

15th November, 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: William Cullimore and Thomas Walsh.

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

The Meeting had been specially convened to execute a Warrant authorising Mr. John J. O'Leary, newly appointed Poor Rate Collector, to collect the Rates made for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1938, together with the arrears of previous years rates, and on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the Warrant was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. The Meeting then terminated.

*R. Corish T. D.
Mayor of Wexford*

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance.

CHARGE OF £50.

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, which matter had been considered by the members concerned on the 25th ultimo, who had directed the Town Clerk to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to again request him to remit this Charge, the Town Clerk read a letter which he had written to the Minister under date of the 26th idem on the matter, and a reply from the Minister dated 8th instant, No. S.90847, wherein he stated that there was nothing contained in the Town Clerk's letter which would warrant any reconsideration of the decision conveyed in his letter of 28th July last.

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This meant that the Minister was not prepared to remit the Charge, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the following were appointed as a deputation to wait on the Minister in connection with the matter, namely, Councillor Moran, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.

NEW TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of Statutory Meeting, when the question of readvertising for tenders for the erection of a new Town Hall was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 12th instant, by letter No. S.94576, intimated that he would raise no objection to the Corporation accepting the advice of their Architect in this matter.

The Architect had advised that it was desirable to readvertise for tenders, so it was agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Corporation on the 22nd instant to deal with the matter.

In this connection, the Town Clerk pointed out that up to date their total expenditure on the preparation of the site was £1825. They owed Messrs. Cullen & O'Brien, Quantity Surveyors, approximately £464, and Mr. Donnelly, the Architect, was entitled to approximately £500 on account of fees due to him, and that there would probably be another £700 due to the Irish Piling Company.

He suggested that in the circumstances the Corporation should request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £3,500 pending receipt of the Loan which had been applied for to erect the building, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the suggestion of the Town Clerk was agreed to.

WAGES OF CARETAKER OF CEMETERY.

Under date of the 11th instant, by letter No. P.H.76554, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the increase in wages granted to Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, from £2. to £2. 5. 0. per week on 2nd November, 1936. The Minister stated that he considered his present wage of £2. per week

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with free house sufficient for the work to be carried out by Mr. Sutton. He further stated that in pursuance of the Local Officers and Employment Order, 1934, he had approved of the permanent appointment of Mr. Sutton as Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery with remuneration at the rate of £1. 15. 0. per week with free house as from 3rd March, 1930, and also to increase in his remuneration to £2. per week as from 1st July, 1931.

In this connection, the Town Clerk explained to the meeting that at no time had it been considered in the office that Mr. Sutton came within the scope of the Order mentioned by the Minister, consequently no sanction had ever been sought to his appointment or to the increased wages given to him in 1931 and 1936, and that he had paid Mr. Sutton at the rate of £2. 5. 0. per week as from 8th October, 1936. It appeared, however, according to a letter from the Minister from Local Government and Public Health dated 8th May, 1937, No. P.H.37184, that in view of the fact that Mr. Sutton was employed as Registrar of Burials, his appointment came within the purview of the Order mentioned.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk replied that Mr. Sutton might now possibly regard himself as a pensionable officer in view of this correspondence with the Minister, and much surprise was expressed by the members in this regard as at no time was it contemplated that Sutton would be a pensionable officer of the Council.

It was decided, however, to point out to the Minister that when Sutton's predecessor was in office he was permitted to look after graves for private individuals, which brought him in a fairly considerable income yearly, but when the present Caretaker was appointed it was laid down in his terms of office that he could not look after graves for members of the public.

The Mayor was asked to interview the Minister in this matter.

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ALLOTMENTS.

Circular letters regarding the allotments for the 1938 Season were submitted, and it was decided to advertise for allotment holders as soon as possible.

MAIN ROADS.

The County Surveyor forwarded copy of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1938/39, which showed that a sum of £300 had been allocated by the County Council for work on Main Roads in the Borough in that year.

The Borough Surveyor recommended the Corporation to refuse this amount, but the Mayor and Alderman Cullimore, who were members of the County Council, thought that the proposals had not been finally approved by the County Council, and consequently the matter was adjourned until next meeting.

DAMAGE IN TOWN HALL.

Arising out of a report from the Town Sergeant that the Water Closet pan in the Town Hall had been slightly damaged on the night of November 12th, it was decided to inform all persons booking the Town Hall for Dances or other purposes that they would be held responsible for any damage which occurred.

CLERK OF WORKS - FEES.

Councillor Connolly raised the question of the extra remuneration proposed to be paid to Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works, in connection with the piling of the Town Hall site and the Whitemill Housing Scheme, and the Town Clerk replied that he had referred the Minister's letter to Mr. Millar asking for his observations, but up to the present had received no reply.

Councillor Connolly, however, moved that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision in the matter, and Councillor Atkins seconded. The Mayor moved, however, that the matter be deferred for a week pending a reply from Mr. Millar, and Councillor Gaul seconded. Eventually it was decided to adjourn the matter in accordance with the Mayor's amendment.

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CARTERS ON RELIEF SCHEME.

Councillor Connolly also referred to the employment of the Corporation Lorry on Grant work, and held that this should not be so and only unemployed carters should be employed. He moved that the lorry and a permanent carter with the Corporation be taken off the Grant work immediately, and Alderman Cullimore seconded.

The Borough Surveyor explained that at the present time the lorry was not engaged on Grant work, but that he would have to put it on in the course of a few days to draw chippings and reinforcement from the Railway station, as otherwise the work would be held up.

Councillor Connolly held, however, that this work could be done by ordinary carters, but in the opinion of the Surveyor they would not be able to get the stuff away fast enough and it was quite possible that the Corporation would be charged demurrage on Railway waggons. The Surveyor further pointed out that it was very difficult to procure waggons at the present time from the Railway Company, and if there was any unusual delay in discharging them, it was quite possible that the Company would refuse to give waggons at all.

On a show of hands being taken, four voted for Councillor Connolly's motion and eight against.

The motion was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor Connolly intimated that he would raise the matter at the Statutory Meeting in December.

ACHILL RELIEF FUND.

The Town Clerk was directed to close the Achill Relief Fund, and forward the amount to the Archbishop of Tuam.

R. Connolly T. D.
Mayor

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The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Thomas Walsh.

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

NEW TOWN HALL.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider a motion in the name of Alderman Walsh, which had been adjourned from the 2nd instant, that the resolution of 24th May, 1937, accepting the tender of Messrs. Dempsey Brothers for the erection of a new Town Hall ^{be rescinded} and if this rescission were agreed to, that fresh tenders be invited by public advertisement.

Alderman Walsh formally moved that the resolution of 24th May, 1937, be rescinded. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 12th instant, No. S.94576, stating that he would raise no objection to the Corporation acting on the advice of their Architect, which was that it would be desirable to readvertise for tenders, and further stating that the matter should be expedited as much as possible.

The rescinding motion was unanimously agreed to, and thereupon Alderman Walsh further moved that tenders for the erection of the building be invited by public advertisement. Councillor Crosbie seconded, and this proposition was also unanimously agreed to.

The Meeting then separated.

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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 same members being in attendance.

RENT COLLECTOR.

With reference to the suspension of Rent Collector, Richard Scallan, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 19th instant, by letter No. H.94249, forwarded copy of an Order made by him removing Mr. Scallan from office. He also enquired what sum was due by Mr. Scallan and what was the result of the steps taken by the Corporation to recover this amount.

As regards the Sealed Order, it was decided to formally submit it to the December Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 6th proximo, when arrangements could be made for the appointment of Mr. Scallan's successor.

As regards the amount due, the Town Clerk submitted a letter from the New Ireland Assurance Company, from whom Mr. Scallan held a Fidelity Guarantee Bond, advising that they accepted his (Town Clerk's) figures showing that £182. 5. 8. was due under their Bond. As they were entitled to credit for the poundage on this amount, they would be glad to know what the poundage amounted to, and on receipt of this amount they would forward a cheque for the balance.

The Town Clerk further reported that he had informed the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of this matter, and the members considered the position satisfactory.

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR CLERK OF WORKS.

With reference to the decision at the October Statutory Meeting to pay Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Clerk of Works, extra remuneration for working on both the Whitemill Housing Scheme and the piling of the Town Hall site concurrently, and to the letter of the 29th ultimo from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that Mr. Millar should be paid for the period during which he was engaged on both works at the rate of £7. 7. 0. per week, Mr. Millar, in reply to the Committee's request for his observations, stated he

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thought it was entirely a matter for the Corporation and he would leave it in their hands.

In this connection it was decided to refer the matter back to the Corporation.

EMPLOYMENT OF MASONS AT WHITEMILL.

A letter was submitted from the Wexford Trades Council complaining that local masons had been dismissed from the Whitemill Housing Scheme whilst Waterford masons were still employed, but as there was a doubt in the minds of some of the members as to whether or not there were local masons idle at the moment, it was decided to ask the Trades Council to submit further particulars to the Town Clerk as to the local masons who were idle and the Waterford masons who were employed at Whitemill, when the matter could be taken up with the Contractors.

SHOP ACT.

A further letter was read from the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks complaining that certain shopkeepers were evading their obligations in the matter of the Shops Act, 1912.

In this connection, the Town Clerk called attention to the fact that it appeared to him from reading this letter that the Shop Assistants Union were aware of the particular persons who were evading their obligations, and he thought that the Union should give the names.

The members agreed with the Town Clerk's contention in this case, and it was adjourned to enable the Union to submit this information.

As regards the enforcement of half-holidays, the Town Sergeant, who was Inspector under the Act, was called before the meeting and asked to make regular inspections especially in those shops that were not bound to close on Thursday afternoons.

Arising out of this matter, the Town Clerk was asked to define the legal position in regard to weekly half-holidays on the two Thursdays prior to Christmas and submit a memorandum thereon to the next meeting, when it could be decided if it was necessary to bring any of the provisions of the Act before the notice of the Shopkeepers.

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BUILDING PLOT.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a lease of a plot of ground at St. John's Road to Mr. Matthew Boggan was executed on the part of the Corporation.

RENT - JOHN LACEY, WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that there had come to his notice the Rent Book of a house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by John Lacey. An examination of the book showed that arrears marked thereon on 30th September, 1937, had been altered from £1. 1. 10 to 9/4 without any official sanction from him. The book further showed that for the five weeks ending 1st November, 1937, payments of 3/2 each week would appear to have been made whereas the records of the Corporation showed no such payments. He had written to Mr. Lacey on the 17th instant informing him of the above facts, and requesting him to be so good as to bring to him for inspection the receipts issued by the Collector for the five weeks ending on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October, and 1st November, 1937. The book had been marked with the initials of Mr. Doyle, the temporary Rent Collector, who denied having received the amounts mentioned, and in the opinion of the Town Clerk the entries and initials were forgeries.

The Committee regarded this as a very serious matter, and instructed the Town Clerk to send for Mr. Lacey, and if he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of the occurrence, to take whatever proceedings he might be advised by the Corporation's legal adviser.

CONTROL OF TRAFFIC.

Reference was made to the General Bye-laws for the control of Traffic, which had been submitted to the last Statutory Meeting and copies of which had since been furnished to the members, but in reply to a query by the Town Clerk it was stated that they had no observations to make thereon.

FIRE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to

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a fire on the 15th instant at Distillery Lane in a stable belonging to Mr. John Kirwan. Part of the floor was burned and three members of the Brigade, namely, John Wallace, Thomas Crosbie, and Francis Nolan were engaged on the outbreak for an hour.

SUB-LETTING.

The Town Clerk reported that Patrick Kelly, No.2, Saltee Avenue, with a family of five, had left this house and gone to reside with his son-in-law, Nicholas Farrell, Wolfe Tone Villas, with a family of three. This made the total number of residents in the house at Wolfe Tone Villas eight, and the house was only a three-roomed one.

It was decided to inform both Farrell and Kelly that unless the latter vacated the house at Wolfe Tone Villas immediately, Notice to Quit would be served and both of them dispossessed, and the letting of the house at Saltee Avenue was adjourned for a week.

LETTING OF ARTISANS DWELLINGS.

The matter of the working out of the details of the proposed panel of persons eligible for the tenancy of Artisans Dwellings was adjourned for a larger meeting.

REPAIRS TO STREETS.

The Borough Surveyor was requested to have pot holes on Coffey's Hill, Rowe Street, and John's Gate Street repaired.

NEW SEWER.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with sanction to the proposed new sewer at John Street.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the premises at John Street, occupied by John Doyle, and found the ashpit in yard full of filth and refuse causing a danger to public health and he recommended that the owner be required to have same remedied. In this connection the Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made to have some of the filth removed and the matter was adjourned for a week to see what the state of the premises would be then.

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With reference to minutes of 11th October last, when three reports under the Factories and Workshops Acts were under consideration, and when the reports from the Medical Officer of Health had been referred to the Factories Inspector for his further observations, the Chief Inspector of Factories under date of the 21st ultimo stated that with reference to the sanitary accommodation at the premises of Messrs. Cousins & Co., Old Pound, the Inspector would take this report into account in relation to the provisions of the Acts governing sanitary accommodation on the occasion of his next inspection.

As regards the premises of Messrs. Patrick Meyler, North End Garage, and Mr. Richard Roche, Redmond Road, the Chief Inspector invited attention to Section 22 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, and stated that the provision of public lavatories in the vicinity of and in private premises adjoining factories and workshops would not appear to be in compliance with the provisions of this Section.

In this connection, the Town Clerk reported that under the Section referred to, the Corporation would have to act on the report of their Surveyor, and consequently the two files were referred to him for a report.

With reference to Minutes of the 8th instant, when it had been decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Talbot Street, occupied by a man named Kirwan and owned by Mr. Thomas J. Maylor, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors asked that the Corporation indicate what repairs were necessary to make this house fit for human habitation. A similar letter was read from the same firm in connection with a house at Talbot Street, occupied by John Doyle in respect of which notice had been served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to make reports on the two houses in question.

It was further decided to request the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sinnott, to forward a report on a house at Talbot Street occupied

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by William Clarke.

With reference to minutes of the 8th instant, when it was decided to request the County Medical Officer of Health to clarify in simple language the bacteriological reports in connection with five samples of water taken from various spouts in the town as well as Coolree Reservoir, the following letter was read from Dr. Bastible:-

" A Chara,

I received your letter of the 10th instant regarding the samples of water taken in the Urban Area. The meaning of the report is as follows:-

No. 1 Sample - Summer Hill Spout:- The number of colonies growing at blood heat was 860 and this is an indication of organisms generally of an animal nature which may cause damage to human beings. Diseases such as Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria are caused by organisms of this nature. The number of colonies growing at room temperature are usually of a vegetable origin and in this case they were innumerable indicating heavy vegetable contamination. The presence of bacillus coli in as small as 1 c.c. means that disease producing organisms such as typhoid organism is getting access to the water and its heavy contamination shows that animal matter in considerable quantities is getting into the water.

No. 2 Sample - Folly Spout:- The disease producing organisms are 1040, vegetable organisms are uncountable and again the organisms which produce infections of the bowel are high.

The same remarks apply to Whitemill Road and Distillery Road waters. The John Street water has a smaller number of organisms which grow in the human body and has a large number of organisms of a vegetable nature and again organisms which produce diseases of the bowel are present in small quantities but not in as small quantities as in the other waters. This means that the John Street water has a little more time to have some of the organisms killed than the other waters.

With regard to the Coolree water you will notice that the number of disease producing organisms gets less as Chlorine has been added to the water but the ordinary water itself without chlorination is as bad as the water from the spouts. The chlorination helps in that it destroys a large number of the disease producing organisms and reduces considerably organisms causing diseases of the bowel.

All the chemical analyses of the five waters show that there is heavy sewage and vegetable contamination sufficient to make them absolutely unfit for use; John Street water again being a little better than the others but not being as good as the Coolree water after chlorination.

Mise, le meas,

C. Bastible,

CO. M.O.H."

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Arising out of this matter, some members held that steps should be taken to purify the John Street supply by Chlorination, and after a lengthy discussion the Borough Surveyor was asked to obtain a report from the representative of Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan, who supplied the plant for Coolree, on the matter of providing a plant for John Street.

The following report from the Borough Surveyor on the scraping and reconditioning of watermains, which had been circulated amongst the members, was next considered:-

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON SCRAPING AND RECONDITIONING
OF TRUNK WATERMAIN.

The present trunk main is a 12" C.I. spigot and socket pipe line approximately 6,000 lineal yards long. The age of the main is slightly over 60 years, and in my opinion the original strength of this main has been very little reduced, as I am reliably informed that it is over twenty years since a leakage was last discovered on the main, and then it was a faulty joint. Portion of the main was cut out twelve months ago and I examined same. I found that the main was heavily encrusted, but very little evidence of actual corrosion, that is, pitting of the metal. I have seen other portions of the 12" main that have been cut out from time to time, and I did not find any serious damage to the metal. Actually what has happened is the original coating of the main has been corroded by the water which is of an acidic nature, nodules of iron rust formed on the surface of the pipe, which in time collected large quantities of the solids in suspension in the water. Fortunately, there has been very little oxidisation of the metal.

For a considerable time, I have been interested in this matter of reconditioning cast iron mains as opposed to the more expensive method of renewing the mains. Recently, I got in touch with the Chief Waterworks Engineer of one of the largest cities in England. This man has had experience of scraping and reconditioning upwards of 45 miles of watermain, some of it as far back as 25 years ago, and is at present reconditioning watermains 60 years old. I sent him a copy of the Chemical Analysis of the water here, and he assured me that there are two processes of reconditioning watermains which would, in his opinion, give satisfactory results. The two processes are the "Tate" process (concrete lining) and the "Stalwart" process (bitumastic lining)

I have been in touch with the two firms who can carry out these processes and have obtained approximate, All-in, quotations for the work of reconditioning the 12" trunk watermain:-

The "Tate" process-----12/- per lineal yard, inclusive.
The "Stalwart" process-----10/- " " " "

I estimate the cost of relaying the 12" main at 45/- to 50/- per lineal yard, inclusive.

Without going into the technical details of the two processes, with which I have familiarised myself, I am inclined to the opinion that the "Tate" process is the better question of price, is the better process particularly for a main as large as 12".

I am satisfied that the existing main is strong enough to last for years. The only question, therefore, that arises is, can a sufficiently good protective coating be applied to the metal when scraped? and if so, why scrap it and substitute it by a cast iron or cement asbestos pipe which themselves are as liable to be attacked by the soft, acidic water. In fact, these new mains will depend upon a coating of ordinary bitumen for their protection. I say ordinary bitumen, because manufacturers of pipes nowadays use nothing else. I have seen a piece of main 60 years old which had been reconditioned by the "Stalwart" process and was cut out haphazard from the main after seven years of usage. The result was very satisfactory and would as far as one could see last seven years more. The coating put on by the "Stalwart" process consists of two coats of paint such as Bowranite or Wailles Dove, and is

much superior to the so called Dr. Angus Smith's solution used nowadays. Having regard to the "Tate" process which differs essentially from the "Stalwart" process in that concrete is used as a lining material instead of paint, there are technical disadvantages about this process which I need not go into at the moment. The principal reasons I do not advocate it are the fact that the reduction in bore of the main is nearly 1" as compared with 1/16" in the case of the other process, and I am of the opinion that the bore is too large to permit of a really successful job.

Unfortunately, both these processes are too recently adopted to be able to state with accuracy their possible life against corrosion. I would think, however, that 15 years would be a conservative estimate. That is to say, after 15 or 20 years reconditioning would be necessary again. I cannot see why the life of either type of coating would not last as long as the manufacturers coating of bitumen.

The Corporation is already advised by Messrs. Delap and Waller that main scraping is absolutely essential in order to have a proper supply to the town, but in advising this, these gentlemen pointed out that the scraping would be only a temporary palliative and that the mains would probably be worse than ever in a comparatively short period. I would be well, therefore, to ask for the opinion of Messrs. Delap and Waller on my recommendations before making a decision on the matter.

For my part I am satisfied that when Manchester City with its great resources adopt pipe reconditioning rather than pipe renewing, their Technical Advisers must be well satisfied that such work is economical as well as successful. Furthermore, the quality of the water there is somewhat similar, being a soft, peaty water.

P. K. McNally,

Borough Surveyor.

Addendum.

In addition to above, I would also recommend the scraping and reconditioning of the following trunk mains, which feed the distribution system in the Urban Area, viz.:— 180 lin. yds. 7"; 390 lin. yds. 8"; 360 lin. yds. 10"; and 700 lin. yds. 12". All these mains are upwards of 60 years old. Approx. cost £900.

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After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be requested to divorce this from the scheme at present before him in connection with the improvement of the Coolree Supply, with the object of having the work of reconditioning the mains carried out forthwith.

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.

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

EXTENSION OF CEMETERY.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined a field at Crosstown adjoining the Cemetery, containing 3a. 1r. 12p. and considered it quite suitable for an extension of the cemetery. He further pointed out, however, that as an extension was necessary it would be wise to procure a further field adjoining the cemetery and owned by Mr. William Kinsella, containing $4\frac{1}{2}$ Statute Acres.

In this connection, the Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Kinsella and ascertain if he was prepared to sell, and if so, at what price.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of premises at Custom House Quay occupied by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

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SHOPS ACT.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, the Town Clerk submitted a report on the Shops Act, 1912, in which he advised that shopkeepers were compelled to close for the weekly half-holiday on Thursday, 16th December.

No further action was taken on this report.

LIGHTING OF KEYSER'S LANE.

The Town Clerk stated that he had received a number of complaints regarding the lighting of Keyser's Lane, and the following were appointed a Committee to examine the light and see if it could be placed in a more advantageous position, namely, Alderman Cullimore, Councillors Hawkins, Hayes, and the Mayor.

SUB-LETTING.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a complaint was made that Nicholas Farrell, Wolfe Tone Villas, had taken his father-in-law and mother-in-law to reside with him there, Farrell wrote stating that he did so to have his mother-in-law look after his children as his wife was dead and he was not in a position to give them the care they required.

It was decided to permit this sub-letting having regard to the exceptional circumstances, on condition that Farrell would transfer to the first four-roomed house which the Corporation would have available there.

As regards No. 2, Saltee Avenue, the house which Kelly vacated, it was stated that Peter Doyle, his wife and two children, his brother-in-law aged fifteen, and his sister-in-law aged eleven were residing in the condemned Gate Lodge of the old Fever Hospital. This was a total family of six, and as it was only a three-roomed house, it was thought advisable that only Doyle's immediate family should be allowed to occupy it, and that the former should make arrangements to have his brother-in-law and sister-in-law housed elsewhere.

It was agreed to transfer the tenancy of house at Wolfe Tone Villas under the name of Nathaniel Harris who was dead to Susan Harris.

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REDEMPTION OF LAND BONDS.

There were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation a request for the transmission by post of a Warrant in respect of £10 in $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Land Bonds which had been drawn for redemption on the 15th instant.

BROKEN HEADSTONE AT CEMETERY.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had investigated a letter from the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery to the effect that a small Headstone over the grave of the late James Morgan had been broken. In the opinion of the Surveyor the Headstone was not properly erected and could easily be overturned by any person accidentally colliding with it; there could be no responsibility attached to the Caretaker for the occurrence.

MINUTES.

A discussion was initiated by Councillor James Billington regarding the advisability of again having the Minutes of Meetings of Corporation and Committees circulated for the information of the members, but as there appeared to be a divergence of opinion, Councillor Billington gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Minutes of all Meetings be circulated.

COMPLAINT RE RICHARD LAYNE.

Councillor Hawkins complained that Richard Layne, who was one of the Corporation scavengers had been removed from this work by the Borough Surveyor on to the big Lorry. The Surveyor explained that he had found Layne going to his dinner half an hour before the appointed time. Councillor Hawkins, however, contended that Layne was on the work of cleaning ashpits on this particular day and he had arranged with the carters to commence work at one o'clock. The Borough Surveyor denied this, and it was eventually agreed that Councillor Hawkins and Layne should meet the Surveyor.

HOUSE AT COMMERCIAL QUAY.

A question was raised regarding the condition of a house at Commercial

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Quay in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made, and the Town Clerk was asked to see the Local Solicitors for the agents in connection with the matter.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of October showed that he had examined 123 cattle, 310 sheep and 33 swine.

Of the cattle, seven heads and twelve organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and 24 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, three organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis. The 33 swine were passed completely.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk reported that in the case of Notices served on owners of property in Parnell Street some time ago to have Water Closets provided, fifteen of them had complied with the Order and fourteen still remained to be done.

It was decided to serve fresh Notices on the owners of the fourteen houses without Water Closets requiring them to have the conveniences provided within one month.

