left in his hands to urge the Contractor to have the gates and railings manufactured in the town if possible.

#### CARNIVAL AT NEW MARKET.

A discussion took place regarding a recent decision of the Corporation to permit the Catholic Young Mens' Club to use portion of the Market Place in connection with a Carnival being held in December, and it was said that local traders objected to this Carnival being held at Christmas time, but in view of the fact that permission had already been given by the Corporation themselves, no action was taken in the matter.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

It was reported that Notice had been served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in respect of a house at Talbot Street, occupied by a man named Kirwan and owned by Mr. Thomas J. Maylor, Harristown, Ballymitt, fixing this day as the time and place for the receipt of any offer with regard to the carrying out of works or the future user of the premises. No offer had been made on behalf of the owner, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that he had received no reply to a request made last month to Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, for a report on the houses at the South side of Green Street, so it was agreed to ask the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bastible, to expedite such a report.



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Dr. Bastible forwarded copy of a report from a Bacteriological Examination made of five samples of water taken from various wells and spouts at Summerhill, the Folly, Whitemill Road, Distillery Road, and John Street Reservoir. The results, he stated, were all bad, and indicated that these waters were being contaminated by vegetable and animal matter. The least objectionable water was that from the reservoir at John Street.

It was suggested, as a precaution, that the report of the Bacteriologist should be published in the local press for the information of the public, but it was pointed out that this was couched in highly technical terms, which the average person would not understand, and so it was finally agreed to request the County Medical Officer of Health to clarify the bacteriological report in simple language as well as the latest bacteriological report on the Coolree water, and when this was received the Committee would consider the advisability of publishing them in the press.

As regards the latest report on Coolree, this showed that there was contamination in the mains, and the Borough Surveyor submitted a voluminous report on scraping and reconditioning of the trunk main. It was seen that it would be very difficult for the members to understand this report by merely having it read by the Town Clerk, so it was agreed to have copies of it made, and circulated amongst the members for discussion.

*R. Curran T. D.*  
*Mayor of Wexford*



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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past Three o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, and Councillors Moran, John Billington, Crosbie, Sinnott, and Hayes.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr. Thomas J. Millar, and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MAUDLINTOWN HOUSING.

The Town Clerk reported that the net cost of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme was £49,350. 8. 1, and the estimate £50,600.

To arrive at the actual cost of building, the following amounts should be deducted, namely:-

Land-----	£700
Mortgage Deed-----	69
Law Costs-----	91

making a total deduction of £600, which when taken from the total cost of £49,350. 8. 1. left the actual building costs £48,490. 8. 1. There was also included in the estimate a sum of £182 in respect of the making of a new fence on the Railway Company's property and the removal of a wall at Mr. Scallan's. It had been subsequently decided, however, to do much more elaborate work in these two cases than was originally estimated. The works were at present proceeding and would be treated separately from the scheme. This £182 would have to be added to the net building costs in order to compare them with the estimate, and after making such an addition the amount would be £48,672. 8. 1. The actual estimated building costs were £49,306. 15. 0, and on deducting £48,672. 8. 1. therefrom, the scheme showed a saving of £634. 6. 11 on the estimate.

In addition, however, various things had occurred during the progress of the scheme to increase the costs.

These were as follows:-



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Increased Contribution under Widows and Orphans Pensions Act-----	£110. 18. 7.
Increased Wages-----	854. 13. 1.
Allowances and Holidays under Conditions of Employment Act, 1936-----	401. 10. 1.
Tax of 5/- per ton on cement cost-----	495. 0. 0.
The substitution of concrete for stoneware pipes meant an extra-----	115. 10. 0.
and the wages of the Clerk of Works, which was not included in the estimate-----	477. 8. 4.
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	£2455. 0. 1.

These additions added to the net saving of £634. 6. 11 shown above brought the total saving on the scheme to £3089. 7. 0. In addition, there was a large quantity of plant and machinery on hands, which the Clerk of Works, Mr. Millar, estimated to be valued for £200, and the Committee agreed that this was a reasonable valuation.

Satisfaction was expressed at this Statement, as all the members were aware that conditions on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme from the beginning were not favourable, and they gave great credit to the Clerk of Works for the saving effected on the job.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should prepare copies of the figures he had given the members of the Committee and circulate them amongst the entire members of the Corporation before the next Statutory Meeting.

NEW ROAD, ETC.

The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that the new Road from Batt Street to the Maudlintown Housing Site had cost a total of £1523. 12. 10, which included a sum of £430 for the land. Towards this cost the Government had contributed £420, and the Corporation would have to raise the balance of approximately £1100. In addition the work of making the new road at Mr. Scallan's end of the scheme and the erection of the fence adjoining the Railway Company's property would have to be financed, but up to the present the actual cost of these latter two jobs could not be estimated, so it was



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agreed that they should be charged against the Loan of £50,600 raised for the Maudlintown Scheme, and that a decision on the financing of the road be left until the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had approved of the scheme for the erection of eighteen further houses there.

#### DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that quite a number of houses in the town had been the subject of Demolition Orders during the past twelve months, and that the owners had not carried out their Statutory obligation of demolishing the houses in accordance with the Act of 1931. He further pointed out that it was mandatory on the Corporation, where the owners failed to demolish, to do the work themselves and proceed for the costs incurred. He (Town Clerk) had written on a number of occasions to the persons concerned calling on them to demolish the houses which had been condemned, but without avail, and he asked for a direction from the Committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that Notices be served on the owners of all condemned houses, who had failed to demolish them, informing them that unless the work of demolition was commenced within seven days, the Corporation would have to take action and demolish the dwellings themselves.

It was agreed that the Mayor, the Borough Surveyor, and Mr. Millar should visit Fishers' Row and Trinity Street on Tuesday morning to see if anything could be done in regard to the provision of a Housing Scheme there.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he had received no reports as yet from Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, on the houses at the South side of Green Street, and that he had written to Dr. Bastible, asking him to expedite this report.

The Committee directed the Town Clerk to see Dr. Bastible as soon as possible and point out to him the urgency of this matter.

*Richard Owen T.D.*  
*Mayor*