R. Cond. T.D.
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Aldermen: William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES

Alderman Walsh moved that the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on 3rd, 15th and 22nd ultimo be taken as read and signed; and that the Minutes of meetings of the Finance & Works, &c., Committees on 3rd, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th ultimo; and Minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee on 13th Ultimo be approved and signed.

Councillor Gaul seconded.

Arising out of this proposal, Councillor Connolly asked if at a subsequent meeting he would be able to raise a matter arising out of these minutes, and the Town Clerk replied that he could not question their accuracy at any other time.

The Councillor intimated, however, that he had no idea of questioning the accuracy of the Minutes, but merely wished to be assured that he could have a passage read at some other time.

The Town Clerk then assured him that at any time he could have any part of the minutes read for his information so long as he did not require to question their accuracy at a future date.

The motion of Alderman Walsh was unanimously agreed to and the Minutes signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting,

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in the aggregate to £6566 - 11 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Moran moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the wife and family of the late Councillor Thomas Doyle who had died a short time before the meeting commenced; and ~~that~~ as a mark of respect to his memory that the present meeting stand adjourned until Monday, December 13th, 1937, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, when eulogistic tributes were paid to the late Councillors sterling qualities.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the staff also supported the motion which was unanimously adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

R. C. T. D.
Chairman

13th December, 1937.

An adjourned 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, Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

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

The Meeting continued to deal with the business which had been adjourned on the 6th instant.

ACHILL RELIEF FUND.

The Town Clerk read a letter from His Grace, the Archbishop of Tuam returning thanks for a sum of £15. 13. 10. collected by the Corporation in aid of the Achill Relief Fund, and it was agreed to insert this letter in the Minutes.

The following is the letter referred to:-

"John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall, Wexford.

St. Jarlath's,
Tuam.
November 18th, 1937.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your cheque £15. 13. 10, being the proceeds of a collection organised by the Corporation of Wexford for the Achill Relief Fund. I shall forward this cheque to Rev. James Campbell P.P., Achill, and shall ask him to publish the names of the subscribers in his next list.

I pray that God may reward all who so generously subscribed and the Corporation for the kindly thought that prompted them to organise this collection.

Yours very faithfully,

J. P. Gilmartin,

Archbishop of Tuam."

INFLUENZA.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, P.H. Circ. 136/37, re influenza, and in accordance with previous practice it was decided to refer the circular to the Medical Officers of Health for their attention.

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR CLERK OF WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of 4th October last, when the Corporation agreed 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 concurrently, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th idem,

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by letter No. S.84968, stated that in the circumstances he would raise no objection to the payment of an additional sum in respect of the time during which Mr. Millar was engaged on both works. The total payments to be made should not, however, exceed £7. 7. 0. per week during the period in question.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of this communication during which a number of members pointed out that if the Corporation had had to employ a second Clerk of Works at the time, it would have cost them £40. 5. 0. and Mr. Millar had had to work longer hours than usual in seeing that both jobs were carried out in accordance with the specification.

Eventually Councillor Crosbie proposed that the matter be referred back to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for reconsideration. Alderman Flusk seconded this proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

DISMISSAL OF RENT COLLECTOR.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of an Order under seal made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 17th ultimo removing Rent Collector Scallan from office following certain defalcations in his accounts, and the Corporation were now asked to make arrangements for the appointment of Scallan's successor.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Flusk, it was unanimously agreed to refer this matter to the Special Rates Committee for a report on the terms of appointment of Mr. Scallan's successor.

MAUDLINTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report on the cost of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme:-

Total Estimated All-in Cost-----£50626. 15. 0.

Total Estimated Building Cost of Houses,
Roads, Footpaths, Sewers, Watermains, Etc.,
but excluding land and Law Costs-----£49006. 15. 0.

In the original Estimate, a sum of £182 was included for the fencing of the Railway Boundary and for alterations to Scallan's wall. More than was originally estimated for is being done at these two places and the costs will be furnished separately when the works are completed, consequently it is necessary to deduct this £182 to show the net Estimated Building Costs----- 182. 0. 0.

£48824. 15. 0.

The Actual All-in Cost of the Scheme was-----£49350. 8. 1.
Deduct Land and Law Costs----- 860. 0. 0.

and the actual building cost was-----£48490. 8. 1.

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This shows a saving on the Estimate of-----£334. 6. 11.

During the progress of the Scheme, however, the following expenditure, not contemplated when the Estimate was made, had to be incurred:-

Widows and Orphans Pensions Act-----	110.	18.	7.
Increased Wages-----	854.	13.	1.
Conditions of Employment Act-----	401.	10.	1.
Tax on Cement-----	495.	0.	0.
Substitution of concrete for Stoneware Sewer pipes-----	115.	10.	0.
Clerk of Works-----	477.	8.	4.
Foreman's wages increased by-----	41.	10.	0.
Plant in stock at close of scheme-----	200.	0.	0.

Net Saving on Scheme-----£3030. 17. 0.

In moving the adoption of the report, a copy of which had already been circulated amongst the members, the Mayor said he thought it reflected great credit on the Corporation, the workmen, Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works, Mr. Hanrahan, Foreman, and the Borough Surveyor. It would be observed, he added, that notwithstanding the adverse circumstances that prevailed throughout the scheme, there was a saving, and were it not for the fact that there was an increase in wages and in the cost of materials between the time the estimate was made and the time of completion, there would have been a much bigger saving.

Alderman Flusk, in seconding the Mayor, said he agreed with every word he (Mayor) had said, and wished to state that in Wexford they had as good Tradesmen as in any part of Ireland.

A number of other members spoke in appreciative terms of the result of this scheme, and the report was unanimously adopted.

CIRCULATION OF MINUTES.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor James Billington proposed that copies of the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and Committees be circulated amongst the members prior to the Statutory Meeting. He said that one reason for his proposal was that prior to the previous Monday night, when the meeting had been adjourned owing to the death of a member, there had been no less than nine Committee meetings, and owing to the circumstances the Minutes had been taken as read. He thought that every member should be supplied with copies of the Minutes and should keep them for reference.

Councillor Murphy seconded.

The Mayor said he was entirely in favour of all the Minutes, with the exception of Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee, being circulated. As the members knew, there were often discussions at meetings of that Committee that were of a private nature, and if a copy of the Minutes got into wrong hands it might adversely affect certain things the Corporation would be doing.

A very protracted discussion followed on this matter during which various opinions were expressed by the members as to the advisability or otherwise of having the Minutes circulated as suggested by Councillor Billington.

The Mayor, however, moved as an amendment that the Minutes of all meetings, with the exception of the Finance and Works Committee, be circulated, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

As regards Councillor Billington's original motion, Alderman Flusk suggested an addendum, that the Minutes be kept for the members sole information, and on a show of hands, Councillor Billington's motion with Alderman Flusk's addendum, was defeated by twelve votes against to seven for.

The Mayor's amendment was carried by the same voting.

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USE OF CORPORATION LORRY ON GRANT WORK.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that the use of the Corporation lorry on Grant work be discontinued.

Alderman Cullimore seconded.

In this connection, it was pointed out that the use of a lorry on the present Relief Grant Works was absolutely essential if the continuity of the work was not to be broken. Large quantities of reinforcing sheets were coming to the local Railway Station every few days and it would be impossible to have them removed by ordinary carters. In addition, quantities of chippings were arriving continually, and if these were not removed within a reasonable time after arrival at Wexford Station, there was trouble with the Railway Company over waggons. The carters at present employed were kept going taking away the excavated material from the roadway, and the lorry was only used to do work which the ordinary carters could not carry out as expeditiously.

As well, it was pointed out that when the Relief Grants for the Current Year were notified, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the Corporation's contribution would have to be raised by means of revenue, and the Minister would not sanction the raising of a loan or overdraft accommodation to meet such contribution. At the time of this notification, the Corporation Rates for 1937/38 had been adopted and were in course of preparation and to avoid the complicated machinery of making a supplementary estimate and striking a supplementary rate, the Town Clerk had suggested that it might be possible during the year to make savings in the estimate which would compensate for the amount the Corporation were bound to contribute in order to qualify for the Grant.

The Corporation and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed to this course, and one of the means by which a saving could be effected was by using the lorry on Grant work.

It was further pointed out that if the lorry were removed immediately it would not provide work for one more unskilled labourer, as the work for which the Grant had been allocated was at present carrying its full capacity of unskilled labour.

In reply to Councillor Connolly, the Borough Surveyor stated that the use of the lorry on the work which it was doing would not deprive any carter from being employed.

Eventually a poll was taken on the motion, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Hawkins, Connolly, Atkins, Dunne, Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk----- 6.

Against: Councillors Martin, Hayes, Crosbie, Sinnott, John Billington, James Billington, Buckland, McGuire, McMahon, Murphy, Cashman, Aldermen Walsh, Tobin, and the Mayor----- 14.

Declined Councillor Gaul----- 1.
to Vote:

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL ADVISER.

The next business was the appointment of a legal adviser to the Corporation in room of the late Michael J. O'Connor.

Two applications were submitted for this post. They were from Mr. James G. Byrne, L.L.B., 33 North Main Street, Wexford; and Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, L.L.B., 2 Georges Street, Wexford.

The remuneration for the post would be by way of taxed costs, and consequently it was not necessary to obtain a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commission before making an appointment.

The post had been duly advertised in the local press, and on a poll being taken as between the two applicants, there voted:-

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For Mr. O'Connor: Councillors Martin, Hayes, Sinnott, John
Billington, James Billington, Buckland,
McGuire, McMahon, Gaul, Connolly, Dunne,
Alderman Tobin and the Mayor----- 13.

For Mr. Byrne: Councillors Crosbie, Hawkins, Atkins,
Murphy, Cashman, Aldermen Cullimore,
Flusk and Walsh----- 8.

Mr. O'Connor was declared elected.

After the result of the election had been announced, Alderman Flusk said he would like to say a few words on the matter. It was a matter of indifference to him, he stated, whether beaten or not, and it was not from a political point of view that he or any other member of his party voted for Mr. Byrne, as to his mind, as regards the political opinions held by the two applicants it was like a two-headed penny. The reason he voted for Mr. Byrne was that he believed in one man, one job. Mr. O'Connor had all the qualifications necessary and certainly was an able man, but he had a number of positions and the other was a young man starting off in the world. He further complained about the tactics employed in the canvassing for this post.

A number of members, however, intimated that they had been canvassed by both gentlemen in a manner which left nothing to be desired, and eventually the discussion dropped.

RESOLUTION FROM NATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYMEN.

The following resolution from the Rosslare Harbour Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen was submitted:-

"That this Body pledges its unanimous support to the Rail Workers' Demand for a proper Pension Scheme for their members who have to retire through infirmity or old age.

We feel that this is a grievance that should have been redressed long ago and demand that the Government pass into law the Draft Scheme which has been compiled by the Railway Pensions Committee."

Alderman Walsh moved the adoption of the resolution, and Councillor McMahon seconded.

Alderman Flusk, however, objected to the word "demand" used in the last paragraph, and it was agreed to substitute the word "request" therefor, when the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Meeting then terminated.

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18th December, 1937.

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 were:-

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

APPOINTMENT OF RENT COLLECTOR.

The Meeting had been convened to consider the terms of appointment of a successor to Rent Collector Richard Scallan, who had been removed from office by a Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and a lengthy discussion took place on the collection of the rents.

The members seemed to consider that one man could not collect all the Corporation rents efficiently, and thought that two collectors should be appointed.

Councillor James Billington thereupon proposed that the Corporation be recommended to appoint two collectors, each of whom should be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company in the sum of £300.

Alderman Cullimore seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

As regards the division of the two districts, the Town Clerk was asked to go into this matter and make a report to a further meeting of the Committee to be held in the week after Christmas.

PAYMENT OF COMMISSION.

Reference was made as to what remuneration should be paid to the temporary Rent Collector, Mr. Henry F. Doyle, and it was pointed out that most of Mr. Doyle's ordinary work was being carried out by the Town Clerk and his typist, Miss Lacey. As well, it was stated that a large amount of rents at the present time was being paid in the office.

A further suggestion was made, therefore, that the commission which Scallan would normally have received should be divided between the three officers, but the Town Clerk intimated that he did not wish to take any of this commission, and would like to see it divided between Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey.

It was thereupon decided to recommend the Corporation to divide the commission on the weekly rents between Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey in the proportion of two-thirds to the former and one-third to the latter.

It was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Billington, to recommend the Corporation to pay the Town Clerk the commission on the half-yearly rents which he was at present collecting.

COMMISSION ON POOR RATE.

Reference was made to the Poor Rate which the Town Clerk had collected before the appointment of Rate Collector O'Leary, and some members were of the opinion that he should be paid the commission on this amount as they were aware he had worked a considerable amount of overtime in order to get out Demands, &c. for the sums he had collected, but after some discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter for the present.

MODEL BYE-LAWS.

The Town Clerk mentioned that he had received a number of communications from both the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the County Medical Officer of Health regarding the adoption of Bye-laws by the Corporation, consideration of which had been referred to the present Committee. The members had been supplied with copies of model Bye-laws, but it was agreed that the Committee would go into them in the New Year.

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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 Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James McMahon, Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, and James Sinnott.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Robert Moran on the death of his wife.

In moving his motion the Mayor stated that he had known the late Mrs. Moran for a number of years, and had always found her to be a most obliging and good-living woman.

Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff.

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was adopted in respectful silence.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was sealed in respect of premises at Stonebridge occupied by Messrs. McMullan Bros.

CORPORATION SOLICITOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor returning his thanks to the Corporation for his appointment as Solicitor, and hoping he would be able to carry out his duties to their satisfaction.

CARETAKER'S WAGES, CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th instant, by letter No. P.H.97579, stated that he had approved of the proposed increase in the remuneration of Mr. Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery from £2. to £2. 5. 0. per week with free house.

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REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

The Town Clerk submitted a resolution which he had received from the Republican Prisoners Dependents Committee (Wexford Branch) calling on the 26 County Government to release all Republican Prisoners, and asking the Corporation to adopt it.

He (Town Clerk) pointed out that it had been usual at meetings of the Corporation to rule such resolutions out of order, and he asked for a direction as to whether he would put it on the Agenda for the January Statutory Meeting.

Some members held that the resolution should be ruled out of order, whilst others held that no harm could be done by adopting it, and eventually it was agreed that the resolution should be put on the agenda for the January Statutory Meeting.

MEMORIAL FROM TENANTS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

A memorial from seven tenants at Maudlintown, who had been transferred there from condemned houses at Corry's Terrace, asking to be transferred to Whitemill as soon as the new houses there were completed, was submitted, but it was decided to adjourn this until the Housing Committee were considering the allocation of houses at Whitemill next year.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

A letter was submitted from the County Surveyor enclosing copy of the Road Works Scheme for 1938/39. This showed that a sum of £300 had been allocated by the County Council for the maintenance of Main Roads in the Borough for the year, and it was unanimously decided to accept this sum for the carrying out of the work.

OLD FEVER HOSPITAL.

Councillor Hayes called attention to the old Fever Hospital house, and pointed out that a wall between his house and the house demolished was now in a dangerous condition owing to such demolition, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine it and to get in touch with the Board of Health with the object of having it made secure and safe.

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SUMMERHILL DUMP.

Complaint was made regarding the entrance to the dump at Summerhill Road, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to put some of the material he was taking off Spawell Road and Redmond Road outside the Dump in order to make a proper entrance.

Complaint was also made that an amount of rubbish was being dumped there just inside the wall and was not being properly spread, and the Surveyor was asked to examine this and make a report.

The Surveyor was also asked to repair the surface of Emmet Place and to repair a footpath at William Street.

DAMAGE TO HOUSE AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Reference was made to a house at Wolfe Tone Villas in which a ceiling had recently been plastered, as a result of which the wallpaper had been destroyed, and members were of the opinion that some compensation should be paid for this damage, and the Surveyor was asked to make a report on the damage done.

DUMPING.

The Sub Sanitary Officer was to be asked to make a report on the dumping of Stable manure around the footpaths at Maudlintown and Whitemill by the owners of horses and carts.

TRANSFERS.

The Town Clerk was asked to look up the last decision of the Corporation on the transfer of Corporation tenants from one house to another.

DEFECTIVE EAVE GUTTERS.

The Turncock was to be asked to report on defective eave gutters in the Town, with the object of having notices served on the owners to have them repaired, during the present wet weather.

GIBSON STREET STORE.

Councillor Hayes complained that the roof of a store occupied by him at Gibson Street was leaking, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have the roof repaired.

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PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to Minutes of 22nd ultimo, when the Borough Surveyor had been asked to report on the need for sanitary accommodation at the premises of the North End Garage and the Redmond Road Garage under Section 22 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, he reported with reference to the North End Garage that the erection of dual sanitary conveniences for the accommodation of both sexes in the building was to all intents and purposes impracticable. The owner, Mr. Meyler, however, pointed out that he was also the owner of premises known as Doyle's Foundry, and on examination of these he found that proper sanitary conveniences were available there for the use of the staff. These premises were within a short distance of the North End Garage.

In this case it was decided to refer the Surveyor's report to the Inspector of Factories.

As regards the premises of Mr. Richard Roche, Redmond Road Garage, the Surveyor reported that there were no sanitary conveniences there, and that the erection of same would not present any great structural difficulty. He wished to point out, however, that the existing main sewer was considerably more than 100 feet from the building, and consequently it would first be the duty of the Corporation to bring a connecting drain from their sewer to within 100 feet of these premises. It was seen that the Corporation were not in a position to do this at the present time, and consequently the matter was adjourned until the new year to see if there would be any further development in the area which would warrant the extension of the existing sewerage.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th instant, by letter No. M.C.101457, forwarded extract from the Return, Form L, showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the district for the information of the Corporation, and requested that the necessary action be taken thereon by the Council.

It was decided to take no action on this communication.

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A report was submitted from Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, regarding a house at Talbot Street occupied by William Clarke, in which he stated that the house was unfit for the five occupants and was injurious to their health.

The members considered that this report was not sufficiently definite to warrant them taking action, and decided to forward it to the Medical Officer to state if the house was unfit for human habitation.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 9th August last, when Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, submitted a scheme for the improvement of Wexford Water Supply, the following letter under date of the 6th instant, No.S, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 10th August last, transmitting report from the Corporation's Consulting Engineers which sets out their present proposals for the improvements of the Wexford Water Supply, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it appears that an extremely low flow might be anticipated from the small catchment areas and while the average daily run off for minimum month may read 25,500 gallons per day as estimated by the Engineers, nevertheless, the minimum daily run off may easily be as low as 9,000 gallons per day. This would give only about 3,000 gallons a day for the supply, if two-thirds of the run off had to be allowed as compensation water.

On the figures given by the Consulting Engineer there are about 100 days storage available at Coolree, if the new supply is taken in. Without the new supply the storage would be 93 days. It would therefore appear uneconomic to expend nearly £4,000 on water which would secure only seven days storage or a daily supply which may reach a low flow figure of 9,000 gallons a day.

No data are available as to inflow into the existing reservoir and in the Minister's opinion it would be unwise to incur expenditure on the Forth Commons catchment until reliable figures of prolonged and minima dry weather flows are obtainable and until the possibility of adequate storage has been fully explored.

It can be inferred from the Consulting Engineer's reports that when the Town Supply was cut off at night the consumption per head was only 25 gallons per day while the minimum night draw was found to be 17,000 gallons per hour. While much of this flow may be due to the filling of tanks during the night it is nevertheless reasonable to infer that there is serious waste and leakage of water in the town. If attention is paid to the distribution system and to the waste or misuse of water it should be possible to reduce consumption to between 30 and 35 gallons per head. This would increase the value of the existing storage to between 110 days and 132 days.

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It is recommended that the Corporation take steps immediately for the elimination of leakage and wastage in the existing system so that the Consulting Engineers proposals may be based upon the net requirements of the town.

The cleaning of the 12" main should also tend to improve conditions in the town. It was understood from the Mayor that the cleaning of the main was under consideration and I am to enquire whether it is intended to submit proposals to that effect.

Until all the possible sources of supply have been fully examined, reliable guagings of any or all proposed sources obtained, and the scheme of improvement finally determined, it would appear reasonable to defer action regarding the proposed boosting of the supply to high level tank.

In regard to the proposals for filtration it is felt that these should also be deferred until the improvement scheme is determined.

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The members decided, before having any discussion on this matter, to send a copy of it to the Consulting Engineers for their observations, before the Statutory Meeting due to be held on 3rd January, 1938.

With reference to Minutes of Committee on 22nd ultimo, when a report had been submitted from the Surveyor on the scraping and recoating of trunk main from Coolree to Wexford, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 15th instant, by letter No. S.102379, suggested that the observations of the Consulting Engineers employed by the Corporation in connection with the improvement of the Water Supply should be obtained on this report.

He further pointed out that there were various proprietary methods of scraping and re-lining mains and that if the Corporation decided to proceed with the work, a specification, etc. should be submitted on the usual lines.

After some discussion it was decided to do as the Minister suggested, and to forward a copy of this letter, together with Mr. McNally's report, to the Consulting Engineers for their observations, which were also to be asked for in time for the January Statutory Meeting.

30th December, 1937.

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

The Members present being: The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore; Councillors Hayes and James Billington.

RENT COLLECTORS.

With reference to minutes of the 18th instant, when the Committee decided to recommend the Corporation to appoint two rent collectors in room of Richard Scallan, the Town Clerk submitted a draft Scheme for the division of the collection into two districts. The following is the Scheme submitted:

NO. 1. DISTRICT Westgate, Hill Street, Croke Avenue, St. Ita's Terrace, St. Enda's Terrace, St. Ibar's Villas, Lawlor John St. Columba Villas, Distillery Road, Wolfe Tone Villas, and the new houses being erected at Whitemill.

NO. 2. DISTRICT Davitt Road (North & South) St. John's Road, St. John's Avenue, Menapia Avenue, O'Connell Avenue, Grattan Terrace, Carrigeen, Roche's Terrace, Emmet Place, William Street, St. Magdalen's Terrace, & Maudlintown.

The weekly amount to be collected in No. 1. District would be approx. £63 and in No. 2 District £75. In order to bring the amount for each district as even as possible it was agreed to add to No. 1. District the collection of the rents of the Corporate estate which would be about £5 per week.

The commission on the above amounts at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ would be approximately;

No. 1. District £2 - 8 - 0 per week

No. 2. District £2 - 12 - 0 per week

After carefully examining the above Scheme it was agreed on the motion of Ald. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Billington, to recommend the Corporation to adopt it and to pay each collector commission at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$

With reference to the decision at last meeting to recommend the Corporation to divide the commission on the rents at present being collected between Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey, it was now decided to recommend the Corporation to pay the entire Commission to Mr. Doyle.

R. Carde T. D.
Mayor of Wexford

3rd January, 1938.

A Quarterly 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, William Cullimore, Patrick Tobin, and Thomas Walsh.

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for approval and signature, viz.:— Minutes of Meetings of Corporation on 6th and 13th December, 1937; Special Rates Committee on 18th and 20th idem; and Finance and Works, Etc. Committee on 20th idem.

In accordance with decision come to on 13th December, 1937, copies of Minutes of Corporation on 13th idem and Special Rates Committee on 18th and 20th ultimo, were circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Connolly intimated that he did not consider the Minutes of the 13th ultimo in reference to his motion "That the Corporation Lorry be not used on Relief Grant Work" correct, and stated that only one side of the case had been given therein. He further stated that he had asked to have a ruling from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to whether or not the Corporation were permitted, under the terms of the Grant, to use a lorry on this work, which, he maintained, could be done by carters, but it was pointed out by the Mayor that the Councillor's motion to discontinue the use of the lorry on Grant work had been defeated by the Corporation, and consequently there was no necessity to ask for a ruling from the Minister.

In the opinion of Councillor Connolly the minutes had been prepared with the object of making a case for the Department so that the lorry would be kept at work on the Grants.

Alderman Flusk supported Councillor Connolly in the matter of obtaining a ruling from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject, and Councillor Connolly was informed that his protest would be entered on the Minutes, a copy of which would be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

As no other member questioned the accuracy of the Minutes, Alderman Walsh proposed that the Minutes, as submitted, be approved and signed. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion, but Councillor James Billington asked to have the Minutes of meeting of the Finance and Works, Etc. Committees, held on 20th ultimo, read. Thereupon the Town Clerk proceeded to read these Minutes, but was interrupted on several occasions by members asking if the reading of them was necessary, and pointing out that if any member desired to have information on a particular point, he could ask to have the Minutes dealing with it read.

The Mayor, however, ruled that if any member desired to have the Minutes read, it must be done, and he could not take a vote on the matter.

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The Town Clerk thereupon completed the reading of the Minutes referred to, and the motion of Alderman Walsh that the Minutes be approved and signed was adopted, and the various Minutes signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £7710. 5. 5. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

Letters were read from Mrs. T. Doyle and Councillor Robert Moran acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them on the death of their husband and wife respectively.

WATERWORKS.

The following letter under date of the 6th ultimo, No. S., was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 10th August last, transmitting report from the Corporation's Consulting Engineers which sets out their present proposals for the improvements of the Wexford Water Supply, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it appears that an extremely low flow might be anticipated from the small catchment areas and while the average daily run off for minimum month may read 25,500 gallons per day as estimated by the Engineers, nevertheless, the minimum daily run off may easily be as low as 9,000 gallons per day. This would give only about 3,000 gallons a day for the supply, if two-thirds of the run off had to be allowed as compensation water.

On the figures given by the Consulting Engineer there are about 100 days storage available at Coolree, if the new supply is taken in. Without the new supply the storage would be 93 days. It would therefore appear uneconomic to expend nearly £4,000 on water which would secure only seven days storage or a daily supply which may reach a low flow figure of 9,000 gallons a day.

No data are available as to inflow into the existing reservoir and in the Minister's opinion it would be unwise to incur expenditure on the Forth Commons catchment until reliable figures of prolonged and minima dry weather flows are obtainable and until the possibility of adequate storage has been fully explored.

It can be inferred from the Consulting Engineers reports that when the town supply was cut off at night the consumption per head was only 25 gallons per day while the minimum night draw was found to be 17,000 gallons per hour. While much of this flow may be due to the filling of tanks during the night it is nevertheless reasonable to infer that there is serious waste and leakage of water in the town. If attention is paid to the distribution system and to the waste or misuse of water it should be possible to reduce consumption to between 15 and 25 gallons per head. This would increase the value of the existing storage to between 110 days and 132 days. It is recommended that the Corporation take steps

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immediately for the elimination of leakage and wastage in the existing system so that the Consulting Engineer's proposals may be based upon the net requirements of the town.

The cleaning of the 12" main should also tend to improve conditions in the town. It was understood from the Mayor that the cleaning of the main was under consideration and I am to enquire whether it is intended to submit proposals to that effect.

Until all the possible sources of supply have been fully examined, reliable gaugings of any or all proposed sources obtained, and the scheme of improvement finally determined, it would appear reasonable to defer action regarding the proposed boosting of the supply to high level tank.

In regard to the proposals for filtration it is felt that these should also be deferred until the improvement scheme is determined.

Wise, to meas,

a.s. Runai."

This communication had been submitted to a meeting of the Public Health Committee on 20th December, 1937, when it was decided to refer it to the present meeting: in the meantime the Town Clerk to forward a copy of it to Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, for their observations.

Under date of the 30th ultimo, the Consulting Engineers stated:-

"We duly received your letter of 21st December, and with it the letter of the Minister for Local Government of the 16th December which we have read with much interest.

We agree with the Minister, that only a small addition to the existing Wexford Supply can be counted on from the proposed new catchment on the mountain of Forth. We suggest that the amount of compensation water need not be as much as two-thirds of the run off, as this is a matter to be determined by the Department.

Even the admittedly small additional supply which can be derived from the Forth area would, however, undoubtedly shorten the period during which the Coolree area and reservoir are unable to give Wexford a full supply, it would delay the date when the period of shortage would begin and advance the date when it would end, as well as lengthen the number of days storage available to Coolree.

We agree that it is essential that all leakage and waste of water should be reduced to a very small percentage.

We agree that it would be desirable to get measurements made of prolonged and minima dry weather flows of all proposed sources of supply, both in the Forth Commons area and in the Coolree area, but, while measurement is advisable, it will not increase the amount of water that can be obtained and stored.

We do not understand the Minister's suggestion that the possibility of a further increase has not been fully explored,

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unless he is thinking of storage at a level too low to command Wexford and pumping: we did not consider this as an economic proposition. The possibility of storage above the level that will command Wexford has been fully explored. Hayestown site was the admittedly unsatisfactory result of a very exhaustive examination of all the area above the required level. It is bad, but it is the best available.

Coolree area has in the past proved inadequate to meet Wexford's needs. An addition to this area is bound to help matters, but the decision to drop the proposed reservoir at Hayestown has, of course, made it impossible to utilize more than a very small proportion of the water that could be got off Forth Commons.

In view of the nature of the Coolree Catchment area and the quality of the water that at times comes off it, we are surprised to note that the Minister advises postponing the proposed filtration till reliable gaugings of all proposed sources are obtained.

We respectfully submit that there are no economically possible sources of a gravity supply other than those we have examined, viz., Coolree and Forth Commons; that the amount of water that can be used off them is limited by the storage capacity available; that while measurement of minimum run offs is desirable it will not bring in more water and may take a number of years before the results can be of any use; and that meantime unfiltered water is going to Wexford.

We also draw attention to the increase in consumption that will take place when the mains are cleaned, owing to increased pressure, which will affect, to a certain extent, the benefit gained by a further programme which includes stoppage of waste only."

In reply to Councillor James Billington, the Town Clerk stated that the £4,000 referred to in the Minister's letter related to the taking of the water from the Forth Mountain to Coolree Reservoir, and did not refer to the cleaning, etc. of the mains, which would be dealt with at a later stage of the meeting.

The members felt they were in a very serious position by the decision of the Minister to defer the installation of the filtration plant, as they were aware that although the water was chlorinated it was not up to the standard they would desire, and after some discussion it was decided to forward a copy of Messrs. Delap and Waller's letter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that some of his technical advisers should meet a small deputation from the Corporation to discuss the matter. Arising out of these letters, reference was made to bacteriological reports recently received regarding the condition of the water in Coolree and in the Town mains, together with reports regarding five other supplies in the Town, and Councillor Connolly proposed that they be given to the Press for publication. Councillor James Billington seconded, and the motion was agreed to. The reports were as follows:-

Copy

Date 25-9-37

Report on 3 samples of Water examined bacteriologically
 recovered from Dr E. Bartlett, Public Health Officer, W. Hall, Weymouth.

Sample	No. of Colonies growing from 1 c.c. after 14 hours at 18° at least heat	No. of Colonies growing from 1 c.c. after 48 hours in gelatine at room temperature	Coli.	Test.
1. Waste Reservoir	260	690 approximately; insignificant. Positive on further subculture.	Positive	Positive (P.O.I.)
2. Upper Level of Dam	83	125 without 47 with significant	Positive	negative (P.O.I.)
3. Lower Level of Dam	66; Waste reservoir by spreading culture	531 of which about one-half were significant	Positive	negative (P.O.I.)

If sufficient chlorine is being added and properly mixed the findings suggest something wrong somewhere in the mains.

Signed W. D. O'Malley.

Friday

Report on five samples of water examined bacteriologically.
Received from Dr. L. F. Little, Public Health Officer, Weyford 2/1

Sample.	No of colonies growing after 24 hours incubation at Blood Heat	No of colonies growing after 48 hours incubation at Room Temperature. <u>Liquefiers.</u>	Coeli Test	Inoculum of Chairman
No 1	860	Liquefied and uncountable	Positive	Positive
No 2	1140	Completely liquefied and uncountable	Positive	Positive
No 3	356	1240 152	Positive	Atypical
No 4	1600	Almost completely liquefied and uncountable	Positive	Positive
No 5	2261	1,184 (mostly liquefiers)	Positive	Negative

charged to Weathers Corporation.

Signed: Thomas J. O'Farrell.

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Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, had been asked to clarify these reports, and it was also agreed to publish his letter, which was as follows:-

"A Chara,

I received your letter of the 10th instant regarding the samples of water taken in the Urban Area. The meaning of the report is as follows:-

No. 1 Sample - Summer Hill Spout: The number of colonies growing at blood heat was 860 and this is an indication of organisms generally of an animal nature which may cause damage to human beings. Diseases such as Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria are caused by organisms of this nature. The number of colonies growing at room temperature are usually of a vegetable origin and in this case they were innumerable indicating heavy vegetable contamination. The presence of bacillus coli in as small as 1 c.c. means that disease producing organisms such as typhoid organism is getting access to the water and its heavy contamination shows that animal matter in considerable quantities is getting into the water.

No. 2 Sample - Folly Spout: The disease producing organisms are 1040, vegetable organisms are uncountable and again the organisms which produce infections of the bowel are high.

The same remarks apply to White Mill Road and Distillery Road waters. The John Street water has a smaller number of organisms which grow in the human body and has a large number of organisms of a vegetable nature and again organisms which produce diseases of the bowel are present in small quantities but not in as small quantities as in the other waters. This means that the John Street water has a little more time to have some of the organisms killed than the other waters.

With regard to the Coolree water you will notice that the number of disease producing organisms gets less as Chlorine has been added to the water but the ordinary water itself without chlorination is as bad as the water from the spouts. The chlorination helps in that it destroys a large number of the disease producing organisms and reduces considerably organisms causing diseases of the bowel.

All the chemical analyses of the five waters show that there is heavy sewage and vegetable contamination sufficient to make them absolutely unfit for use; John Street water again being a little better than the others but not being as good as the Coolree water after chlorination.

Mine, le meas,

C. Bastible,

CO. M. O. H."

Reference was made to a decision of the Public Health Committee that enquiries should be instituted by the Borough Surveyor as to whether or not the John Street water could be chlorinated, and Mr. McNally stated that the cost of a machine alone for the purpose would be approximately £100. In addition, a house would

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have to be erected at a cost of about £20, and possibly the main would require to be altered.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, it was agreed that the Surveyor submit a written report on this matter.

As regards the checking of waste referred to in the letters from the Minister and the Consulting Engineers, it was agreed to ask the Special Rates Committee to consider this matter and make a report.

CLEANING OF TRUNK MAIN.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of Public Health Committee on 22nd November last, when a report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor on the scraping and re-coating of the trunk main from Coolree Reservoir to Wexford and some of the distribution mains in the town, and when the Committee decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to divorce this from the scheme before him for the improvement of the Coolree supply, the following letter under date of 15th December, 1937, No. S.102379, from the Minister, was read:-

"A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd and 9th instant enclosing copies of a report made by the Borough Surveyor on the scraping and re-coating of the trunk main from Coolree to Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to suggest that the observations of the Consulting Engineers employed by the Corporation in connection with the improvement of the Water Supply should be obtained on this report.

I am to point out that there are various proprietary methods of scraping and relining mains and that if the Corporation decide to proceed with the work, a specification, etc. should be submitted on the usual lines.

Mise, le meas,

a.s. Runai."

This letter had also been considered by the Public Health Committee on the 20th ultimo, when it was agreed to request the observations of the Consulting Engineers on the matter in time for the present meeting.

Messrs. Delap and Waller, under date of 30th December, 1937, stated:-

"Dear Sir,

SCRAPING OF MAINS.

In reply to yours of the 21st instant, re the above, and with which you forwarded to us a copy of your Borough Surveyor's report, we submit the following:-

In 1934 we went into this matter closely, while working on the proposed waterworks improvement scheme, communicating with, and interviewing, the representatives of a number of specialist firms who undertake scraping and/or relining of pipes, and obtaining estimates on your Council's behalf.

The conclusions then reached were against the adoption of relining, and our reports included for plain scraping only.

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Since our last report, in May, 1937, we have, however, been in touch with the Stalwart Company's Agent, and were very favourably impressed with the description given of their methods. Unfortunately, the only pipe lines which have been treated by this process long enough ago to afford definite evidence towards the number of years over which it will remain good are in South Africa. The matter is of such economic importance that wealthy communities have spent large sums on sampling relining by various methods in the past. We do not, therefore, give undue weight to the various recent trials of the Stalwart process in England, but, owing to the methods and instruments used, and nature and thickness of coating given by this process, we are of opinion that your Borough Surveyor is right in suggesting that it should be adopted; we are not in favour of a concrete lining in this case.

In the Stalwart process only some 200 yards length is treated at a time, taking between 12 and 24 hours, involving cutting off the water supply to the town for 2 or 3 hours each day for coupling in, a by-pass being provided while the work is going on. Arrangements can be made to give a full supply in case of fire, which should be insisted on.

We strongly recommend that the distribution mains, mentioned by your Surveyor, should also be cleaned and treated.

The above work will probably take about two months to complete, during which time the disturbance to the mains in opening and recoupling will doubtless cause discoloration of the water, about which it may be advisable to inform the consumers beforehand that the water is chlorinated and will remain fit for consumption.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred D. Delap,

DELAP & WALLER."

It was seen from this letter that Messrs. Delap and Waller were in favour of the scheme of scraping and recoating by the "Stalwart" process, and it was unanimously agreed to forward a copy of their communication to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

In this connection, the following further report on this matter was submitted by the Borough Surveyor:-

"I am now in a position to place before the Local Government Department full particulars of the two proprietary processes of reconditioning watermains as outlined in my report of 26th October last.

I have received two tenders for the work, viz.:-

Stalwarts (Great Britain) Ltd.:	9/10d. per lin. yard net.
Tate Pipe Lining Processes Ltd.:	12/- " " " "

The above prices include cost of all labour, skilled and unskilled; plant, transport, travelling and living allowance to labour, watching, duty on materials, provision for bye-passing water to the town during operations, etc.; but does not include for any duty on the plant being brought into the country. In this connection it would be well to

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approach the Customs Department beforehand with a view to obtaining a permit for the temporary importation of the necessary plant free of duty.

I recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Messrs. Stalwarts (Great Britain) Limited, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

In view of these operations taking place, it would be well to notify the various Landowners, through whose lands the pipe line passes. of our intention to carry out certain works which will necessitate trespassing on these lands. At the same time they can be assured that our contractors will take all due precautions against damages. I expect we have an Agreement made when the pipe line was laid, providing for examining, repairing, or relaying same.

I would also like to avail of this opportunity of putting in three 12" sluice valves and also three modern type automatic air valves at various points on the pipe line. I am not in a position to give the cost of these installations, but we can procure the fittings and have the installing done at selected points during the process of the work. These fittings are very essential.

I wish to point out that this work is part of a major scheme of improvement, but has been separated from same in order to have the work carried out at an early date. If the Corporation wishes me to supervise same and issue the necessary certificates for payment to the Contractor, I am willing to do so at the usual fee of 5% on the total cost of the work. It would be well, therefore, to have the consent of the Local Government Department to such payment."

The Meeting considered that the price of 9/10d. per lineal yard quoted by Messrs. Stalwart Ltd. was reasonable for the work, and unanimously decided to accept their tender on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Walsh, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

TENDERS FOR TOWN HALL.

With reference to Minutes of 22nd November, 1937, when it was agreed to readvertise for tenders for the erection of a new Town Hall, four tenders were received.

At the outset, the Mayor suggested that the tenders should only be known by number pending their submission to the Architect for a report but a number of members did not favour this suggestion, and the names of the contractors tendering were read, together with the gross amount of their tenders.

The four tenders were from:-

Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford, who quoted---£32,812. 4. 7.

E. Casey, St. Mobhi Road, Glasnevin,
Dublin. " " £32,861. 0. 0.

Messrs. Farmer Brothers, Nottingham
Street, North Strand Rd., Dublin. " " £38,442.17. 5.

Messrs. P. Costen & Son, Waterford. " " £39,778. 0. 0.

The figures shown above were gross, and the Bill of Quantities and tender provided for eight alternatives, which the Corporation did not feel competent to adjudicate on, so it was agreed to refer the

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four tenders to the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, for a report as to which was the lowest, and to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation for Monday next, January 10th, 1937, to consider such report.

When the tender of Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton was reached, Councillor Hayes protested against it being opened on the ground that they had men working overtime on the erection of houses for the Corporation at Whitemill, while other men were walking the town idle. It was pointed out to Councillor Hayes, however, that the Corporation could not refuse to open and read the Firm's tender whatever action they might see fit to take if and when the question of accepting it arose. As to Councillor Hayes's allegation regarding overtime, it was intimated to the meeting that it should be dealt with by the Trade Unions concerned, and if the men were working uncontrolled overtime it was a breach of the Conditions of Employment Act, which could be dealt with by the Department of Industry and Commerce. One member stated that he had reported the matter to the Department on several occasions and the only result was a reply that it was receiving attention.

As regards the tenders for the Town Hall, Councillor James Billington wished the whole matter of its erection to be deferred until after the Corporation Elections due to be held in June next, and until a pure and abundant supply of water was available for Wexford. It was decided to have no further discussion until the 10th instant, when the Architect's report would be before the Corporation.

RENT COLLECTION.

Adverting to Minutes of the 13th ultimo, when an Order under Seal had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health removing Rent Collector Richard Scallan from office, and when the question of the appointment of his successor was referred to the Special Rates Committee, the Committee recommended that two collectors be appointed with remuneration at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the amount collected and lodged; and that each collector be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £300.

The Committee had asked the Town Clerk to make a report on the division of the houses into two districts, and they had approved of his suggestions.

These were as follows:-

- NO. 1 DISTRICT: Westgate, Hill Street, Croke Avenue, St. Ita's Terrace, St. Enda's Terrace, St. Ibar's Villas, Lawlor, John Street, Columba Villas, Distillery Road, Wolfe Tone Villas, and the new houses being erected at Whitemill.
- NO. 2 DISTRICT: Davitt Road (North and South) St. John's Road, St. John's Avenue, Menapia Avenue, O'Connell Avenue, Grattan Terrace, Carrigeon, Roche's Terrace, Emmet Place, William Street, St. Magdalen's Terrace, and Maudlintown.

The weekly amount to be collected in No. 1 District would be approximately £63 and in No. 2 District £75. In order to bring the amount for each district as even as possible it was agreed to add to No. 1 District the collection of the rents of the Corporate Estate which would be about £5 per week.

The Commission on the above amounts at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent. would be approximately:-

No. 1 District £2. 8. 0. per week.
No. 2 District £2. 12. 0. per week.

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In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that the previous Collector was paid $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, but that his average was approximately 3%, and that the remuneration would depend on the amounts collected.

Councillor Connolly proposed the adoption of the Committee's recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

It was also pointed out by members that the collection of the rents was not a full time job, and as well, that the Collectors would benefit by the erection of further houses by the Corporation. Objection was made to the increase in the amount of the Fidelity Guarantee Bond from £250 in the case of Collector Scallan to £600 in the case of the new Collectors, but the Town Clerk intimated that when Collector Scallan's Bond was agreed to in 1929 the weekly collection was only about £40, whereas at present it was over £120, and increasing.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted but with Councillor Atkins dissenting on the ground that only one collector should be appointed.

The question of an examination was then raised and three proposals were made, namely, Competitive, Qualifying, and no examination, so it was agreed to ~~further~~ decide if any examination should be held.

Councillor Murphy proposed that an examination be held.

Councillor Atkins seconded, and on a show of hands the proposition was passed by fifteen votes for to four against.

Councillor Murphy then moved that a Competitive Examination be held and the two candidates with the highest number of marks appointed.

Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor Hayes proposed that the examination be qualifying, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

It was agreed to vote as between Competitive and Qualifying, and on a poll being taken there voted:

For Competitive: Councillors Cashman, Dunne, Atkins, Connolly, Murphy, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and Flusk---8.

For Qualifying: Councillors Martin, Hawkins, McMahon, Crosbie, John Billington, Hayes, James Billington, Sinnott, McGuire, Aldermen Tobin and the Mayor-----11.

The proposition of Councillor Hayes for a Qualifying Examination was thereupon declared carried.

The next point to be considered was the subjects of the examination, and on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Atkins, it was agreed that the examination be similar to that set for the Poor Rate Collector, namely, English, Irish, and Arithmetic, equivalent to Fourth Standard, with minimum pass marks of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.; the examination to be conducted by the local Superior of the Christian Brothers.

As regards age limits, Councillor Connolly proposed that they be fixed at 21 to 45 years on last birthday, and Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor James Billington, however, proposed a minimum of 21 years with no maximum, which he subsequently amended to 21 to 55 years on last birthday. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted for Councillor Billington's motion of 21 to 55 years:-

Councillors Martin, Cashman, Hawkins, McMahon, Crosbie, John Billington, Hayes, James Billington, Sinnott, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Tobin, and the Mayor----- 13.

For Councillor Connolly's proposition of 21 to 45 years on last birthday:-

Councillors Dunne, Atkins, Connolly, Murphy, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore----- 6.
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The Mayor then asked if the appointment would be open to both sexes, and it was agreed, with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Atkins dissenting, to permit males and females to apply. The net result of the Corporation's deliberations, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, was that two collectors be appointed with remuneration at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all monies collected and lodged; that each be required to provide Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in the sum of £300; that the appointment be made by way of Qualifying examination in English, Irish, and Arithmetic equivalent to Fourth Standard with minimum pass marks of $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ per cent; and that the appointment be open to persons of both sexes between the ages of 21 and 55 years on last birthday.

REMUNERATION FOR TEMPORARY COLLECTOR.

The Special Rates Committee further recommended that Mr. Henry F. Doyle, who was at present collecting the rents of Artisans Dwellings be paid the commission which would have been paid to Mr. Scallan; and that the Town Clerk, who was collecting the rents of the Corporate Estate be paid the commission which would have been paid to Scallan.

This recommendation was also agreed to, on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

PRINTING TENDERS.

Two tenders were submitted for printing requirements for the year 1938, and it was agreed to refer them to the Town Clerk with instructions to accept the lower item in each case. The tenders were from "The People" Newspapers, and the "Free Press", Wexford.

REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

The Republican Prisoners Dependents Committee submitted a Resolution calling for the release of all Republican Prisoners, and it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to ask the Government as an act of grace, and with a view to more unity in the country in the New Year under the new Constitution, to release the prisoners.

Richard Connolly TD
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of above meeting. The same members being in attendance.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to a fire at Piercestown on the 23rd instant to the house occupied by a man named Nicholas Dempsey, who was trapped inside the burning building, and after several hours work managed to get the fire under control, and what remained of the man's body was recovered.

In this connection, it was pointed out that the Brigade had no authority to leave the Town without the consent of an Executive Officer of the Corporation, who should be satisfied that the expenses of the Brigade would be met, but as there was a possibility at the time of saving the man's life, the Captain of the Brigade had gone without such permission.

It was agreed that in the circumstances the Captain could have done nothing else, as any Executive Officer would have given the necessary permission, if one had been available at the time.

The Town Clerk asked if he was to send an account to the man's relatives for the use of the Brigade, but the members were of opinion that their circumstances were such as would not permit them to make any payment.

It was agreed, however, that a contribution of £1. per man should be applied for, for the firemen who were in attendance, as the Corporation would only pay them 2/- per hour.

It was also agreed to provide inspection lights in the Fire Station and to supply a pair of rubber boots for the driver of the Fire Engine. The Town Clerk was asked to again enquire from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to when a decision might be expected on the proposal to erect a Fire Station and eight houses at Davitt Road, North.

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DUMP.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that he could have improvements made in the Dump for £15, and it was agreed to carry out such improvements.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. Frank O'Conner & Co., North Main Street.

CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

With reference to Minutes of 29th November last, when it was agreed to communicate with Mr. William Kinsella, of Crosstown, relative to the acquisition of a field, his property, for the extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery, Mr. Kinsella, under date of 29th December, 1937, offered to dispose of the field for £100 per acre.

After some discussion, it was agreed to offer Mr. Kinsella and Mr. Furlong, who owned an adjoining field, £50 per acre for the land required.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

A letter was read from the County Council on the subject of the Demand for 1936/37 and 1937/38, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would lodge £790 to the credit of the County Council the present week.

HOUSE AT KING STREET.

The Town Clerk was asked to obtain reports from the Medical Officer of Health and Borough Surveyor on a house at King Street, occupied by John Busher.

Richard Coris T.D.
Mayor

10th January, 1938.

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 Patrick Tobin.

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

TENDERS FOR TOWN HALL.

The Meeting had been specially convened in accordance with decision come to on 3rd instant in order to consider a report from the Architect (Mr. Donnelly) on the four tenders received for the erection of a new Town Hall.

The following is a summary of the tenders received:-

Messrs. Farmer Brothers, Nottingham Street, North Strand Road, Dublin, quoted----- £38,442. 17. 5.

There deductions for alternatives were:-

1.	£1623. 7. 2.	
2.	64. 7. 4.	
3.	160. 0. 6.	
4.	389. 5. 6.	
5.	648. 9. 5.	
6.	£46. 12. 7.	
7.	527. 3. 7.	
8.	494. 5. 0.	4,053. 11. 1.

£34,389. 6. 4.

In addition to the alternatives in the Bill of Quantities, the Architect proposed to omit the following, as well:-

Furniture-----	£1340. 0. 0.	
Omit low pressure hot Water System and substitute Electric Heaters-----	600. 0. 0.	
Provisional Reinforced Concrete-----	200. 0. 0.	
Contingencies-----	750. 0. 0.	2,890. 0. 0.

£31,499. 6. 4.

Messrs. P. Costen & Son, Waterford, Quoted----- £39,778. 0. 0.

Their deductions for alternatives were:-

1.	£2494. 0. 0.
2.	89. 0. 0.
3.	113. 0. 0.
4.	186. 0. 0.
5.	795. 0. 0.
6.	92. 0. 0.

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Forward-----£39,778. 0. 0.

Forward-----£3769. 0. 0.

7. ----- 356. 0. 0.

8. ----- 1060. 0. 0. 5,185. 0. 0.

£34,593. 0. 0.

Additional deductions by Architect----- 2,890. 0. 0.

£31,703. 0. 0.

E. Casey, Esq., St. Mobhi Road, Glasnevin,
Dublin, quoted----- £32,861. 0. 0.

His deductions for alternatives were:-

1. £351. 0. 0.

2. 100. 0. 0.

3. 120. 0. 0.

4. 20. 0. 0.

5. 150. 0. 0.

6. 50. 0. 0.

7. 50. 0. 0.

8. 100. 0. 0. 941. 0. 0.

£31,920. 0. 0.

Additional deductions by Architect----- 2,890. 0. 0.

£29,030. 0. 0.

Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford,
quoted----- £32,812. 4. 7.

Their deductions for alternatives were:-

1. £429. 17. 11.

2. 74. 17. 4.

3. 94. 1. 7.

4. 309. 8. 10.

5. 707. 7. 11.

6. 131. 14. 6.

7. 518. 14. 3.

8. 441. 18. 8. 2,708. 1. 0.

£30,104. 3. 7.

Additional deductions by Architect----- 2,890. 0. 0.

£27,214. 3. 7.

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The following report from the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, was read:-

"Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I have examined the four tenders received for the above, which you forwarded to me.

These tenders were:-

Messrs. P. Costen & Son, Waterford-----	£39,778. 0. 0.
" Farmer Brothers, Dublin-----	38,442. 0. 0.
" E. Casey, Dublin-----	32,861. 0. 0.
" H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford-----	32,812. 0. 0.

When the alternative estimates are deducted, these figures become:-

Messrs. Costen & Son-----	£31,703. 0. 0.
" Farmer Bros.-----	31,499. 6. 4.
" E. Casey-----	29,030. 0. 0.
" H. & A. Hamilton-----	27,214. 0. 0.

I have carefully considered these tenders and I beg to report that I cannot recommend the acceptance of any of same, as in my opinion the estimates are excessive, and were it not for the fact that Contractors capable of dealing with such work are very busy at the present time, an estimate at about £24,000 should be obtained.

My original estimate in October, 1936, was £18,000. Since that date, prices have increased at least 33 1/3rd per cent., which would bring the price to £24,000.

This figure is confirmed by the fact that the original lowest tender of £21,542. 0. 0. with increased price of materials since date of tender - May 1937 - £2250 = £23,792.

I have also gone into the question of the possibility of carrying out this work by Direct Labour, and have had the help of Mr. T. J. Millar, Surveyor, in preparing figures and an estimate for this work.

I estimate that the work could be carried out by Direct Labour at a cost of £22,300. 0. 0.

Taking my estimated figures of £24,000 as a fair Contractor's price, and deducting 10% for profit would give £21,818. . 0. 0., say £22,000 as the cost of Direct Labour as compared with the before-mentioned estimate of £22,300 for same. Time for completion about 15 months.

Yours faithfully,

R. Donnelly,

Architect."

As none of the members considered any of the prices quoted reasonable, Alderman Walsh moved "That we do not consider any tender, but that the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to erect the building by Direct Labour

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under the supervision of a Clerk of Works to be appointed on the recommendation of the Architect."

Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor James Billington, however, moved as an amendment "That the matter be adjourned until after June next (if there was a local Election then) or until a pure and abundant supply of water was available for the town."

Councillor McMahon seconded.

A very lengthy debate ensued on the motion and amendment, and Councillor James Billington asked what guarantee the Corporation had that the building would be erected for the sum mentioned by the Architect, if the Corporation agreed to Direct Labour, and several members pointed to the saving which had been effected on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme. Councillor Billington, however, did not appear to agree that there was any considerable saving on the latter scheme, and asked the Clerk of Works, Mr. Millar, if rendering of the roofs had been included in the specification. Mr. Millar replied in the negative and stated that torching had been done on some of the houses.

Councillor Billington further stated that if the Corporation confined themselves to the erection of suitable offices for the staff and omitted the Assembly Hall, he would raise no further objection. In his opposition to the present proposal he quoted several ways by which this amount of money could be more usefully expended, such as the erection of Working Class Houses, Improvement of Streets, and Water Supply, but it was pointed out to him that there was ample money available for Housing; that the streets had been vastly improved during the past ten years; and that three schemes had been prepared for the improvement of the Water Supply but that up to the present a suitable one had not been put forward. It was the intention of the Corporation to provide a pure and abundant supply of water as soon as possible and they had asked the Engineering Advisers of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to receive a deputation to discuss this matter. Councillor Connolly asked if the building of the Town Hall would place any obstacle in the way of providing a water supply, and the Mayor replied that he did not think so.

During the debate, numerous matters were introduced, including the possibility of increases in wages and materials after the commencement of the job; the delay caused by the objection of certain people in the town; and the condition of the Harbour, Etc. Etc., but eventually a poll was taken, when there voted:-

For Councillor James Billington's amendment: Councillors
McMahon and James Billington----- 2.

Against: Councillors Martin, Cashman, Hayes, Hawkins,
Sinnott, Crosbie, Atkins, Dunne, McGuire,
Connolly, Murphy, John Billington, Aldermen
Tobin, Cullimore, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 16.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost, and the original motion proposed by Alderman Walsh declared carried by sixteen votes for to two against.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Carson T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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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 same members being in attendance.

ILLNESS OF HEALTH VISITOR.

The Town Clerk reported that he had been forwarded a Medical Certificate from Miss Daly, Health Visitor, with an explanatory letter stating she had injured her knee as a result of which she had to have ten stitches put therein, and had had to have her right wrist set in Plaster of Paris.

The Medical Certificate stated that she would be unable to resume duty for at least twenty-one days, and the Town Clerk was requested to consult with Dr. Bastible as to whether or not a substitute would be necessary.

WALL AT CROKE AVENUE.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to raise the wall in front of the houses at Croke Avenue as soon as possible as in its present condition cattle were able to jump over it on Fair Days into the tenants' gardens.

CONDEMNED HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET.

It was decided to again write to Mrs. Donohoe of King Street regarding the demolition of a condemned house at William Street.

NEW RANGES.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to replace the ranges of two houses at Hill Street occupied by McGrath and Whelan.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Town Clerk was requested to get in touch with the Harbour Commissioners relative to a light at Monck Street; and to arrange to have the light in Keyser's Lane altered from its present position.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of Corporation on 3rd instant, the following report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor on the subject of the chlorination of the John Street water:-

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"In accordance with the wishes of the Corporation, I got in touch with Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan's representative in Dublin. He gave me the approximate cost of two types of Plants which would suit. In each case the cost would be £100 to £120 for the plant. It would be necessary to erect some structure, say of timber and galvanized iron, to house the plant; this would cost approximately £10. The pipe which at present leads from the reservoir is of a great age and is more than likely badly corroded. I would suggest, therefore, that a 1½" lead supply be substituted; this would cost approximately £90.

This would bring the cost of installation at from £200 to £220. In addition, it may not be a feasible proposition to instal an automatic feed plant, consequently if a hand operated one is necessary, the running cost will be excessive."

In this connection, the Surveyor reported that the representative of Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan was at present in London making further enquiries regarding a suitable plant for this supply, and further consideration of the matter was adjourned pending a final report from the Firm's representative.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor James Billington again referred to the water at the Folly, and asked that steps should be taken to trace the source and have it piped down to the outlet.

This water, the Medical report showed, was contaminated and unfit for use, and in this connection both the Surveyor and Town Clerk pointed out to the Committee that they would be in a very serious position if any person developed a disease and died as a result of drinking any of the waters in the town which had been conclusively proved to be contaminated. The Corporation, they pointed out, had at their last meeting handed copies of the Medical reports on these waters to the press for publication, as a result of which the public knew that the Corporation were aware these supplies were dangerous. It was clearly the duty of the Sanitary Authority when they were aware that these wells or springs were contaminated, to have them closed, and the mere fact of erecting notices to the effect that persons using the waters did so at their own risk, would not relieve them of their liability.

As regards this matter, the Committee agreed to ask Doctors Sinnott

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and Pierse, Medical Officers of Health, what steps should be taken in connection with these waters which had been found to be contaminated, and the question of tracing the source of the Folly Supply was adjourned until the advice of the Medical Officers was received.

HOUSES AT TALBOT STREET.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined a house at Talbot Street, occupied by John Doyle, and owned by Mr. Thomas J. Maylor, who had asked the Corporation what repairs would be necessary in reason to make the house fit for human habitation.

The Surveyor said that the house was so far below the standard required both in regard to floor space, lighting, ventilation, and freedom from dampness that in his opinion it would not be ~~feasible~~ ^{practicable} to render it fit for human habitation, and consequently it should be demolished. The Borough Surveyor further intimated that this house was one of three or four under the same roof, which were in a bad condition, and before taking further action on the house occupied by Doyle, it was decided to ask for reports from the Medical Officer of Health on the state of the houses adjoining, so that they could be dealt with together.

PARNELL STREET HOUSES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had served notices on the owners of fourteen houses in Parnell Street requiring them to provide Water Closets within one month.

This matter had been before the Corporation for the past three years, and fifteen houses had already been provided with sanitary conveniences. The fourteen notices he had served expired on the 2nd instant, and nothing had been done in the way of providing the conveniences ordered.

Attention was also called by members to the fact that the drainage from a number of these houses was in a very bad condition, and before coming to any decision on the matter of the Water Closets, the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the drainage as soon as possible.

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DUMPING AT WILLIAM STREET.

Attention was called to an anonymous letter which had appeared in a recent edition of the local press, relative to the dumping of rubbish at William Street, but it was pointed out to the meeting that the dumping referred to was taking place on private property owned by the Wexford Meat Supply Company and the Great Southern Railways Company, so the Town Clerk was directed to instruct the Sub-Sanitary Officer to obtain details of this dumping, and if he (Town Clerk) thought fit, he was to serve notice on the two owners requiring the nuisance to be abated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor

17th January, 1938.

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: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Hawkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, and Thomas Dunne.

PURCHASE OF FILING CABINET.

The Town Clerk was authorised, on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor James Billington, to purchase a new Filing Cabinet for the office at a cost of £8. to £9.

APPLICATION FOR OIL COAT ETC.

An application from Isaac Robinson for an oil coat and boots was granted on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Arising out of a report from the Captain of the Fire Brigade,

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relative to a fire at the Gas Works, the Captain was to be asked for a report as to why only four members of the Brigade had been called out at the last few fires.

LEASE OF GROUND AT BATT STREET.

With reference to the decision of the Corporation to lease a plot of ground to Mr. Peter Rutledge, Batt Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th instant, by letter No. H.105397, stated that covenants should be inserted in the lease providing for the completion of the dwelling to be erected within a specified time; the value of the dwelling; erected/ and the purpose for which it would be used on completion. It was agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to fix the time for its completion at twelve months; the value of the house at £600; and its use, a dwelling house and small shop combined.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTER GRATE.

An application from a Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, 4 St. Magdalen's Terrace, to have her present range removed and a register grate supplied, which she would fix at her own expense, was submitted, and it was decided to inform her that the Corporation could not grant her request, but if she so desired she could supply and fix a register grate at her own expense, and if she were ever leaving the house she would have to put back the range.

Arising out of applications for the substitution of closed for open ranges, it was agreed that for the future these would not be supplied to any house where rent was owed.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING.

Attention was called to the fact that Thomas Hore, Carter, and William Keelan were in receipt of 7/6 and 5/- each per week respectively for the emptying of ashpits. For some weeks past, owing to the increasing number of dust bins provided for Artisans Dwellings, they were unable to empty any ashpits, so it was agreed that this extra allowance would not be paid them except during weeks

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when ashpits required to be emptied, and if any of the lorry men were engaged on this work, they should be paid the extra money.

Arising out of this matter, reference was made to the fact that William Keelan was now over seventy years of age, and it was decided to inform him that the Corporation expected him to retire at the 31st March next.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. LOAN TO MR. PETER DEMPSEY.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to make a Loan of £510 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Peter Dempsey for the erection of a house at Faythe, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 10th instant, by letter No. H.105395, intimated that he was advised that the Market Value of the house should not exceed £450, and the amount of the advance should accordingly be based on this figure.

The Town Clerk intimated that the maximum amount which Mr. Dempsey could receive on this valuation was £405, and it was agreed to inform Mr. Depmsey of the Minister's decision, and if he was in a position to complete the house with the aid of a Loan of £405, the approval of the Minister to the granting of this amount should be sought..

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Town Clerk reported that, as directed by the Finance Committee, he had been in communication with Messrs. Patrick Furlong and William Kinsella on the subject of the purchase of some of their fields for the extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown. The former required £75 per acre for his field and the latter £100 per acre. The Finance Committee had considered these figures altogether too high and had offered them £50 per acre, but they were not disposed to sell. It was decided that the Town Clerk should make a report as to the powers of the Corporation for the compulsory acquisition of these lands, and he was also to make enquiries regarding a field at Drinagh which was in the opposite end of the town, and which the

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members knew was for sale.

Reference was also made to the want of a bier at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk intimated that he understood there was one available in the Church, and he was directed to get in touch with the Administrator regarding its purchase by the Corporation.

The following report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of Burial Grounds in the town:-

"I have inspected the six Burial Grounds within the Urban District, and I wish to make the following reports on same:-

1. St. John's Graveyard: This Graveyard is maintained by the Corporation, and this consists of cutting the grass and cleaning the walk. There is evidence of trespass; some of the vaults have been interfered with and need repairs. The boundary wall is in fair condition. There are about fifteen large elm trees which, in my opinion, should be cut down. This, however, would require great care and only an expert tree feller should be employed.
2. The Franciscan Graveyard: This graveyard is privately maintained, but seemingly very little attention has been paid to same for some years as it is in a very neglected condition.
3. St. Patrick's Graveyard: This graveyard is under the care of the Corporation. A great deal of damage (in fact vandalism) has been caused to tombs due to the fact that the boundary wall is in a bad state of repair. In addition, people adjoining seem to think that it is a convenient dumping ground.
4. St. Mary's Graveyard: The graveyard is in good order, due to the fact that a man in the neighbourhood takes an interest in the place, and even though the boundary wall is in a bad state, there is no evidence of trespass or damage.
5. St. Michael's Graveyard: The graveyard is in fair condition. The boundary wall is defective on one side, and I noticed a large dump of house refuse at one place.
6. St. Selskar Graveyard: This is well kept, being maintained by the Church Body.

Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5 are maintained by the Corporation, the maintenance consisting of cutting down grass and weeds and making good the walks. This is usually done once or twice a year. It would take a considerable sum of money to repair the walls and make good the damage to the vaults."

It was agreed to request the Surveyor to submit an estimate of what it would cost to carry out the repairs he considered necessary to these graveyards.

With reference to Minutes of Finance Committee on 10th instant when the Town Clerk reported that he had received a Medical Certificate

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from Nurse Daly, Health Visitor, intimating that she had met with an accident whilst on holidays in Newry, and when he was instructed to see the County Medical Officer of Health as to the advisability of appointing a substitute, he reported that Dr. Eastible considered that a substitute would be necessary if Miss Daly's illness was likely to be prolonged. Any substitute would require to have General Training as well as Maternity Training.

In this connection it was decided that the Town Clerk telegraph Miss Daly and enquire if she was in a position to state when she would be able to resume duty.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor

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24th January, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committee was held this day at The Town Clerk's Office, 17th January, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the Finance and Works, Etc. Committee's Meeting.

The members present were:-

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

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

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Lillis, Patrick McGuire,

HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the proposal to erect eighteen houses at

William Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. H.105041, submitted a number of queries in connection with the scheme, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would take him at least three weeks to get out the necessary particulars asked for by the Minister, and it was decided that he should supply this information with as little delay as possible.

meeting. Deputy report HOUSES AT GREEN STREET.

The Town Clerk submitted reports from the County Medical Officer of Health on twenty houses at Green Street, all of which Dr. Bastible considered unfit for human habitation, and it was agreed to give special notice to each member of the Finance Committee that this matter would come on for consideration at the next meeting.

It was also agreed to ascertain if Messrs. P. Pierce & Co., who it was thought were the owners of these houses and the adjoining lands, would be prepared to sell, and if so, at what figure.

The owner of the houses WHITE MILL HOUSES.

A general discussion took place on the Whitemill Housing Scheme at present in course of construction, and it was decided to advertise for tenants in the course of the next week or so.

WALL SWELLING ACQUISITION ACT.

An application was submitted from Mr. Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, for a loan of £200 under the Wall Swelling Acquisition Act in order to enable him to purchase the house in which he resided, and this matter was adjourned so that the Borough Surveyor could make a report on the Market Value of the property; and the Town Clerk to have Mr. Lyons complete Form No. 2 in this connection, and to ascertain his official income.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEBATE.

A letter was read from the County Council intimating that the arrears of £1000 due to the County Council would be considered at a meeting to be held on the 10th inst., and it was decided to try and

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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, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

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

HOUSES AT GREEN STREET.

In accordance with the decision of the Housing Committee at last meeting, twenty reports from the County Medical Officer of Health on houses at the South side of Green Street were submitted for consideration.

The reports showed that the County Medical Officer considered all the houses unfit for human habitation, but before coming to a final decision on the matter, the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain if the owner of the houses would be prepared to sell them together with the adjoining land; the entire lot containing approximately five acres.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

An application was submitted from Mr. William Hynes, School Street, for a Loan of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in order to enable him to purchase the house in which he resided, and this matter was adjourned so that the Borough Surveyor could make a report on the Market Value of the property; and the Town Clerk to have Mr. Hynes complete Form No. 2 in this connection, and to ascertain his annual income.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

A letter was read from the County Council intimating that the arrears of instalments due on their Demand would be considered at a meeting due to be held on the 14th proximo, and it was decided to try and

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have a further instalment for them before this meeting.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Town Clerk reported that he had again communicated with Mrs. Annie Donohoe, King Street, on the subject of two houses at William Street in respect of which Demolition Orders had been made, pointing out their dangerous state and requesting her to take steps to have them demolished.

Mrs. Donohoe replied that she was not in a position to carry out the Corporation's wishes to demolish the houses.

In this connection members pointed out that there was a large piece of land stretching from these two houses to the corner of Batt Street and there was some more on the opposite side of the road which it might be possible to acquire for the purpose of erecting houses, and the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain as soon as possible who the owners were. In the meantime a final decision on the two houses owned by Mrs. Donohoe was adjourned.

LEASE OF BUILDING PLOT.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a lease of a building plot at Maudlintown was executed to Mr. Peter Rutledge of Batt Street.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.

An application was submitted from Mr. John O'Connor of Columba Villas and Mr. Francis Sinnott of Dolphin Road for permission to exchange houses.

It was pointed out that O'Connor owed no less than £8. 5. 0. rent and had not paid any for the past six or seven weeks, so in the circumstances it was decided to refuse the application.

COLLECTION OF RENTS.

Arising out of a discussion on the collection of rents of Artisans Dwellings, it was agreed to convene a meeting of the Special Rates Committee for Saturday next, 29th instant, and the Acting Rent Collector, Mr. Doyle, was asked to submit a report on any cases of sub-letting which came under his notice when collecting rents.

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PERMISSION TO SUB-LET.

An application from a Mrs. Mary Breen of 61 Wolfe Tone Villas for permission for her brother and his wife to come and live with her for a few weeks as she was very lonely since the death of her husband some time ago, was adjourned to enable the Rent Collector to ascertain if any other person was residing in the house with her.

Councillor James Hill DUMPING. Stated that he would move on next

The Sub Sanitary Officer was asked to report on a complaint that a large heap of manure had been dumped at the rear of a house adjoining Mr. Patrick Cleary's Wolfe Tone Villas.

With reference to sign FRONT GARDEN. Stated that the garden of

Complaint was again made that a man named Kielty, Wolfe Tone Villas, had persistently refused to till or clean the garden in front of his house there, and it was agreed to see if any action could be taken against this man under the Noxious Weeds Act.

With reference to the complaint HOUSE INSPECTIONS.

The Sub Sanitary Officer was to be asked to inspect the sanitary accommodation of a house at Bride Street, occupied by a man named Hatchell, and the Medical Officer to inspect two houses at Duke Street occupied by Lawlor and Kearns..

With reference to the complaint LIGHT IN MONCK STREET.

Complaint was made that no light had as yet been fixed in the middle of Monck Street, and the Mayor pointed out that he had raised the matter some time ago at a meeting of the Harbour Commissioners, when they agreed to authorise the Corporation to have a light put there, and the Town Clerk intimated that up to the present he had received no communication from the Secretary of the Board in regard to this matter, and as the Commissioners would be liable for the expenses of supplying a light, he did not feel justified in proceeding with its erection without hearing from them.

With reference to the complaint STONEBRIDGE LANE. Stated that the

The Sub Sanitary Officer was to be asked to make a report on the sanitary condition of Stonebridge Lane.

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PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Town Clerk was given permission to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the expenditure of £50 on the preparation of Rate Books for the year 1938/39.

CHARGE FOR ELECTRICITY.

Councillor James Billington intimated that he would move at next Statutory Meeting a motion regarding the charges made for electricity by the Electricity Supply Board.

PAYMENT TO SCAVENGERS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of extra payment to scavengers for cleaning ashpits was reviewed, complaint was now made by some members that this cut should not operate, but it was decided before coming to any further decision to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the emptying of dust bins and the cleaning of ashpits.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Town Clerk reported that Nurse Daly, Health Visitor, had met with an accident, and when the question of the appointment of a locum was under consideration, he now intimated to the meeting that he had been in telegraphic communication with the Nurse, who informed him that she would resume duty on 1st February, so in the circumstances it was considered that there was no necessity to appoint a locum.

A very lengthy letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the proposals to improve the Wexford Waterworks. A copy of this letter had been forwarded by the Minister to the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Delap and Waller, and the present meeting agreed to refer it to the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 7th proximo, and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to communicate with the Consulting Engineers asking for their observations on the communication against that meeting.

24th January, 1938.

The Borough Surveyor now reported that to provide an automatic Chlorinating Plant on the John Street Reservoir would cost approximately £300, and strongly advised against the Corporation going to such expense as, in his opinion, it was most uneconomic.

It was also decided to refer this matter to the February Statutory Meeting.

Dr. T. E. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, under date of the 15th instant, stated that he had read the bacteriological report on five samples of water taken from various wells and springs in the town, and was of opinion that same were unfit for human use and a danger to public health. He recommended that Wexford Corporation should prohibit the public from using these waters.

The meeting also decided to refer Dr. Pierse's report to the Corporation meeting on 7th proximo despite the fact that the Town Clerk repeated the warning given by the Borough Surveyor and himself on the 10th instant, that it was clearly the duty of the Corporation as the Sanitary Authority to take such steps in regard to these waters as would prevent them being used by the public.

In view of the fact, however, that the officials seemed to take such a serious view of the Corporation's allowing these springs to be used, the meeting decided to forward a copy of the bacteriological report to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that he would be so good as to advise on the duties and obligations of the Corporation thereon.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of December showed that he had examined 145 cattle, 308 sheep, and 50 swine. Of the cattle, one whole carcase, one quarter and four heads to the extent of 5½ cwt. were destroyed for Tuberculosis, while 29 organs were destroyed for this disease and 14 for other diseases. Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, two fore-arms to the extent of 12 lbs. weight were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

24th January, 1938.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the acquisition of two fields adjoining Crosstown Cemetery, for an extension of the Cemetery, was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that in his opinion if the lands were to be compulsorily acquired a Provisional Order by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, confirmed by an Act of the Oireachtas, would be necessary.

The members considered, however, that having regard to the comparatively small amount of land required, this would be a very expensive procedure and might eventually cost more than the amount asked for by the owners, so before coming to any decision they directed the Town Clerk to place the facts before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that he would advise as to what would be a reasonable price for the lands in question having regard to the amounts paid in other areas for land acquired for a similar purpose. As regards the reference to a field at Kerlogue which was made at last meeting, the Town Clerk intimated that the owners had a reserve of £1,000 on this field.

As the field in question was not level, the meeting considered that this price would be altogether out of proportion to its value.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected three houses at Temperance Row occupied by Edward O'Connor, William McEvoy and Thomas Crowe and found no sanitary accommodation. He recommended that the owners be required to provide Water Closets or proper dry privies.

It was unanimously agreed to serve notice on the owners requiring the provision of Water Closets within one month.

With reference to the question of Water Closets at Parnell Street, which had been before the last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that a new sewer was laid at the rear of these houses a few years ago and junctions left for the accommodation of each house so that there should be no difficulty in making proper connections.

24th January, 1938.

Some members pointed out that they were aware that a number of the owners were making arrangements to have the Water Closets installed, and the matter was further adjourned until it was ascertained if all the owners affected were making such arrangements.

*Richard Curran T.D.
Mayor*

28th January, 1938.

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:-

The Mayor, in the Chair, with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore; and Councillors James Billington and Hayes.

The meeting carefully examined the rental of the artizans dwellings and made the following orders:

Notices to Quit were to be served on Nicholas Doyle and Daniel Thomas Hill Street. James McEvoy, Distillery Road. William Roche, John Pender, Francis Swords and James Roche, Davitt Road South. William O'Leary, Davitt Road, South. Joseph Bergin, James Reek, Thomas Walsh, John Murphy, Andrew Berry, John Browne, Elizabeth Browne, Robert Hanton, Susan Harris, Edward Redmond, Thomas Lawlor, Patrick Cleary, and Walter Lawlor, of Wolfe Tone Villas. Patrick Goff, Edward Wilde, and Phillip Swan, of Columbia Villas. James Fogarty and Laurence Malone, of Croke Avenue. John 'Neill, Nicholas Kirwan and Kevin O'Neill, Dolphin Road. Michael Hayes, Saltee Avenue. Michael Nolan, Edenvale Avenue, Henry Dempsey, Croke Avenue. Patrick Nolan, Richard Whelan, James Brennan, John Layne, Patrick O'Brien, Mary Gaul and Nicholas Doyle, of Hanton Road. Randall McDonald, Joseph Thomas, Thomas Walsh, W. J. Duggan, James Delaney and Patrick Roche, of Antelope Road. Phillip Byrne, Murtha Meyler and John Murphy, Gul Bar Road. Mary Hanton, Martin Comerford and James Browne, of Harbour View.

Enquiries were to be made with the object of ascertaining if the following were employed: J. Singleton, Jos. Murphy, of Wolfe Tone Villas, Thomas Walsh, William Newport, Antelope Road.

Letters calling attention to the arrears of rent were to be sent to the following: Thomas McGrath, Hill St.; Ml. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Mrs. Gaul and M. Bergin Carrigeen; Ml. Mahony, Emmet Place George Roberts, William Street; James Gaul Menapia Avenue, Mrs. Bailey, Ml. Mahon, O'Connell Avenue. M. Berney, Davitt Road, South. M. Conway, Davitt Road, North; James O'Leary, Croke Avenue, J. Swan, Hanton Road..

The Following persons who had left Corporation Houses without clearing off their rents were also to be written to: J. Rogan, Thomas Sinnott, Thomas Gaul, N. Connolly.

The Committee considered that the following sums due by tenants who had left and being evicted could not be recovered even if taken to the Court: some of them having since died:-
Mrs. Connolly £3-13-4; P. Sinnott £3-14-9; Jas. Doyle, £4-19-1;
Ellen Rogers 14/2; John McGuire 11/-; Danl. Gimlet £7-2-8;
and Michael Bolger £3-6-8.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connolly T.D.
Mayor

31st January, 1938.

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 being:-

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

Aldermen Thomas Walsh and William Cullimore.

Councillors Thomas Hayes, James Billington, James Sinnott, Phillip McGuire, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, James Murphy, James Gaul and Timothy Cashman.

PROPERTY GREEN STREET.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Phillip B. Pierce, intimated that he was willing to dispose of the houses and land at Green Street for the sum of £450, subject to an annuity of £6 - 5 - 4.

The members considered this offer very reasonable as the entire holding contained 5 acres 1 rood and 1 perch, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to accept the offer, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

As regards the tenants of the houses, it was agreed that they be all transferred to the new houses at Whitemill temporarily, and when houses were erected on this site they would be given the option of going back to this area.

The Town Clerk was asked to open negotiations with Mr. James J. Stafford for the purchase of a small strip of ground adjoining Pierce's field which would be required if the Corporation decided to construct a road from Green Street to the Distillery Road; and as well he was to enquire what weekly rents were at present being paid to Messrs. Pierce by the present occupiers of the Green Street Houses which it was proposed to acquire

EXCHANGE OF HOUSES

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when the question of the exchange of houses between Mr. John O'Connor and Mr. Francis Sinnott of Columba Villas and Dolphin Road respectively was under consideration, It was reported that Mr. O'Connor had made an offer to discharge the rent due since December last if given the exchange and to pay off the arrears on his house at Columbia Villas by instalments of 1/- per week in addition to the rent of 3/6 on the house at Dolphin Road. He was not, he stated, able to meet the present rent of 5/6 and clear off his arrears as he had a large family to keep.

A very lengthy discussion took place on this matter, during which it was pointed out that the only agreement the Corporation could have with O'Connor was his word to discharge the arrears by 1/- per week, and if he missed any week they would have to proceed against him for ordinary debt.

Eventually it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Sinnott to agree to the exchange.

FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported that a fire occurred on the 15th instant in the house at St. John's Road, being acquired on the tenant-purchase system by Mrs. M. J. Kinsella. The Corporation had the house insured and the annual premium was included in the rent-charge the purchaser was paying. She had made a claim for £2 - 10 - 0 for damage done to wallpaper and paintwork, which the Borough Surveyor considered reasonable, and he, Town Clerk, had made a claim on the Insurance Company for this sum. The action taken by the Town Clerk was approved, and Mrs. Kinsella was to be paid the amount when it was received from the Insurance Company.

GRAVE - CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Doyle, John Street, relative to the selling to another person of a grave he had reserved at Crosstown. The facts of the case were reported by the Town Clerk to be as follows:- In December, 1936, Doyle purchased Grave No. 47, Section N in the Cemetery. Subsequently he had asked the Typist in the Office to reserve No. 32 at the head of it, and his wife had paid @ two sums of 10/- on foot of its cost. As no lease could be issued for the grave until the amount was paid, Miss Lacey was only holding the one pound until Doyle was able to pay the balance, when a lease could be issued. Miss Lacey had marked the grave "reserved" in pencil in the Register of Burials, but in October, 1937, Mr. Doyle, the Clerical Assistant in the Office had sold the Grave space to John Henderick of Green Street, who had buried a Mary Ferguson therein.

A short time afterwards Doyle had complained that the grave he had reserved was occupied, and as Hendrick refused to allow the remains of Mary Ferguson to be the subject of an exhumation Order nothing could be done in the matter. He, Town Clerk, had spoken to Mr. Doyle and agreed that it was a regrettable error, but one which could not be rectified, and Doyle now asked the Corporation what they proposed to do in the matter.

The members were at a loss to know what they could do and after some discussion agreed to ask the Mayor and Town Clerk to interview Doyle with a view to finding out if any other grave in the same section would satisfy him.

FIRE BRIGADE.

With reference to Minutes of the 17th instant, when it was agreed to ask the Captain of the Fire Brigade why only four members of the Brigade were at the last two fires, the Captain under date of the 24th instant stated that owing to the serious nature of the last two fires, he had not a man to spare to call the other members. He had given instructions to the Turncock, however, to call all the members for the future. The Captain further intimated that he proposed to hold a practice on the 5th instant at Spawell Road at Two o'clock p. m. It was also unanimously agreed that John Molloy, Turncock, should be paid the same remuneration as the firemen when engaged on fires as it was not considered to be part of his normal duties.

DANGEROUS BUILDING.

A letter was read from Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Mary McMahon, of Wygram Place, Wexford, complaining that the ruins of an old dwellinghouse adjoining her premises and owned by Mr. William Hayes, were in a dangerous condition.

The Town Clerk reported that he had asked the Borough Surveyor to inspect the premises, and he, Surveyor, stated there was no reason to fear any immediate collapse of the Ruins either on to Mrs. McMahon's house or on to the Laneway adjoining, which only one person had a right to use he was informed. He saw no reason why he should serve a dangerous building notice under the Towns Improvement Act, 1847. He added, however, that he learned Mrs. McMahon had rented the ruins from Mr. Hayes as a yard, and that there was an element of danger to her using the premises thus. The point arose - does ~~she~~ such use come within the Act as an occupier, or would she constitute one of the public. In view of the query contained in the Surveyor's Report the Town Clerk had referred the file to the Corporation Solicitor, who stated that Messrs. Sinnott should be informed that the Surveyor did not consider the property to be dangerous, and if Mrs. McMahon had any grievance she should consider taking action against Mr. Hayes herself. It was agreed to write to Messrs. Sinnott on the lines suggested by the Solicitor.

SUB-LETTING, WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when an application had been considered from Mrs Mary Breen for permission for her Brother, Wife and child to reside with her there, the Town Clerk Reported that the only person then residing with Mrs. Breen was her father, but that since last meeting, the persons for whom she sought permission had gone to reside there.

Arising out of this matter, complaint was made that a number of the houses at Wolfe Tone Villas had been sub-let.

It was suggested by the Mayor, however, that as this lady had sub-let while the matter was under consideration by the Corporation that Notice to Quit should be served, but it was eventuall agreed to leave the matter over until the new Rent Collectors were appointed when the whole question of sub-letting could be gone into.

SOLICITOR'S COSTS.

The Corporation Solicitors bill of costs in the acquisition of a strip of land from Mr. Joseph Scallan at Maudlintown, was submitted and amounted to £7 - 0 - 9 which the members considered reasonable and thought that it would not be to their advantage to have it Taxed in the Courts, so it was unanimoulsy agreed to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to its payment without taxation.

SURFACE OF TRINITY STREET.

A letter from Mr. W.F.Hearn on the subject of the surface of Trinity Street was referred to the County Surveyor with a request that a sum be allocated out of the Contingencies Fund to carry out the necessary repairs as it was a main road.

POOR RATE COLLECTION - COMMISSION

Mr. John J. O'Leary, Poor Rate Collector, applied for some of the commission due to him for collecting the Poor Rate to date. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. O'Leary had collected £2,500 and that the Commission thereon would be £62 - 10 - 0, so it was unanimously agreed to pay him £40 on account subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as Mr. O'Leary had a young family and the members were aware that he had been unemployed for some time prior to his appointment.

The meeting also unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, to pay the Town Clerk the usual commission of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the Poor Rate he had collected before th appointment of Mr. O'Leary.

LOAN S. D. A. ACTS - HYNES.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application had been submitted from Mr. William Hynes of School Street, for a Loan of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to purchase the house in which he resided, the Surveyor reported that the house was substantially constructed and in good repair. Its market value would be £250. The town Clerk reported that Mr. Hyne's income was £117 per annum, and that the price proposed to be paid for the house was £150, so it was agreed to advance a sum of £135.

RELIEF GRANTS FEES.

The Borough Surveyor applied to be paid a commission of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the Relief Grants at present bein carried out, and the members agreed that as this was extra work that the fees should be paid. It was also pointed out that the Town Clerk had a considerable amount of extra work in administering these relief Schemes, and it was also agreed that he should be paid a commission of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$. Both were agreed to unanimously on the motion of Councillor Atkins.

ALLOTMENTS.

With regard to the provision of Allotments for unemployed persons in the year 1938, it was agreed that if all the persons who held plots at John Street last year were eligible, they should be given the plots for 1938, but as regards the Green Street ones, as the Corporation were about to purchase this field with adjoining property for a housing Scheme it was agreed to warn all the 1937 plotholders that no work should be done for 1938 until further notice, and the Town Clerk was asked to advertise for further land for the purpose of providing allotments.

GREEN STREET PROPERTY.

With reference to the first minute of this meeting, it was also agreed that as soon as the Surveyor had a tentative lay-out of the Green Street property made that the Mayor, Surveyor and Town Clerk should visit the offices of the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to having the proposed purchase sanctioned with the least possible delay, and as well to try and secure a grant for its development.

SCAVENGING REPORT.

The Report of the present scavenging system which the Surveyor was asked for at last meeting was referred to the Special Rates Committee for a recommendation.

OILSKIN COAT.

The Tender of Messrs. Healy & Colling for an oil coat for Isaac Robinson, at 15/9 was accepted, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Atkins.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT.

Councillor Hawkins raised the question of holidays for the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir under the above Act, and the members agreed that he was entitled to the benefits of the Statute.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on a house at Faythe occupied by William Kehoe, which he considered unfit for human habitation, and it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cashman to take the necessar steps to have a Demolition Order made.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to make a report on the houses in Reilly's Lane, John Street.

On the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, it was agreed to register the premises of Mr. Patrick Connors at Monck Street and Trimmers Lane, under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935.

Richard Connors T.D.
Mayor

7th February, 1938.

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: Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 3rd and 10th ultimo; Housing Committee on 17th ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 28th ultimo (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as having been read, and Minutes of Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees on 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ultimo were also taken as having been read, were approved, and signed.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the widow of the late Commandant General Connolly, who had recently died. Alderman Walsh seconded the motion.

The Mayor further proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Mark O'Byrne, P.P. on the death of his brother, Fr. Thomas O'Byrne, and Councillor James Murphy seconded. Councillor James Billington proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Dr. D'Arcy, Archbishop of Armagh, who for some time was Bishop of the Diocese of Ossory. Councillor James Murphy seconded.

All three resolutions were passed in respectful silence.

ARREARS OF RENT.

With reference to Minutes of Special Rates Committee on 28th ultimo when some sixty Notices to Quit in respect of arrears of rent due out of Artisans Dwellings had been ordered, Councillor McMahon queried if the people concerned were working, and on behalf of the Committee it was stated that they had been very careful to only serve Notices on those whom they knew to be at present in employment.

EXCHANGE OF HOUSES.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk it was stated that an exchange between two tenants had been agreed to at a meeting of the Finance and Works Committee.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £7,568. 14. 10, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

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IMPROVEMENT OF WATERWORKS.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd ultimo, when the question of the Waterworks had been under consideration, the following letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter was submitted:-

"A Chard,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letters of the 7th and 5th instant in regard to proposed improvements of the Wexford Waterworks System and I am to state that the Consulting Engineers' report forwarded with your letter of the 7th instant will be dealt with in numbered paragraphs hereunder, the numbers relating to the several paragraphs of the Engineers' report, beginning with the second paragraph.

1. The estimated figures of 2/3rds of the run-off for compensation water referred to in the Department's letter of the 6th ultimo was that put forward by the Consulting Engineers themselves. There is no ground for suggesting that the amount of compensation water to be awarded rests within the discretion of this Department. Such awards are fixed as a result of either agreement or arbitration and with reference to the facts in each particular case. It is a matter for the Consulting Engineers to estimate the probable amount that should be provided for under this head in the light of the knowledge available from their local surveys. In this instance it would seem that they decided that it would probably be necessary to allow two-thirds of the available supply to the local interests concerned.

2. In the absence of flow records for either the existing or the proposed catchments, it is not possible to assess the value in time of the reduction which the Engineers anticipate would be effected in the period of shortage by the scheme proposed. The facts available would, however, appear to indicate that the value would be inconsiderable. The figures submitted by the Engineers indicate that the actual storage period would be increased by only seven days.

3. The suggestion that "measurement... will not increase the amount of water that can be obtained and stored" is irrelevant. Gaugings may prove the flow to be less than that estimated by the Engineers, and, having regard to the very large expenditure proposed by them, it is essential to have reliable information as to the extent to which their proposals would be likely to meet the full requirements.

4. The reference in the Department's letter to the exploration of possibility of adequate storage related to the proposed site for dam, the possibility of a good cut-off, etc.

5. The subject-matter of this paragraph will be dealt with in the general remarks hereunder.

6. The proposals for the improvement of the supply are too indeterminate to permit of the filtration proposal being considered at this stage. The quantity of water to be treated at Coolree or elsewhere is not determined and the location of the purification works cannot be established until the sources of supply are finally decided.

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With regard to the penultimate paragraph of page 1 and the paragraphs on page 2 of the Consulting Engineers' report, I am to state that on the facts submitted the supplementing of the Coolree Area of supply by the Forth Commons catchment would not be economically justifiable unless storage were provided and even then the cost of the water stored would be very high.

The partial scheme proposed is estimated by the Consulting Engineers to cost £15,350 and the complete scheme, £27,268. To either of these estimates should be added a sum of approximately £4,000 for re-conditioning the trunk main, making totals of £19,350 and £31,268 to be incurred on the basis of proposals the limitations of which have been pointed out above and in previous correspondence.

Before assenting to any arrangements for proceeding with proposals involving expenditure of such considerable proportions the Minister must be satisfied that the scheme to be adopted will be the most economical that can be devised and also that the works to be undertaken will meet fully the water supply requirements of the Borough for the future. The expenditure involved in the Engineers' estimate would seem more than adequate to defray the cost of a gravitation supply from an even more distant source, but even if such an alternative were to prove more expensive, it is essential that all possible sources be explored with a view to ascertaining whether a more ample and reliable supply can be provided either by gravitation or pumping.

The Corporation will, therefore, understand that there is not sufficiently definite information before the Department at present to enable the matter to be usefully discussed with a Deputation in any way that would materially add to the observations conveyed above: the matter will require to be investigated much more comprehensively and in greater detail by the Consulting Engineers in the first instance.

As regards the proposal to scrape and recondition the existing supply main, the Consulting Engineers' estimate for scraping only was £400. In the Department's letter of the 6th ultimo in which reference was made to this proposal, it was not understood that the Corporation contemplated scraping and reconditioning to the extent proposed in your letter of the 5th instant. On the basis of the figures now quoted, it would seem that the minimum cost of treating the whole main would be £4,000. Such expenditure is so high that it would be well to defer further action in connection with the proposal until a definite decision has been reached regarding the waterworks improvement scheme.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Consulting Engineers.

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On receipt of this communication the Consulting Engineers had been asked for their observations in time for the present meeting, and the following letter from Messrs. Delap & Waller was now read:-

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"Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of 25th January, enclosing a letter from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health of the 20th January, No. S.1340/1/38, on the subject of the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme. We have read the letter carefully and note its contents.

The Minister clearly considers that it is necessary to have flow records, both for the existing Coolree catchment and for any catchment from which a supply may be considered.

This suggestion cannot be ignored, and we recommend that arrangements should at once be made to have daily measurement of the flow taken on the two streams which supply Coolree Reservoir and the several streams from which it is proposed to take a supply from Forth Commons. These measurements will have to be made daily, at weirs erected for the purpose, and the daily rainfall also recorded.

We suggest that the rainfall recorder at Coolree should be carefully calibrated, as it is possible that its accuracy may have deteriorated from age.

We agree that the use of the Forth Commons catchment would not be economically justifiable unless storage were provided, and we agree, too, that the cost of the water from any possible storage would be very high.

We note that the Minister is not satisfied that the scheme proposed by us is the most economical that can be devised and that the works proposed will meet the requirements of the Borough for the future.

We agree that the scheme put forward by us is a very expensive one in view of the results which it can yield, but we submit that it is the best in sight. We admit that we have not fully considered all the possible sources of supply if pumping is to be permissible. We assumed that almost any gravity supply within 5 miles of the centre of Wexford would be preferable to a pumped supply from as great a distance with its high running cost.

Nor have we considered, except in a very cursory manner, gravity supplies from a great distance. There is no possible gravity supply, apart from the Mountain of Forth, till one gets to the Blackstairs Mountains, a distance of about 20 miles. We have not even looked for a reservoir site there, as we knew that distance alone put that district beyond economic possibilities.

We appreciate the Minister's wish that there should be further exploration of possibilities taking both gravity and pumping possibilities into consideration. From what we have already said you will understand that we have no hopes of any gravity supply more economic than Forth Commons plus storage at Hayestown, and we think

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that the Minister, with a contoured map in front of him, will agree with us in this.

In respect of possibilities from a scheme of pumping from either surface or underground sources, we are quite prepared to go into this if you wish us to do so.

We suggest that, if you agree with what we have said above, you should (a) instruct us to put in hands the necessary arrangements for measuring the flow in the streams into Coolree and those on Forth Commons, and (b) instruct us to carry out such investigations as may be necessary to meet the Minister's requirements as to exploration for further possible supplies.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Alfred D. Delap,

DELAP & WALLER."

In addition, the Mayor stated that he had been speaking to the Chief Engineer of the Local Government Department on this matter, as a result of which the Engineer stated that it would be unwise to have a very large expenditure on a scheme where there is a doubt as to the adequacy of supply, and suggested that the consultants should report on the next cheapest scheme in which there would be no doubt as to quantity of water being supplied for the needs of the town.. When the Department knew the approximate cost of such a scheme they would be in a position to go into the matter further and to decide whether it would be wise or necessary to expend £4,000 on scraping the existing main.

During the discussion which followed the reading of these letters, a suggestion was made by Councillor Connolly that the five T.D's for County Wexford, together with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, should be asked to come to Wexford to consult with the Corporation on this matter, but it was pointed out that whatever the five local T.D's might do, it was most unlikely that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would take part in a discussion on any matter which was at present before his Department for his approval in an official way.

Eventually a suggestion by the Mayor was unanimously agreed to, that a copy of Messrs. Delap and Waller's letter should be sent to the Ministry with a request that the Chief Engineering Advisor be asked to come to Wexford for a conference with the Corporation and Mr. Delap with the object of arriving at some scheme for the improvement of the system.

PROPERTY AT GREEN STREET.

The Finance Committee recommended the purchase of a field and sixteen small cabins at Green Street from Messrs. Phillip Pierce & Co. for the sum of £450.

The property in question contained 5 acres 1 rood and 1 perch according to the Land Registry Folio, and was subject to a revised annuity of £6. 5. 4. per annum.

Both the Finance Committee and the Corporation considered that the land would make an ideal building site, and that the price asked was comparatively reasonable.

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Councillor Cashman proposed the adoption of the recommendation and Councillor Hayes seconded.

A question was raised, however, as to whether any of the tenants of these houses would be entitled to compensation, as members stated that some of them were under the impression that they owned these houses, but the Town Clerk replied that he had received a Schedule from the Solicitors for Messrs. Pierce showing that each of the tenants paid a weekly rent. As well, he pointed out that records in the Land Registry would show in whose name all the property was registered, and if any of the tenants had title to any of the houses it would be seen by the Corporation Solicitor before the property was transferred to the Corporation. The proposition of Councillor Cashman that the property be purchased was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James Billington complimented Mr. Pierce on the very quick and reasonable manner in which he agreed to the suggestion of the Corporation, and thought it was one of the finest building sites they had in Wexford at such a reasonable price.

A question was also raised about the tenants of the sixteen houses on this property, and it was agreed that any of them who would be transferred to the new Corporation houses at Whitmill should be given the option of returning to the Green Street area when the houses were erected there.

FEES ON GRANT WORK.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk be paid fees at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on Relief Grant Works.

On behalf of the Surveyor it was pointed out that fees at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. were being allowed elsewhere, and on behalf of the Town Clerk that extra responsibility had been thrown on him in connection with the administration of these grants.

Councillor McMahon proposed the adoption of the recommendation, and Councillor Gaul seconded.

All the members were in favour of both the officers being remunerated for the extra work imposed on them through the administration of the Grants, but some of them were loath to see the amount taken from the sum allocated for the relief of unemployment, as in their opinion it would be depriving some of the unemployed of a certain amount of work, but eventually the recommendation was unanimously adopted with an addendum by the Mayor that the Grant should be increased proportionately to allow for the payment of these fees.

COMMISSION ON POOR RATE.

The Finance Committee further recommended that the Town Clerk be paid commission on the Poor Rate Collected by him prior to the appointment of Rate Collector O'Leary.

Councillor Sinnott moved the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and unanimously agreed to.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1937, showed that he had examined five samples of milk, four of margarine, three of butter, two each of sugar and cheese, and one each of breadsoda, Raspberry Jam, sausage, sago, cocoa, whiskey and sherry.

This made a total of twenty-four samples analysed during the quarter, all of which were found genuine.

This report was considered satisfactory.

CHARGE FOR ELECTRICITY.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James Billington moved that the Electricity Supply Board be asked to reduce their Valuation Charges in Wexford.

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In moving his motion, he stated that he understood the Board had made a large profit on the last twelve months working, and thought that some of this should be passed on to the consumers. Since the last time he brought this matter forward, there had been a slight reduction in the charge, but this reduction did not effect the ordinary working man. The reduction only came into force if a certain number of units were used. He thought the Electricity Supply Board would be very wise in reducing the Valuation Charges, as it would lead to a greater number of consumers and much more business for the Board. Councillor Hayes seconded the recommendation, which was agreed to, with Councillor McMahon dissenting.

MEANS TEST.

The following resolution from the Cobh Urban District Council was submitted for adoption:-

"That when computing the Means Test, the fact that an applicant is in receipt of a military service pension (Eire) is taken into consideration, with the result that Unemployment Assistance is correspondingly reduced. That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to remove such consideration, as a pension in respect of service to the State, should be in addition to the common basis of Unemployment Assistance."

After a short discussion, however, an amendment moved by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Walsh that the Means Test be removed entirely was unanimously adopted.

CREAMERIES.

Resolutions from the Youghal Urban District Council and the Dungarvan Urban District Council relating to town traders and co-operative Creameries was marked "read" as in the opinion of the Corporation they did not apply to the Wexford area.

SENATE ELECTIONS.

The following resolution from the Clonmel Corporation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy:-

"That we the representatives of Wexford Borough are surprised that Borough Councils are deprived of the right to nominate representatives to the Seanad Electorate. As the Borough Councils in Ireland represent over 100,000 of the population we feel it is unjust to deprive them of this right. The representatives of County Councils are not direct representatives of Borough Councils, and we request the Minister for Local Government to take steps to amend the Seanad Electoral Panels Act."

DISMISSAL OF GANGER.

The business on the Agenda having been disposed of, Councillor Hayes stated he wanted to know from this meeting what underhand work was going on in the Corporation. Some time ago a man was sent to Maudlintown to take the time of two men working there. He was kept there for a short period and was brought back to the Redmond Monument as Ganger on a Relief Scheme. When that job was finished he was brought to another Relief Scheme at Spawell Road, and the man who was in charge of Spawell Road was removed and put to do a couple of hours work on the Main Street when he was dismissed. He (Councillor Hayes) called it victimisation to have a single man brought in and a married man dismissed.

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A number of members complained that the allegation of Councillor Hayes was rather vague, and he explained that the man who was originally employed at Spawell Road was Nicholas Lacey and the man employed at the Redmond Monument was James Rossiter; the former was a married man and the latter single.

When the Redmond Monument work had been finished, Lacey had been dismissed and Rossiter brought up in his place.

A number of members protested against the remarks of Councillor Hayes that there was underhand work going on. The employment of these men was entirely a matter for the Borough Surveyor, and one member pointed out that Lacey had had a considerable period of employment with the Corporation and should have stamps to his credit, which would enable him to receive unemployment benefit. After a lengthy discussion, the Surveyor was asked for his explanation of the occurrence, and stated that he put the two men in charge of the same number of men on the same day to do about the same amount of work. The man he knocked off did exactly half the amount of work the other man did, and that was the reason he was allowed to go. He stated that no member of the Corporation had approached him with the object of having Lacey dismissed and Rossiter kept on.

He further stated that if the Corporation wished to take over the appointment of gangers, they could also take over the administration of the Relief Grants, as he would have nothing to do with it.

The discussion dropped and the Meeting terminated.

Richard Cairns T.D.
mayor

7th February, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance.

WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

In reply to a query by Councillor Hayes, the Borough Surveyor stated that he would be in a position to forward the amended plans for the William Street houses to the Department of Local Government during the present week.

DAVITT ROAD HOUSES.

In reply to a further query, the Town Clerk intimated that he had not heard anything yet in respect of the proposal of the Corporation to erect eight bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North.

ROAD FROM GREEN STREET TO DISTILLERY.

In connection with the acquisition of property at Green Street from Messrs. Phillip Pierce and Co., a suggestion that Mr. James J. Stafford should be asked to dispose of a small piece of ground at Distillery Road which would enable a roadway to be made from Green Street to Distillery Road, the Town Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr. Stafford about this matter, and had received a communication under date of the 3rd instant asking £160 for the property.

The members considered this out of all proportion to its value, and unanimously decided to offer Mr. Stafford a sum at the same rate per acre as was being paid to Mr. Pierce for his land.

DAMAGE TO 88 WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

With reference to a complaint that wallpaper at No. 88, Wolfe Tone Villas had been damaged by water while repairs were being carried out to the walls, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of repairing the damage would be 10/-, and it was unanimously decided to pay this sum.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed on behalf of the Corporation in respect of premises at Custom House Quay occupied by Messrs. Bell and Murphy.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES.

An application was submitted from John McDonald, Gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, for an increase of 10/- per week in his wages owing to the high cost of living.

After some discussion on this matter, it was agreed to refer it to the Cemetery Committee for a recommendation.

LODGING HOUSE AT MAIN STREET.

Complaint was made regarding a house on the Main Street at the corner of Keyser's Lane, occupied by a man named Cullen, and the Town Clerk was requested to ascertain the number of persons residing therein to see if it complied with the Bye-laws of the Corporation relating to houses let in separate tenements. The Town Clerk was also requested to obtain a Medical Report on a house at Distillery Road occupied by James Murphy.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at Maudlintown occupied by Mrs. Doyle and found the drain in the yard choked causing it to overflow, which was very injurious to the occupants.

It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring him to have the drain opened, cleaned and repaired within seven days.

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The Medical Officer further complained that dumping of offensive matter was taking place on a vacant piece of ground at Antelope Road, and it was decided to have a notice placed there warning persons against dumping rubbish under pain of prosecution.

He further complained of partly demolished houses at Batt Street and William Street being a danger to children who were playing around them, and the Mayor and Town Clerk also intimated to the meeting that they had been at William Street and Byrne's Lane on Friday evening last in connection with a suggestion to acquire ground there for housing purposes, and had noticed that a house at the corner of Byrne's Lane was in a very dangerous condition. The owner was not in a position to demolish it, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to have it taken down completely, immediately.

PURCHASE OF GROUND AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk and himself had had an interview on Friday last with Mr. John Lett regarding the purchase of a piece of waste ground at the top of William Street, and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should, with the help of Mr. Millar, prepare a lay-out of a scheme of houses for this site.

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR MR. MILLAR.

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk replied that he had not yet received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposal to pay extra remuneration to Mr. Millar for acting as Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Housing Site and Town Hall Site concurrently, and he was requested to again write to the Minister on this matter.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to Mrs. Swan of Byrne's Lane regarding the completion of the demolition of houses there which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected three houses at Thomas Clarke Street occupied by Mary McCormack, John Kearney, and Mary Lawlor, and found them unfit for human habitation, but it was decided to defer consideration of these reports, and to request the Medical Officer to make reports on all the houses in this street as soon as possible.

CUTTING OF TREES.

Regarding the suggestion that the trees in the various Churchyards in the town should be cut, the Borough Surveyor said that he was loath to send any of the Corporation employees to do this work as they had not got the proper equipment, and it was decided that he should write to Mr. Randall of Killurin asking him what price he would require to take down the trees.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to the owner of a house in Gibson Street, which had recently been condemned, regarding its demolition.

Richard Connolly TD
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, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Buckland, Robert Moran, James Gaul, James Billington, Michael Martin, and James Sinnott.

RENT COLLECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of the proposal to appoint two Rent Collectors in room of the late Richard Scallan, and requesting that a draft of the advertisement proposed should be submitted for approval. The Town Clerk submitted a draft of the advertisement he proposed to issue, and which he had already forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval, and the Committee unanimously approved of it.

ERECTION OF HOUSES.

The Borough Surveyor reported, with reference to the proposal to erect houses at William Street and Byrne's Lane, that in his opinion neither of the two sites was suitable, and as regards the Batt Street-William Street Scheme, the Surveyor was requested to make a lay-out plan to include the ground occupied by O'Neill's and Rutledge's houses.

LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS -RUTTLEDGE.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, a Deed of Mortgage securing repayment of a Loan being made to Mr. Peter Rutledge, Batt Street, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

BILL OF COSTS.

The Corporation Solicitor's Miscellaneous Bill of Costs for the past twelve months was submitted, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, be appointed to attend the taxation proceedings on behalf of the Corporation, and the requisition to tax the Bill was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that the net estimated loss on the provision of allotments for the 1938 season would amount to £12. 8. 0. and that the economic rent of each plot would be £1. 0. 8. so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, to reduce this economic rent to a nominal rent of 1/- each per plot.

CATTLE TROUGH.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the Cattle Drinking Trough at Trinity Street to see if it was possible to have it repaired.

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EXTRA LIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Attention was called to the fact that since the erection of the new houses at St. John's Road another light was necessary there, and it was unanimously agreed to have an extra light provided.

LORRY DRIVER'S WAGES.

An application was submitted on behalf of Thomas Crosbie, Lorry Driver, by the Amalgamated Engineers Union for an increase in his wages of £3. per week, but before coming to a decision on the application, it was decided to enquire from the Union what men in similar positions were receiving.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had had a practice on the 5th instant, when everything worked satisfactorily. He further stated that Francis Goodison, a member of the Brigade, did not intend to remain, and it was unanimously decided to request Goodison's resignation.

LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS - HYNES.

With reference to the application of Mr. William Hynes for a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mr. Hynes intimated that the purchase price agreed on between himself and the owner was £150 and that the cost of the transfer, Mortgage Deed, Etc. would be at least £30, and he would be glad if the Corporation would agree to advance him 9/10ths of the £180.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to advance him this amount.

PLOT AT HANTOON ROAD.

An application was read from a Mr. Peter Hanton of Hantoon Road, for a plot of waste ground there which he could till, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to rent him this plot at 1/- per year on the understanding that possession would be given up with 6 months notice.

ALLOCATION OF 6 HARBOUR VIEW.

It was reported that a house, No. 6 Harbour View, had become vacant, and as some time ago the Corporation had agreed that the next four-roomed house available should be allocated to Michael Tierney of Green Street, the Town Clerk was instructed to send for Tierney and give him possession of the house.

LAND AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Stafford intimating that he could not see his way to accept the offer of £35 made by the Corporation for a strip of ground at Distillery Road, and it was agreed to allow this matter to stand over for the present.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor mentioned that to make a good lay-out of the Green Street Scheme he would require a small strip of land from the Christian Brothers, and he was requested to prepare a map of the amount he required, when the Mayor and Town Clerk agreed to interview the Superior in regard to its acquisition.

SCRAP IRON.

It was reported that the Corporation had approximately 20 to 25 tons

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of scrap iron for sale, and on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk it was agreed to advertise for tenders therefor in the Dublin and local papers.

RESERVOIR CARETAKER'S HOLIDAYS.

An application from the Caretaker of the Reservoir for holidays under the Conditions of Employment Act was agreed to, and the appointment of a person to take his place was left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSE AT KING STREET.

A report was submitted from the Medical Officer of Health on the condition of a house at King Street, but before taking action thereon the Surveyor was asked to make a report.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE.

A report was also submitted from the Medical Officer on a house at Faythe occupied by Sarah Doyle, which he considered unfit for habitation although the previous week he had sent in a report recommending a drain to be made good, and consideration of this was adjourned to next meeting to enable it to be ascertained if anything had been done to repair the defective drain.

PURCHASE OF BOOTS.

The tender of Messrs. Healy and Collins, which was the only one submitted, was accepted for the supply of a pair of rubber hip boots for the driver of the fire engine.

REPAIRS TO STREETS ETC.

The Borough Surveyor was requested to have some repairs carried out to the surfaces of Byrne's Lane and Keyser's land.

The Sub Sanitary Officer was asked to report as to whether or not dumping was being carried on at Davitt Road, North; and the Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to report on a house at Talbot Street, occupied by Patrick Sinnott.

Richard Austin T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, and Councillors Buckland, James Billington, and Hayes.

RENTS OF ARTISANS DWELLINGS.

The Committee carefully examined all the reports which had been received in connection with Notices to Quit, Etc. ordered at last meeting, and made decisions on the offers of each person concerned.

It was agreed that the progress of each of the persons whose names had come before the Committee on the payment of their rent, should be noted, and if they did not live up to the agreements made, that the matter should be again brought to the notice of this Committee.

Richard Cairns T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

21st February, 1938.

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 Patrick Tobin.

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

CATTLE DRINKING TROUGHS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of Cattle Drinking Troughs was under consideration, the Borough Surveyor reported that all the drinking troughs in the town had been badly neglected, and with the exception of the one at Trinity Street, were beyond repair.

The one at Trinity Street required a new ball cock and feed pipe and a padlock.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor stated that it would cost approximately £2. to carry out the necessary repairs, and it was unanimously agreed that the work should be done.

It was further agreed that the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, who had presented the trough at Trinity Street in 1903, be asked to present a further structure for use in the North end of the town, and if the Association agreed, the Committee were prepared to give an undertaking that both would be maintained in good order and kept supplied with water.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, under date of the 19th instant, wrote regarding a house at William Street, the property of Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien.

The position in this case was that some time ago the Corporation had made a Demolition Order in respect of two houses adjoining, which were owned by Mrs. Donohoe of King Street. Repeated applications had been made to Mrs. Donohoe to comply with the terms of the Order by demolishing the buildings, but she had failed to do so and had intimated that she was not in a position to carry out the requirements of the Corporation.

Subsequently the Corporation had carried out their Statutory duty under Section 26 (1) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and demolished the two houses.

As a result of the demolition, the gable end of Mr. O'Brien's house had been exposed, and the Solicitors claimed that the end wall and roof should be repaired by the Corporation and provision made for the renewal of the support of Mr. O'Brien's house of which it had been deprived by the action of the Corporation.

It was pointed out that this letter raised a very serious question for the Corporation. There were a number of houses in the town which landlords had failed to demolish, and which it was the duty of the Corporation to demolish, where the landlord failed to carry out the duty imposed on him by the Statute.

If the Corporation were to be made liable for the damage to houses adjoining condemned ones when the latter were demolished, it would cost a considerable amount of money, and two houses in Cornmarket were instanced as typical cases where demolition might involve the collapse of adjoining houses.

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On the other hand, if the present application received the publicity which it would get in the Law Courts, no landlord would demolish houses in respect of which Demolition Orders had been made but would simply allow the Corporation to carry out the demolition and probably be made liable for repairing damage to adjoining houses.

Eventually it was agreed to refer the matter to the Corporation Solicitor for his advice, and to also request the advice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter against next meeting.

Arising out of this, complaint was made regarding the Condition of a house at Gibson Street, and another at John Street, which had been partly demolished by the owners, but it was agreed that for the present the Town Clerk should write to the owners requesting them to complete the demolition.

LORRY DRIVERS WAGES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when an application had been submitted on behalf of Thomas Crosbie, Lorry Driver, for an increase in his wages of £3. per week, the Amalgamated Engineering Union in reply to a query stated that the rates paid to men in similar employment varied from 75/- to 82/6 per week.

After some discussion Councillor Moran proposed that the Corporation be recommended to increase Crosbie's wages by 10/- per week, and Councillor Connolly seconded.

The motion was agreed to but Councillor Billington thought that the 10/- per week should be allowed to Crosbie for looking after the Fire Engine.

Councillor Connolly then moved that the Corporation be also recommended to increase the wages of the second lorry driver, John Rossiter, by a sum of 10/- per week. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

SOLICITOR'S COSTS.

The Corporation Solicitor forwarded statements of his costs in connection with the purchase of seven different interests in plots of ground at William Street which had been acquired for the purpose of making a new road to the Maudlintown Housing site and for the erection of further houses there. The total costs and expenses amounted to £65. 14. 6. and the Solicitor pointed out that in the earlier stages of this transaction he had very difficult negotiations with the various owners and had had several interviews with them and with the Corporation officials. He was not charging any ~~exceptional~~ *special* negotiation fee, but merely the minimum Statutory Charges in each case. The members agreed that there was a considerable amount of negotiation necessary in the early stages of this purchase, and thought that the fees charged were reasonable, so it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to permit of the ~~the~~ payment without taxation, as the members believed it would not be to their advantage to incur the expense of these proceedings.

CHARGE OF £50.

Under date of the 16th instant, by letter No. S.97580, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the charge of £50 made by the Auditor at the last audit of the Corporation accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1936, and stated his views had been fully set out in the correspondence with the Corporation. He considered the attendance of a deputation was not necessary, and if there was any further evidence to be submitted by the persons charged bearing on the case, he would be prepared to consider it, and intimated that a statement should be submitted before the end of the present month.

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It was agreed to invite the members concerned to a meeting during the week to consider this matter.

NEW SEWER AT JOHN STREET.

Under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. S.2538, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the proposal of the Corporation to lay a new sewer in John Street at a cost of £270.

ALLOCATION OF VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, the Town Clerk intimated that Michael Tierney, of Green Street, who had been offered the tenancy of a house at Harbour View, Maudlintown, had refused this offer on the grounds that he had delicate children, some of them suffering from Tuberculosis, and that the area in which this house was situated would not be conducive to their recovery. He asked for permission to make application for one of the new houses at Whitemill, and although the date for receiving applications for these houses was past, the Committee agreed that an application should be taken from him. It was further agreed to convene a Special Meeting for Monday next, 28th instant, to let the house at Harbour View.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to a fire in the Provincial Bank on Friday morning last where he found the chimney burning fiercely. After working $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours they got the fire under control.

He further reported that they had been called to a fire on Thursday morning at 7.0. o'clock to premises at North Main Street, but when they arrived the fire was under control.

As there was no time on this latter fire, he thought the men should get some allowance for answering the call.

The Committee unanimously decided that the men should be paid for one hour for answering this call, namely 2/- per man.

LODGING HOUSE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of a house at Main Street, owned and occupied by a man named Cullen, which was let in separate tenements, and it was agreed that a census of the persons residing therein should be taken forthwith, and if the building did not comply with the Corporation's By-laws dealing with houses let in separate tenements, the owner should be prosecuted.

Complaint was also made regarding a shed at the corner of Parnell Street, which had been converted into a dwelling house, and to a house at Faythe occupied by William Barr, and it was agreed to request a Medical Report in each case.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK -TRUSTEE.

The Town Clerk read a copy of a very lengthy letter, which had been addressed to the Mayor by Mr. Nicholas Byrne of Clifton, Wexford. The substance of the letter was that Mr. Byrne was trustee of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Fund, and there was a balance of £1600 of this Fund invested in 5% Second National Loan, together with a sum of £600 approximately on deposit in the National Bank.

Mr. Byrne felt that this trust would be more satisfactorily administered and maintained if vested in a perpetual trustee of a public character, such as the Mayor for the time being.

The members agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Byrne, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the Mayor for

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the time being be trustee of the Fund, and it was agreed to so inform Mr. Byrne.

PARK AT CORRY'S TERRACE.

Reference was made to the advisability of providing a park between Corry's Terrace and Grogan's Road, and the Town Clerk was requested to ascertain the owners of the land in question.

NEW TOWN HALL.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a letter in connection with the proposed new Town Hall, which he proposed to submit to the Statutory Meeting. The letter asked for details showing how the estimate to erect the building by Direct Labour had been arrived at, and he was forwarding a copy of it to the Architect.

CARTER'S WAGES.

Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would raise at next Statutory Meeting a question relative to the reduction in the wages of Thomas Hore, scavenging carter.

CONDITION OF STREETS, ETC.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report to next meeting on the condition of the surface of William Street and Distillery Road. He was also asked to report on a complaint by Councillor James Billington that dumping of rubbish was taking place opposite his house at Folly.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of January showed that he had examined 140 cattle, 385 sheep, and 29 swine. Of the cattle, two fore-quarters and five heads, to the extent of 2½ cwt. together with fourteen organs, had been destroyed for Tuberculosis, and nine organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, three organs had been destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, two heads and one organ were destroyed for Tuberculosis.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported having inspected a house at Maudlintown occupied by Sarah Doyle, and having found it totally unfit for human habitation, so it was unanimously agreed to serve notice on the owner fixing a time and place for the receipt of any representations with regard to the future user of the house.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected premises at Waterloo Road, tenanted by John Murphy, and found no water supply. He recommended that the owner be required to provide a water supply for same.

It was agreed to serve notice on the owner requiring the provision of a water supply within one month.

A number of communications were submitted relative to the water supply. The first was in reference to Minutes of the 7th instant, when it had been decided to request that the Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department should visit Wexford for the purpose of a Conference with the Corporation and the Consulting Engineers, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th instant, by letter No. S.1350, intimated that the Department's views on the matter had been fully set out in previous correspondence, and felt

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that no useful purpose would be served by a discussion as proposed, until the Corporation's proposals based on a comprehensive survey by the Consulting Engineers had been submitted to the Department.

The second was in reference to Minutes of 24th January, when it was agreed to forward copies of bacteriological reports on the various water supplies to the town to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a request that he should advise the Corporation on their duties and obligations thereon.

Under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. S.1350, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated it was observed from the analyses submitted that the chlorinating process effected a substantial improvement, but in order to secure the best possible results he suggested that the advice of the manufacturers of the plant be obtained as regards any objectionable features still remaining in the Coolree water after chlorination.

He added that having regard to the terms of the report of the County Medical Officer of Health, it seemed advisable to confine the town supply to the water obtained from Coolree.

A subsequent letter on this matter under date of the 17th instant, No. S.1350, was also read from the Minister, in which he stated that it should be clearly understood the onus lay on the Local Authority and their advisers to decide as to the action to be taken on these reports.

As regards the Coolree supply, he stated that on full consideration of the matter, and after investigation as suggested in the Department's letters, the Corporation considered it advisable to proceed with the installation of filters at Coolree, the matter would be left to their discretion, subject to the plant being designed for the present delivery only, while being capable of extension if desired.

A further letter was read from the Wexford Ratepayers Association on the subject of the water supply. They stated it appeared to them that there were large quantities of water available at the disused Drinagh Cement Works, and thought that the Corporation would find a solution of their difficulties there.

After a short discussion, it was decided to refer all this correspondence to a meeting of a Special Committee to be convened for the 26th instant, and Mr. Delap was to be invited to attend to discuss this matter with the members.

Richard Curtis T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

25th February, 1938.

A meeting of the School Meals Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present being:-

Mrs. McTaminey, in the Chair, with Mrs. O'Connor, Miss Fennell, and Ald. Walsh.

Tenders were submitted as follows for the supply of food for the ensuing year

BREAD: Mrs. A. Murphy, Faythe - $4\frac{3}{4}$ d. per two pound loaf;
Nicholas Lambert, Main Street - $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. Do.

CURRENT BUNS: Mrs. A. Murphy, 10d. per dozen 4 oz. buns.
Nicholas Lambert - 10d. do.

SUGAR; James A. Lambert, Bull Ring - $3\frac{1}{5}$ per stone
Nicholas Lambert, Main St. - $4\frac{1}{1}$ Do.
Murtha Meyler, Monument Stores - $3\frac{1}{6}$ Do.

GOLDEN SYRUP: James A. Lambert - $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound.
Nicholas Lambert - $5\frac{3}{4}$ d. per pound.
Murtha Meyler - 6d. per pound.

The lowest tender in each of the above cases was unanimously accepted, namely, Bread and Buns Mrs. A. Murphy. Sugar - James A. Lambert. and Syrup - James A. Lambert.

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of cocoa (Savoy) from James A. Lambert @ $9\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.; Murtha Meyler @ 8d. per lb. and Nicholas Lambert at 9d. per lb.

The members considered that a better quality cocoa could be supplied to the Schools than that quoted for and an examination of the Trade List issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health showed that a good quality cocoa could be purchased through the Department at 1 - $0\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb. in seven pound tins, so it was unanimously agreed to purchase a quantity of this cocoa for the use of the Schools.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

28th February, 1938.

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, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

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

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE.

The Meeting had been specially convened to select a tenant for house vacant at Harbour View, and six applications were submitted from persons residing in rooms and over-crowded houses. On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Aidan Dempsey, Councillors James Billington, Moran, John
The Faythe: Billington, Sinnott, Atkins, Connolly,
Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, and Cullimore----- 9.

For Harry Kirwan, Councillors Hayes, Murphy, Buckland,
Clifford Street: McMahon, McGuire, Dunne, and Alderman
Walsh-----7.

For Kevin Rossiter, Councillor Crosbie, and the Mayor-----2.
King Street:

For Joseph Doyle, Councillors Hawkins and Gaul.-----2.
6 Antelope Road:

As none of the applicants had a clear majority, it was decided to eliminate Rossiter and Doyle, and the Mayor, Councillors Hawkins and Gaul transferred to Dempsey, and Councillor Crosbie to Kirwan. Dempsey was accordingly declared elected by twelve votes to eight for Kirwan.

Arising out of the application of Joseph Doyle of 6, Antelope Road, it was pointed out that this was a Corporation house which should not have been sub-let by the occupier, Thomas Lewis, and it was decided to request the Rent Collector to compile a list of each Corporation house where there were more than ^{one} ~~two~~ families. *yes.*

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

28th February, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance.

DRINKING TROUGH.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the erection of a Drinking Trough was under consideration, a letter was read from the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, London, intimating that the request of the Corporation would be laid before the next meeting of the Committee. In the meantime, the Secretary would be glad to learn if it would be possible for the Corporation to arrange with the Customs Authorities for the free importation of the structure. In this connection, the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Minister for Industry and Commerce requesting the free importation of the structure.

BUILDING TRADES REGULATIONS.

There were submitted to the meeting copies of regulations made by the Wexford Building Trades Group in connection with the employment of journeymen and apprentices, but it was seen that they did not apply to the Corporation as they were not carrying out any building work at the present time.

TENDERS FOR SCRAP IRON.

Four tenders were submitted in reply to the advertisement offering 20 to 25 tons of scrap iron for sale. They were from Mr. Patrick Donovan, High Street, Wexford, who quoted 55/6 per ton; Elizabeth Meyler, who quoted £2. 15. 0. per ton; Michael Moran, who quoted £2. 15. 0. per ton; and James Roche, McSwiney Street, who quoted £2. 12. 6. per ton.

As Donovan's tender was the highest of the four submitted, it was unanimously decided to accept it on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, provided that all the metal be removed inside a week, and paid for, as stated in his letter, after each load was taken.

REMOVAL OF CLOSE RANGES.

A number of applications were submitted from tenants of Artisans Dwellings requesting the removal of closed ranges recently installed and the putting back of the open ranges, but it was decided not to entertain the request.

SURFACE OF WILLIAM STREET AND DISTILLERY ROAD.

It was agreed to forward a report made by the Borough Surveyor on the surface of William Street and Distillery Road (both Main Roads) to the County Council with a request that they allocate a sum of £145 for surface dressing.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the demolition of a house at William Street was referred to the Corporation Solicitor for an opinion, Mr. O'Connor, during the course of a lengthy communication, intimated that as the matter was of such vital importance to the Corporation they should take the opinion of a Senior Counsel well versed in Local Government Law, but it was agreed to adjourn the matter until next meeting to see if a reply would be

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received to a letter sent on the 28th instant to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES.

With reference to an application made some time ago by John McDonald, Gravedigger, for an increase in his wages, the Town Clerk reported that this man was in receipt of £39 per year plus 12/- per grave opened, and the average number of openings in a year was £150, for which he received £90, but out of this had to pay £45 to his assistant, which left him a sum of £45 for grave openings in addition to the £39 wages, so that his gross income from the Cemetery was approximately £84 per year, or £1. 12. 0. per week.

The Town Clerk further reported that the loss on the Cemetery during the year 1936/37 was £81. 10. 11.

It was agreed to refer this application to the Cemetery Committee for a report.

SALE OF GRAVE SPACE - DOYLE.

With reference to Minutes of 31st ultimo, when the Mayor and Town Clerk were deputed to interview a man named Doyle relative to the sale of a grave space in Crosstown Cemetery, they reported that they had had an interview with Mr. Doyle on this morning, but found him absolutely impossible to deal with.

He made two suggestions. The first was that the Corporation should permit six interments in the grave he had there, No. 47 in Section N, but it was pointed out that this would be illegal, and as well that there would not be room for the interment of six persons in any grave.

As an alternative, he requested the Corporation to give him Grave No. 31 in Section N free of charge, and to provide the extra coping necessary to make the Grave similar to No. 47. He, as well, seemed to think that the Corporation should provide him with a Headstone. The members agreed that this man was absolutely impossible to deal with, and it was agreed to write to Doyle stating that he could purchase Grave No. 31 for the same price as the one he had reserved, and which had been unfortunately disposed of in error, and, as well, having regard to the circumstances, they would be prepared to supply the extra nine feet of coping necessary to make this grave similar to No. 47.

DUMPING.

A report from the Borough Surveyor regarding dumping at the Folly was read. This showed that there was a heap of rubbish in the place complained of, but it appeared to him to have been there for a number of years, and he was of opinion that the rubbish referred to was on private property.

As regards the place alongside, which was used at one time as a turning place for ~~XXXX~~ vehicles, he recommended that certain repairs be carried out at a cost of approximately £2. and this course was agreed to.

Complaints regarding dumping at Davitt Road, North and Foundry Lane were referred to a Committee composed of Councillors Hayes, Atkins, and Crosbie, who agreed to meet at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st proximo.

REPAIRS TO GRAVEYARD.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on the cost of repairing the damaged walls at St. Patrick's Churchyard, and the Town Sergeant to report on the trespassing of animals in St. Mary's Churchyard.

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WASTE GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN.

An application from Thomas Dalton, Hantoon Road, for the use of a waste plot of ground there, was adjourned for enquiries to be made from him as to what use he intended to put the ground to if his request were granted.

SEWER AT JOHN STREET.

In reply to a query by the Mayor, the Borough Surveyor stated that he would commence laying the new sewer at John Street as soon as he had favourable weather.

Richard Carr T. D.
Mayor of Wexford

2nd March, 1938.

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

The members present were:-

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

MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

A letter under date of the 23rd ultimo, No. H.28787, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was read, enclosing a copy of a report made by one of his Inspectors on the 154 houses at Maudlintown, and it was agreed to refer this to the Borough Surveyor and Clerk of Works, Mr. Millar, for their observations.

PROPOSED SCHEME AT WILLIAM STREET.

A further letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd ultimo, No. 6547, approving of an amended lay-out submitted in connection with the proposed housing scheme at William Street provided that an alternative house plan more suitable to a southerly aspect was submitted. It was agreed to adjourn this letter for the submission and approval of a house plan with a southerly aspect.

SUB-LETTING.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to refuse to entertain an application for a house from any person who has gone to reside as a lodger in a Corporation house erected for the re-housing of persons removed from slums.

APPLICATIONS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received 115 applications for the Whitemill Road houses and he was requested to classify them (1) according to the number in family; and (2) according to Income and the capacity of applicants to pay rent.

HOUSES AT EAST OF GREEN STREET.

The Town Clerk was directed to enquire as to who were the owners of the houses at the East end of Green Street adjoining the Pierce property.

PROPOSED PARK AT GREEN ST.

The Town Clerk was also requested to look up all the old correspondence in connection with a proposal made some few years ago to acquire a couple of fields at Green Street for the purpose of making a park.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFERS.

An application from seven tenants at Maudlintown, who had been transferred from Corry's Terrace, to be transferred to Whitemill was submitted, but no action was taken on it until the Committee found out exactly the number of persons in condemned houses they would have to re-house on the Whitemill scheme.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

5th March, 1938.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, and Councillor Hayes.
Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer for the Waterworks; Mr. McNally, Borough Surveyor; and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

WATERWORKS.

The recent correspondence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, regarding the proposed improvement of the waterworks, was referred to, and Mr. Delap asked for permission to carry out the requirements of the Local Government Department as regards the Coolree proposals, namely, the measurement of the two streams flowing into the reservoir, and the checking of the Rain Gauge at Coolree.

The Minister's letter showed that he was not satisfied that every possible source of supply had been explored, and Mr. Delap pointed out that from the first he had practically ruled out pumping, confining himself entirely to a gravity supply. However, following on conversations he had had with the Department's Engineers he was now prepared to explore other possibilities besides gravity, and he had spent several hours this morning examining the River Sow at Eden Vale. This River seemed to hold possibilities for a water supply to Wexford, but he could not, of course, give any definite assurance until he had explored it further. After a lengthy discussion, the Meeting agreed that Mr. Delap be authorised to take the measurements of the Coolree streams and to explore all possibilities of an alternative supply to those mentioned in his previous reports, as suggested by the Local Government Department.

The Meeting further urged Mr. Delap to set about his investigations with as little delay as possible so that they would soon be in a position to say that they had a scheme to solve the Wexford Waterworks problem.

Before leaving the Meeting, Mr. Delap referred to the large amount of money due to his firm in fees and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the two previous reports made, and the Town Clerk requested him to send him an up-to-date account, when he would see if it would be at all possible to pay him a further substantial amount on account.

DOMESTIC SCAVANGING.

With reference to various discussions at the Finance and Works Committee regarding the stopping of the allowance paid to Thomas Hore, carter, and the two labourers engaged on Domestic Scavenging work, which had been referred to the present meeting for consideration, the Town Clerk submitted the following report on the matter:-

"I find that up to 20th April, 1921, Thomas Hore was paid £4. per week; and the two labourers £2. 10. 0. each per week with an addition of 1d. per load removed from ashpits. Thomas Hore, carter, was not paid this penny per load.

From 20th April, 1921, up to 2nd June, 1921, the two labourers were paid a fixed sum of £2. 12. 6. each per week for which consolidation of the one penny per load I can find no Minute.

The following extract from Minutes of proceedings of the Corporation on 2nd June, 1921, explains the position from

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that date to the present time:-

"A recommendation from a Special Finance Committee was brought under notice. It ran in favour of increasing the wages of the men exclusively employed in the work of domestic scavenging. Three men and a horse were engaged at this particular work. The Committee recommended that the two labouring men should be given an increase of 2/6 a week by way of gratuity, as the emptying of privies and ash pits was of an obnoxious nature, and that the Carter, Thomas Hore, should receive a gratuity of 7/6 per week considering that he had to maintain a horse. This meant that the labourers employed at this class of work were to receive £2. 15. 0. a week each and the carter was to receive £4. 7. 6. *TD*"

"On the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was adopted."

It was seen from this report that the allowance made to these men was purely in the way of a gratuity for the obnoxious nature of the work of emptying ash pits, and as they were not now engaged on this work the Committee did not see that this allowance should be made. They, therefore, decided to make no recommendation in the matter to the Corporation.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON SCAVENGING.

The reports made by the Borough Surveyor on the scavenging in 1936 were read, but consideration of them was further adjourned to enable copies of the reports to be circulated to the members of the Committee.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corry T.D.

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

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for approval and signature, viz.:— Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 7th and 28th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 14th ultimo; School Meals Committee on 25th ultimo; Housing Committee on 2nd instant (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) and Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th ultimo.

Councillor Gaul moved that the Minutes as submitted be taken as read, approved and signed. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Alderman Flusk, however, drew attention to an error in the Minutes of the Corporation on 28th February where the Rent Collector had been asked to compile a list of all Corporation houses where more than one family resided. The Minutes inadvertently said "more than two families" and the necessary correction was made and initialled by the Mayor.

The Minutes as submitted were thereupon signed.

EXCHANGE OF HOUSES.

At this stage Alderman Flusk asked if, arising out of the signing of the Minutes, could they take it for granted that when they were signed everything that had taken place at a previous meeting was in order.

The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that when Minutes were signed it could only be taken that they were a true record of the proceedings, and it did not follow that everything done was in order.

The Alderman then stated that at the last Statutory Meeting (7th February, 1938) he had asked about the transfer of two tenants, and had been informed by the Mayor that the matter was in order.

The Mayor now intimated that it was in order, inasmuch as matters of the kind had been always dealt with by the Finance and Works Committee, which was composed of all the members of the Corporation. He supposed that strictly speaking everything should be done at a Statutory Meeting, but by the right of usage it was always done by the Finance and Works Committee. Alderman Flusk then asked where the Finance and Works Committee got the power.

The Town Clerk stated that if the Alderman put it that way the Committee had no power whatever and were only wasting their time, but, being composed of all the members of the Corporation, and the matter not being of major importance so far as the Town was concerned, he did not see why they had not power to deal with it.

Alderman Flusk said he wanted to have the matter done in order, and the Town Clerk asked why he had not objected at the last Statutory Meeting, when the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee, at which the matter complained of had been dealt with, were approved and signed. The Alderman stated he objected now as he did not consider the matter in order, and the Town Clerk replied that he did not believe it was out of order.

The facts of the dispute are:-

John Connors, a tenant of a Corporation house at Columba Villas at 5/6 per week, got into arrears through unemployment, a delicate wife, and a large family; he was being pressed to pay off the arrears, but was unable to do so. *(at 5/6 per week)*

Another tenant named Francis Sinnott, of Dolphin Road, was willing to exchange houses with Connors, and if the Corporation agreed to the exchange, Connors was willing to pay 1/- per week off the arrears in addition to the rent of the house at Dolphin Road.

The Finance Committee considered the matter on a couple of occasions, and had seen that if they were able to obtain a Decree for possession against Connors for the house at Columba Villas, they would not be able to recover the arrears, and by agreeing to the exchange they had some chance of recovering the arrears due.

The matter had been ratified by the Corporation on the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee, but had not been specially mentioned on the agenda; which appeared to be the substance of Alderman Flusk's complaint.

After a lengthy discussion, during which Alderman Flusk was asked, and refused, to give notice to have the resolution rescinded, the matter dropped.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3862, 9. 9., were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note Signed to enable them to be discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Miss Dorothy D'Arcy, The Palace, Armagh, acknowledged receipt of the Resolution of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Protestant Primate; and the Electricity Supply Board acknowledged receipt of the Resolution calling for a reduction of their Valuation Charges.

AUDITOR'S REPORT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Auditor's report and Abstract of Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1937.

TOWN HALL.

Under date of the 17th ultimo, by letter No. S.2301, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked for details of how the estimated cost of erection of the Town Hall by Direct Labour had been arrived at, and the Town Clerk stated the Architect was at present preparing the details asked for by the Minister. In reply to Alderman Flusk, the Mayor stated he had interviewed a couple of people in the Department; Mr. Donnelly, Architect; and Mr. Hamilton, who had submitted the lowest tender.

FREE MILK GRANT, 1938/39.

Under date of the 24th ultimo, by Circular letter No. P.H.32, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated

that the amount allocated for the Borough under the above Grant was £807. 14.5 and requested to be informed if the Corporation would administer the scheme for the year 1938/39. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor James Billington, it was agreed to administer a scheme for the ensuing year.

TOWN PLANNING.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 16th ultimo, by letter No. S.18, forwarded copy of Model Clauses for use in the preparation of schemes. These were referred to the Housing Committee for consideration.

BONUS - CLERK OF WORKS.

Arising out of the above correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Councillor Connolly asked if sanction had yet been received to the payment of a bonus to Mr. Milner for acting as Clerk of Works on the piling of the Town Hall site and the Whitemill Housing scheme concurrently, and on being informed in the negative asked the Mayor to interview the Department in connection with the matter.

WAGES OF LORRY DRIVERS.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that the wages of Thomas Crosbie and John Rossiter, Lorry Drivers, be increased by Ten Shillings each per week; their present rates being £3. and £2. 10. 0. each respectively. The matter arose through an application which had been before the Finance Committee on the 14th ultimo from the Amalgamated Engineering Union asking the Corporation to increase the wages of Thomas Crosbie. The Committee had enquired from the Union what wages were being paid to persons in similar positions, and at the meeting on 21st ultimo they had a letter from the Union stating that the rates varied from 75/- to 82/6 per week. The Finance Committee had carefully considered this application, and it was pointed out on behalf of Crosbie that he had taken charge of the Fire Engine without extra remuneration. A suggestion was made at the Committee Meeting that Crosbie be given an increase of 5/- per week, but this was withdrawn in favour of a motion that the increase be 10/- per week, and it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to increase Crosbie's wages by 10/- per week. During the discussion on this matter by the Committee on the 21st ultimo, when the recommendation was agreed to, it was suggested that both lorry drivers be treated alike, and that Rossiter's wages should also be increased by 10/- per week, so the Committee also agreed to recommend this to the Corporation. When the recommendations came before the present meeting, Councillor Connolly moved their adoption and Councillor Dunne seconded. Councillor Murphy, however, suggested that when this matter was before the Finance Committee, some members lost their heads and rushed into the recommendation. During the discussion it was pointed out that although there was no application for an increase on behalf of John Rossiter, both men were working the same number of hours each week, and should be treated alike in the matter of the increase. After some further discussion, Councillor James Billington proposed, as an amendment, that the wages of Crosbie be increased by 10/- per week and those of Rossiter by 5/- per week. Alderman Coffey seconded. On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the Amendment: Councillors James Billington, Buckland,
and Alderman Coffey----- 3.

Against the Amend- Councillors Martin, Sinnott, Hawkins,
ment: Crosbie, Cashman, McMahon, Dunne,
Moran, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire,
Atkins, Gaul, Connolly, Aldermen
Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, Cullimore, and
the Mayor----- 19.

Declined to Vote: Councillor Murphy----- 1.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and the adoption of the recommendation to increase the wages of the two drivers by 10/- per week was agreed to by the same voting.

PLOT OF GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN, WEXFORD.

The Finance Committee recommended that a plot of waste ground at the rere of Hantoon Road, Maudlintown, be let to Peter Hanton, of No. 3 Hantoon Road, as a garden plot at a rent of 1/- per year terminable by six months notice in writing on either side. The plot was of no value to the Corporation at present, and was being used as a dumping ground, so on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, a recommendation from the Finance Committee that a loan of £160 be made to Mr. William Hynes, School Street, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, to enable him to purchase the house in which he resided, was unanimously agreed to.

SUB-LETTING ARTISANS DWELLINGS.

The Housing Committee recommended that the Corporation should refuse to entertain an application for a house from any person who had gone to reside as a lodger in a Corporation House erected for the re-housing of persons removed from slum areas. The Mayor moved the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Walsh. In moving his motion, the Mayor stated that the Housing Committee for some time past had been very perturbed at the position in so far as some of their recently erected houses were concerned. Numbers of people who had got houses at Wolfe Tone Villas and Maudlintown had made very strong cases to the Corporation that they were living in overcrowded and bad dwellings, and that they wanted a house in order to bring up their children in a decent environment and in good air, but they were not long in occupation when they sub-let the new houses. He (Mayor) thought it was time for the Corporation to take very strong action to prevent this state of things from continuing. After some discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Corporation themselves had given permission for sub-letting on a couple of occasions, the Housing Committee's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

PARTITION.

A resolution from a Convention of Anti-Partitionists of the Constituencies of South Armagh, South Down and Mourne was next submitted, but on the suggestion of the Mayor it was agreed to

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wish luck to the representatives at "the other side" and ask them to do their best to have partition removed. Alderman Flusk suggested that there be added "That Wexford Corporation will do everything they can to help their brothers in the North - Catholics or otherwise."

The resolution suggested by the Mayor and Alderman Flusk was adopted.

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERIES.

With reference to Minutes of 7th ultimo when resolutions were submitted from Dungarvan and Youghal Urban District Councils on the subject of Town Traders and Co-Operative Creameries, the Youghal Council asked for the appointment of representatives to a Conference proposed to be held in Dublin to consider the entire matter, and Councillors Murphy and Buckland were appointed to represent the Corporation at the proposed Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF RENT COLLECTORS.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd January last, when the terms of appointment of two Rent Collectors in room of Richard Scallan were agreed to, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 8th ultimo, by letter No. H.2299/38, approved of such terms. He stated, however, that the persons appointed should be required to inspect and report on the houses in their areas when necessary, and to carry out from time to time such other duties as the Corporation considered incidental to their offices. It should be made clear to the candidates, the Minister further stated, that the Corporation had power to determine the districts and the number of houses to be allotted to each Collector and could from time to time, with the Minister's consent, alter or vary the districts and/or the number of houses for which each collector would be responsible. He also asked for a draft of the advertisement proposed to be issued.

The Minister, under date of the 16th ultimo by letter No. H.2299/4/38, approved of the terms of the advertisement, and it was issued to the press.

In reply, nine persons had applied for the posts and sat for the examination in connection therewith conducted by the local Christian Brothers.

The following is a list of the candidates together with the marks obtained by them:-

CANDIDATES.	M A R K S.			TOTAL	AVERAGE.
	IRISH	ENGLISH	ARITH-METIC.		
James F. Higgins, Thomas Street	65	80	96	241	80.33
John Butler, Foulksmills	80	75	85	240	80.00
Thomas Wadding Byrne Pearse Street.	65	75	86	226	75.33
Michael H. O'Neill Paul Quay	50	75	96	221	73.70
James Browne Bishopswater	50	64	63	177	59.00

CANDIDATES.	M A R K S.			TOTAL	AVERAGE.
	IRISH	ENGLISH	ARITHME- TIC.		
Nicholas Lacey Hill Street.	38	50	35	123	40.96
Thomas Roche Davitt Rd. Nth.	36	45	34	115	38.33
John Whitney Abbey Street	35	45	34	114	38.00
P. Sheehan, Green Street	--	20	25	45	15.00

It was seen from the above results that all the candidates, with the exception of Sheehan, had qualified in accordance with the decision of 3rd January, 1938, and a discussion took place on the method of election. Councillor Gaul moved that two separate elections be held, and Alderman Walsh seconded. Councillor Connolly, however, moved that the two posts be taken together; each member recording two votes. Councillor Moran seconded. The members were advised that the method suggested by Councillor Connolly might lead to confusion, but on a show of hands it was carried by twelve votes for to eleven against. A poll was then taken, with the following result:-

For Lacey	Councillors James Billington, Martin, Sinnott, Buckland, Hawkins, Crosbie, Cashman, McMahon, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire, Gaul, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, Coffey and the Mayor-----	16.
For Roche	Councillors James Billington, Martin, Hawkins, Crosbie, McMahon, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, and the Mayor-----	11.
T. Wadding Byrne	Councillors Sinnott, Dunne, Moran, Connolly, Aldermen Tobin, Flusk and Cullimore-----	7.
Whitney	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----	5.
Browne	Councillors Murphy, Buckland, Atkins, and Connolly-----	4.
O'Neill	Councillors Murphy and Cashman-----	2.
Higgins	Councillor Gaul-----	1.

It was now seen that Lacey was the only person elected on this poll and Higgins was eliminated. Councillor Gaul was about to transfer his vote to Roche, which would have given him twelve votes (a majority of the members present) when members became confused with the transfer of the votes of the eliminated candidates owing to each member having two votes and 46 votes having been cast. They could not understand how two men (although they each had a majority of the votes of the members present) could be elected while the remaining candidates had 18 votes between them. They were overlooking the fact that each member had voted twice and that during eliminations there would be a number of votes non-transferable by reason of the fact that

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some of the members whose votes were available for transfer had cast their second vote for some of the candidates remaining in the field and could not give any one person two votes.

After some attempts at explanation, however, it was unanimously agreed to have the election in the manner proposed by Councillor Gaul - that was, to make two separate appointments, and on the first poll there voted:-

For Lacey	Councillors James Billington, Martin, Sinnott, Hawkins, Crosbie, Cashman, McMahon, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire, Gaul, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor-----	14.
For Wadding Byrne	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----	4
Browne	Councillors Buckland, Atkins, and Connolly-----	3
O'Neill	Councillor Murphy-----	1
Roche	Alderman Coffey-----	1.

Lacey having a clear majority was declared elected.

The second poll resulted as follows:-

For Roche	Councillors James Billington, Martin, Buckland, Hawkins, Crosbie, McMahon, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, and the Mayor-----	12.
Wadding Byrne	Councillors Sinnott, Dunne, Moran, Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, and Cullimore-----	6.
O'Neill	Councillors Murphy and Cashman-----	2.
Whitney	Councillor Atkins-----	1.
Browne	Councillor Connolly-----	1.
Higgins	Councillor Gaul-----	1.

Roche, having a clear majority, was declared elected.

The two new Rent Collectors, therefore, were Nicholas Lacey of Hill Street, Wexford, and Thomas Roche, of Davitt Road, North, Wexford, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

As one district had a possible commission of £2. 12. 0. as against a possible commission of £2. 8. 0. for the other district, it was agreed to place the two names in a hat and to let the man whose name was drawn have the better of the two districts. Lacey's name was drawn, and he was accordingly appointed to the district marked No. 2 in the allocation agreed to on 3rd January, 1938, and Roche appointed to the District marked No. 1.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGERS WAGES.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that a sum of 7/6 per week be restored to the wages of Thomas Hore, Scavenging carter, and a sum of 5/- each per week to the two labourers assisting him. Councillor Dunne seconded. The position in this case was that some weeks ago the Town Clerk informed the Finance and Works Committee that owing to the increasing numbers of Dust Bins provided for Artisans Dwellings

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which required to be emptied that these men had not time to clean out ashpits, and as the 7/6 per week which Hore received and the 5/- each per week which the labourers received was in the nature of a gratuity for the obnoxious work of emptying ashpits, the Committee agreed that it should no longer be paid to them. It was further reported to the Committee that whenever ashpits required to be cleaned, one of the motor lorries was put on the work, so they agreed that the men working the lorry should be paid the extra money whenever they emptied ashpits. At the Committee meeting, the Mayor stated that he had a distinct recollection of this matter having been decided by the Corporation some years ago, and the Town Clerk now submitted the following report on the matter:-

"I find that up to 20th April, 1921, Thomas Hore was paid £4. per week; and the two labourers £2. 10. 0. each per week, with an addition of one penny per load removed from ashpits. Thomas Hore, Carter, was not paid this penny per load.

From 20th April, 1921, up to 2nd June, 1921, the two labourers were paid a fixed sum of £2. 12. 6 weach per week, for which consolidation of the one penny per load I can find no Minute.

The following extract from Minutes of proceedings of the Corporation on 2nd June, 1921, explains the position from that date to the present time:-

"A recommendation from a Special Finance Committee was brought under notice. It ran in favour of increasing the wages of the men exclusively employed on the work of domestic scavenging. Three men and a horse were engaged at this particular work. The Committee recommended that the two labouring men should be given an increase of 2/6 a week by way of gratuity, as the emptying of privies and ashpits was of an obnoxious nature, and that the carter, Thomas Hore, should receive a gratuity of 7/6 per week considering that he had to maintain a horse. This meant that the labourers employed at this class of work were to receive £2. 15. 0. a week each and the carter was to receive £4. 7. 6.

"On the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was adopted."

A number of members held that this deduction should not have been made, and Councillor Connolly suggested that some of the Dust Bins were as obnoxious as the ashpits.

The Mayor, however, as being the only member of the 1921 Corporation, said at the time the increase was given the number of ashpits was far in excess of the present time, and the extra wages was definitely given them as compensation for the obnoxious nature of the work.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For Councillor	Councillors Martin, Sinnott, Hawkins,	
Connolly's motion:	Cashman, McMahon, Dunne, Moran, Hayes,	
	McGuire, Atkins, Gaul, Connolly,	
	Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, and	
	Cullimore-----	16.

Against:	Councillors James Billington, Murphy,	
	Buckland, Crosbie, John Billington,	
	Alderman Coffey and the Mayor-----	7.

The motion was accordingly declared carried and the allowance restored to the men concerned.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Councillor Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at the annual meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

STREET LIGHTS.

Councillor James Billington referred to the breaking of street lamps, and said that at the Folly he knew that four times during the Winter the Electric Lamp had been broken. He suggested that the breakage was caused by boys with catapults and air rifles, and said he would like the Press to state that the Corporation were going to acquaint the Guards about the matter.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY CERTIFICATE.

The Mayor stated that he had been asked to make a presentation on behalf of the above Society, and said that the following were the facts which warranted the presentation:-

On Thursday, 29th July, 1937, about 2.0. p.m., a man named Fitzpatrick, while working on board a sand barge, accidentally fell over into the water which at the time was between 16 and 20 feet deep. The man being over 14 stone weight and unable to swim was in danger of drowning when Dempsey hearing cries of "man overboard" ran along the quays and dived in fully clothed (with the exception of his coat) to the rescue, swam to the drowning man, who was then unconscious, having gone down twice, seized him and made for the landing steps. Another boy, a sailor named Cassell of the motor schooner "Cymric" being attracted by the shouts of the crowd, dived in off the vessel's stern and helped Dempsey to get the man ashore. Respiration was used by a nurse who happened on the scene, and after some time the man recovered and was brought to a Doctor.

Dempsey was away in London, and requested that the presentation be made to his mother on his behalf.

The Mayor added that, representing the Corporation and the people of the town, he had great pleasure in making the presentation.

The making of the presentation was accompanied by the applause of the members.

Richard Curtis T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

12th March, 1938.

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 were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, and Councillors Hayes and Buckland.

RATES FOR 1938/39.

The Town Clerk had circulated amongst the members previous to the Meeting a copy of his Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and Estimate of Town Rates to be raised in the year ending 31st March, 1939, together with an explanatory memorandum, and the Committee after going over each Service detailed in the Statement came to the conclusion that they were not in a position to recommend the Corporation to make any deductions, and decided to forward the Statement, as submitted by the Town Clerk, without any recommendation.

Details of the Statements issued by the Town Clerk, above referred to, will be found attached to the Minutes of Meeting of Corporation on 21st March, 1938.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES.

The Committee also carefully considered the application of John McDonald, Gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, for an increase in his wages, but before coming to a decision on the application, decided to request the Borough Surveyor to give them a report on the Cemetery Staff.

SCAVENGING STAFF.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been agreed to supply the members with a copy of the Borough Surveyor's Report on the scavenging staff, the Committee thought the present meeting too small to deal with such an important matter, and referred it back in its entirety to the Finance and Works Committee.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

14th March, 1938.

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 and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, and John Billington.

At the outset, the Mayor said that since the last meeting their beloved Bishop had gone to his reward, and he moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Catholic Church and to his relatives; and that the present meeting adjourn as a tribute of respect to his memory.

In moving the Resolution of sympathy, the Mayor paid tribute to the many sterling qualities of the late Dr. Codd. He was a great Bishop, he stated, a man who was always very prudent and zealous for the religion he represented. He ruled over the Diocese wisely, and always showed anxiety for the welfare of his flock. He was a great Wexfordman, and the people of the Town were very proud when they heard, twenty-one years ago, that the then Father William Codd had been made Bishop of his native Diocese.

He believed they would only be voicing the sentiments of the people generally, of every class and creed, when they placed on record their sorrow at the passing of their Lord Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Codd.

Alderman Coffey said it was with sincere sorrow that he seconded the motion. Dr. Codd was an outstanding figure in the Church, and was well worthy of the tribute that had been paid to him that day by the people of his native town.

All the members present, and the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff and employees generally, associated themselves with the Resolution, which was adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

18th March, 1938.

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: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Dunne.

DRINKING TROUGH AT WYGRAM.

As requested, the Borough Surveyor reported that it would cost a sum of £15. to repair the Cattle Drinking Trough at Wygram Place, and it was agreed to adjourn this matter until the new trough, which the Metropolitan Association were presenting to the Borough, was received.

SCAVANGING STAFF.

With reference to last meeting of the Special Rates Committee, when a report from the Borough Surveyor on the Scavenging Staff was referred to the present Committee, it was agreed to adjourn consideration of it to enable copies to be supplied to all the members.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

With reference to the demolition of two houses at William Street, which had been before the Committee on the 21st ultimo, and when it was agreed to request the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor on the point raised by Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, as well as the opinion of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, it was reported that no reply had been received from the Minister, and that the Corporation Solicitor, in the course of a lengthy communication, intimated that as the matter was of such vital importance to the Corporation he would be glad to have their permission to take the opinion of Senior Counsel on the points raised. After some discussion, it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to permit the Solicitor to take Counsel's opinion on the matter.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES.

Under date of the 1st instant, the Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities wrote regarding the expenses of members attending meetings of the Association, and stated that in the opinion of the Executive Committee the reasonable expenses mentioned in the Local Conferences Orders should mean First Class Railway Fare (Return) and 1½ guineas per day.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk pointed out that a few years ago he allowed members travelling on deputations or attending Conferences First Class Railway Fare and one guinea per day, but this latter amount had been objected to by Local Government Auditors and the allowance reduced to 15/- per day.

In the circumstances, he advised the members that anything more than First Class Railway Fare and 15/- per day would probably be surcharged by the auditor, and suggested that they should request the Association to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to him laying down a Scale of Expenses for members or officials travelling on behalf of the Corporation.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was agreed to inform the Association that they considered the present allowances as very inadequate, and requested the Executive Committee

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to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to having him lay down a Scale commensurate with delegates' expenses.

PLOTS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Applications for plots of ground at Maudlintown were adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a report on any waste ground there, and as well to ascertain if any buildings had been erected by the tenants of the houses without his permission.

PURCHASE OF TAPPING MACHINE.

The Borough Surveyor was authorised, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, to purchase a tapping and boring machine for watermains at a cost of approximately £15.

INCOME TAX - W. GAYNOR.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application for a return of Income Tax amounting to £4. 10. 0. from Mr. William Gaynor of St. John's Road. Mr. Gaynor had omitted to deduct this tax from a Ground Rent paid to the Corporation, and now made a formal application for a refund. The Town Clerk was authorised to repay the amount to Mr. Gaynor, and to take up the matter of a refund from the Income Tax Authorities with the local Inspector.

APPLICATION FOR DUST BIN.

An application from a Mrs. N. Bolger of 13, Gulbar Road, for a Dust Bin, was agreed to.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that an application for an allotment at John Street was not in order, as the applicant, William Gorman, of Bride Street, did not appear to be eligible, and it was agreed to grant the plot to a Mr. John Jones of John Street.

SCHOOL MEALS.

The question of the provision of Cocoa under the School Meals Scheme for the children attending St. Bridget's National School was raised by Alderman Walsh, and it was pointed out that there was no way of providing this in the school, so the Town Clerk was requested to discuss with the Administrator, who was the School's Manager, the advisability of having the cocoa prepared by a person in the neighbourhood, and the name of a Mrs. Cox, of Clifford Street, was mentioned as a suitable person.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had recently been in touch with the Irish Representative of Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan on the subject of the installation of an Ammoniator in conjunction with the present Chlorinator at Coolree Reservoir, and the Firm had agreed to instal a plant on trial for at least four months, and if at the end of that time the water was not sterile, the installation would be removed without any charge to the Corporation. The cost of the apparatus was approximately £120 and the cost of installation, etc. £10. It would only have to be paid for when its efficiency had been proved, and in the opinion of the ~~Sanitary~~ Surveyor, the Corporation should accept the offer of this firm, which was of world-wide repute. The Meeting discussed this matter very fully, and unanimously agreed

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to recommend the Corporation to accept the offer, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk as to how the plant would be paid for, the Committee thought that if it was purchased, it should be regarded as a Capital Charge and the amount raised by way of loan.

Dr. T. E. Pierse certified that Edward Byrne, Sub Sanitary Officer, was suffering from a strain of the back and would be unable to work for one week.

Five tenders were submitted for the supply of milk under the Free Milk Scheme and under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme for the ensuing twelve months. The following Table shows the prices quoted for Tuberculin Tested Milk:-

Name of Proposed Contractor.	Price per gallon for Tuberculin Tested Milk.		Quantity proposed to be supplied daily. Gallons.
	To a Depot.	House to House.	
Mr. John Quirke	1/4d.	1/6d.	8
Mrs. E. Cullimore	1/4d.	1/6d.	10
Mrs. K. Clare	1/4d.	1/4d.	4
Mr. John Hayes	-	1/3d.	6
Mr. J. B. Walker	1/-	-	15.

It was seen that only four contractors were prepared to supply milk to the homes of the recipients; this being the manner in which the milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme was distributed, and that the four only proposed to supply twenty-eight gallons per day. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that he would require approximately forty gallons per day to supply all the recipients with the maximum quantity of milk allowed under the Regulations, and if he was unable to procure more milk, the amount contracted for would only allow of one pint per day being given to each recipient. It was further pointed out that if the milk was accepted from Contractors at Depots, it was thought that further supplies would be obtained, but this manner of distribution was not approved of by the Minister.

Accordingly, the Committee unanimously decided to accept the tenders of John Quirke, Mrs. E. Cullimore at 1/6d. per gallon; Mrs. Clare at 1/4d. per gallon; and John Hayes at 1/3d. per gallon, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

They also directed that a further advertisement be issued inviting tenders for the supply of milk; and to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if he would be prepared to sanction the distribution of milk from Depots if supplies could be obtained in this manner.

For the supply of milk under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, which was distributed from a Depot, the tender of Mr. James Barry Walker at 1/- per gallon, which was the lowest submitted, was unanimously accepted.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of February showed that he had examined 128 cattle, 340 sheep, and 27 swine.

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Of the cattle, seven heads and two fore-quarters, to the extent of 3½ cwt., and 18 organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and nine organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, eight organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis, and of the swine, four arms, to the extent of 12 lbs. weight, and one organ were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of Stoneware sewer pipes and accessories in connection with the proposed new sewer at John Street, and it was unanimously decided that the lowest tender be accepted for each item.

It was reported that Notices had been served on the owner of three houses at Temperance Row requiring the provision of Water Closets within one month. The period allowed for their installation expired on the 4th instant, and the landlord under date of the 10th stated she was quite willing to have them erected, but at the moment there was litigation pending over the restoration of yard walls broken down by the recent collapse of the Temperance Hall, and as these walls were an essential portion of the Water Closets, she would be glad if the Corporation would defer the matter until the case was decided.

The members considered this request reasonable, and decided to defer the matter until the litigation was over.

The Borough Surveyor reported that to repair the walls of St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churchyards in order to prevent trespass would cost a sum of £24, and it was unanimously decided to have these repairs carried out.

As regards a proposal to have the trees in St. John's and St. Michael's Churchyards cut down, two tenders were submitted from Frank Randall of Killurin, and Peter Redmond of Barntown for carrying out the work. The former quoted £80 and the latter £40.

As regards the tender of the latter, a number of members were acquainted with Redmond and considered him anything but a suitable person to carry out this work.

The matter was discussed at length, and eventually it was agreed to defer it until the Autumn, and in the meantime the Borough Surveyor was to make enquiries as to what the cost would be of providing the necessary equipment to have the trees taken down by the Corporation workmen.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that they proposed to register the premises of Mr. Michael O'Connor, 101, North Main Street, Wexford, under the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, and asked to be informed if the Corporation had any objection.

It was decided to inform the Department that they had no objection to the proposed registration.

The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Mary A. Duggan, of Parnell Street, who owned the houses there occupied by Delaney, Connolly, McCleane, and herself had not yet provided the Water Closets in respect of which Notices were issued on 2nd December last; nor had Mrs. Catherine Byrne those conveniences in the two houses occupied by Connors and herself.

He had written to the two ladies in question on several occasions, but had received no reply, so it was decided to inform them that the Corporation had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare the necessary specification to have the work carried out by a contractor, and that they would be proceeded against for the costs.

Mr. McNally was asked to inspect the houses and give the Committee an estimate of the cost of providing these conveniences.

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It was reported that Notice had been served on the owner of a house at Maudlintown occupied by Sara Doyle, intimating that the future user of the house would be considered by the Corporation on the 21st instant, and the Agent of the owner, under date of the 16th instant, asked to be informed of what repairs the Corporation considered necessary to make this house fit for human habitation. The Borough Surveyor was asked to indicate the necessary repairs.

Reports were submitted from the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor on a house at King Street, occupied by John Busher; by the Medical Officer of Health on houses at Talbot Street occupied by William Clarke and John Kirwan, and in these three cases it was agreed to serve notice on the owners fixing a day for the receipt of any offer with regard to their future user.

With regard to two houses at Talbot Street occupied by John Doyle and Mrs. Kirwan, which had been considered as unfit for habitation by the Medical Officer of Health, and in respect of which the owners had asked the Corporation to show what repairs they considered necessary, the Borough Surveyor reported in the case of Mrs. Kirwan that the house was structurally unsound and could not be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable cost.

As regards the house occupied by John Doyle, the Surveyor reported that it was so far below the standard required in regard to floor space, lighting, ventilation, and freedom from dampness that in his opinion it would not be ~~feasible~~ *feasible* to render it fit for human occupation.

In these two cases it was agreed to inform the owners that in the opinion of the Corporation the houses in question could not be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable cost.

Medical Officer
The ~~Borough Surveyor~~ reported on premises at Parnell Street in the occupation of Frank Kehoe, which was partly a shop, partly a Club premises, and partly a dwelling house.

In this case there was some doubt as to the exact situation of these premises, and the matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to inspect them and see what the actual position was.

The Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to report on two houses at Faythe occupied by Patrick Brien and Ambrose Stafford.

Richard Curtis T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

21st March, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford; ~~at~~ half-past Eight O'Clock p.m., to consider

- (1) A Statement of Estimated Income and Expenditure for the coming Financial Year, together with an Estimate of Rates to be raised; and to agree on the Rate in the Pound of the Town Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1939.
- (2) To renew the appointment of Mr. M. J. Finucane as Meat Inspector for the coming year.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

Accompanying the Notice for this Meeting to each member was a copy of the Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure, the Rates Estimate, and an explanatory memorandum by the Town Clerk. A copy of these is attached hereto.

A Supplementary Notice was also issued to members intimating that a further Grant for Employment Schemes would be available contingent on an additional sum of £665 being provided by the Corporation and raised by Rate in the Financial Year 1938/39.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.
March, 1938.

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I attach, herewith, copy of (A) Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure, and (B) Estimate of Town Rates (other than Poor Rate) to be raised in the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1939.

The following is a comparative Table of the rate in the pound for the different services in respect of the Current and ensuing years:-

SERVICE.	RATE FOR 1937/38 Pence in the £.	RATE FOR 1938/39 Pence in the £.
1. Housing	12.44	8.00
2. Graveyards	1.55	2.00
3. Markets, Etc.	1.79	1.24
4. Vocational Education	7.28	7.90
5. Scavenging	18.06	18.20.
6. Streets, Etc.	28.15	31.62
7. Public Health, Etc.	23.24	23.28
8. Fire Brigade	3.02	2.90
9. Waterworks	18.00	18.00
10. General Administration	13.14	18.86
11. Miscellaneous	.33	-
Totals.	132.00	132.00

The estimated loss on Housing for the coming year is £722 as against £1119 in the current year. The loss is equivalent to 8.00 pence in the £. which is 4.44 pence less than the rate raised in 1937/38.

Estimated expenditure is increased under the following heads:-

Loans	£715.	
Maintenance	50.	
Collectors' Commission-----	20.	
Insurance	<u>20.</u>	£805.
Less Reduction In Rates	<u>22.</u>	£783.

The Estimated Receipts are up, as under:-

Rents	£480	
Subsidy	<u>700</u>	£1180.

The net reduction in the estimated cost of Housing of the Working Classes is, therefore, £397.

The increase in the cost of repayment and interest on Loans is due to the Whitemill Housing Scheme, which Charge was not included in the current year's Estimate, and would have been much higher were it not for the fact that the St. Ibar's Villas Loans are now paid off.

The increased provision for Maintenance needs no explanation having regard to the number of houses, the property of the Corporation. It may be of interest to say, at this stage, that the Corporation have erected 523 houses. Of these, 19 have been sold outright; 42 have been sold on the tenant-purchase system; and 451 let to weekly tenants. In addition, 62 are in course of construction.

The increase in the amount allowed for commission is due to the increased percentage allowed to the new collectors, and to the Whitemill Scheme. The Insurance increase is also necessary to cover the "risk" on the Whitemill houses.

The increased rents is due to the Whitemill Scheme, as is also the increased subsidy under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932. The Loan for this Scheme only requires interest payments in the ensuing year, and, as well, not having been yet valued, no rates are charged against them for the ensuing year.

No. 2. Graveyards, show an increase of £39 or .45d. and is in respect of the sum allowed for general maintenance.

No. 3. - Markets and Corporate Property - shows a reduction of .55d. in the £. due entirely to increased receipts from rents of Corporate Estate.

No. 4 - Vocational Education - is increased by .62d in the £, which is due to an increase in the Statutory sum payable to the Vocational Education Committee.

No. 5 - Scavenging - remains practically the same as last year.

No. 6 - Streets, Roads and Footpaths - shows an estimated increase in expenditure of £313 or 3.47d. The members will recall that recently Relief Grants for 1938/39, to the amount of £1884 were notified, provided the Corporation raised a sum of £300 by means of revenue. This £300 is included and accounts for the increase under this head for the ensuing year, but, of course, the amount of money which will be expended on

the streets is far greater than the sum the Ratepayers are called on to provide.

No. 7 - Public Health and Social Services - The amount required for these services is, in the aggregate, practically the same as last year. The repayment of Loans for sewers is reduced by £65, and the provision for repairing and cleansing sewers is increased by £50. The estimated cost of Public Lighting is also up by £20.

No. 8. The cost of the Fire Brigade is £10 less than 1937/38, due to reduced interest on Loan Charges.

No. 9. The rate for the maintenance of the Waterworks shows no change, and as in previous years a rate of 1/6d in the £, will be necessary.

No. 10. The slight increase under the head of General Administration is due to normal salary increments; while No. 11 - Miscellaneous - shows a slight profit due to the increased activities of the Corporation under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

From a perusal of the Estimates and the foregoing, it will be observed that the main variations are in respect of Housing of the Working Classes and the maintenance of streets. The relief under the former head in the coming year is purely temporary, as next year provision will have to be made for the repayment of Principal of the Whitemill Loan as well as Rates. As regards the increase under the latter head, it is now the definite policy of the Department that Local contributions to works under the Employment Schemes Vote must be met out of Revenue, and I have no reason to doubt that money will be available in future years for works of a permanent character under this Vote.

In conclusion, I should like to say that estimated expenditure has been reduced to the very minimum that will allow of the Municipal Services being efficiently administered during the coming year, and only expenditure actually estimated for can be incurred during the next twelve months, and the expenditure on the various services must be kept within the amounts estimated. If any member has any works in mind which he considers should be carried out in the coming Financial Year, and which are not embodied in the attached statements, he should bring them forward immediately, as after these rates are agreed on, no proposals not included therein can be carried out.

The Town Rates, as estimated, for 1938/39, are:-

Borough Rate	6/10d in the £.
Rate in lieu of)	2/8d " " "
County Cess)	
Water Rates	1/6d " " "
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Total	11/0d " " "

The Town Rates for 1937/38 were also 11/- in the £.

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John J. Byrne,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

A

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and

B

Estimate of Town Rates (Other than Poor Rate) to be
raised in the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1939.

A.

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure.

	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
<u>No. 1. Housing of the Working Classes.</u>		
Repayment and Interest on Loans		£8721. 0. 0.
Maintenance and repair of Houses		600. 0. 0.
Ground Rents		18. 1. 0.
Rent Collector's Commission		250. 0. 0.
Fire Insurance		120. 0. 0.
Rates-- Town £1146; Poor £847.		1993. 0. 0.
Income Tax		100. 0. 0.
Rents (including Rates)	£6840. 0. 0.	
Grant under Housing Act, 1908	40. 0. 0.	
" " " " 1932	4200. 0. 0.	
	£11080. 0. 0.	£11802. 1. 0.
Rate Chargeable with - Borough.		
<u>No. 2. Graveyards.</u>		
Repayment and Interest on Loans		£30. 0. 0.
Wages of Caretaker		117. 0. 0.
" " Gravedigger		43. 0. 0.
Cost of Grave Openings		100. 0. 0.
General Maintenance		60. 0. 0.
Rates and Taxes		5. 0. 0.
Telephone Service		8. 0. 0.
Cleansing of old Graveyards		16. 0. 0.
Sale of Grave Spaces & Burial Fees	£200. 0. 0.	
	£200. 0. 0.	£379. 0. 0.
Rate Chargeable with - Borough.		
<u>No. 3. Markets and Other Corporate Property.</u>		
Loan for proposed New Town Hall		£200. 0. 0.
Fee for Performing Rights Society		5. 5. 0.
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's salary)		31. 4. 0.
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)		10. 0. 0.
Insurance		20. 0. 0.
Rent of Market Site		50. 0. 0.
Rent of Town Hall (Cornmarket) Site		13. 8. 6.
Repairs to Corporate Buildings		70. 0. 0.

	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
Forward.		£399. 17. 6.
Market Tolls and Stalls	£80. 0. 0.	
Fees from Town Hall	10. 0. 0.	
Rents from Corporate Estate	200. 0. 0.	
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	£290. 0. 0.	£399. 17. 6.
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Rate Chargeable with:-

	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
Borough	£290.	£379. 17. 6.
Co. Cess	-	20. 0. 0.

No. 4. Vocational Education.

Repayment of Loans for Extension		
Grants-----		£450. 0. 0.
Contribution in aid 1938/9		476. 0. 0.
Recoupment of part Loan Charges	£215. 0. 0.	
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	£215. 0. 0.	£926. 0. 0.
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Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 5. Scavenging - Domestic and Public.

Cleansing and Watering Streets		£1000. 0. 0.
Domestic Scavenging	£120. 0. 0.	550. 0. 0.
Petrol and Insurance Ford		
Lorry-----		80. 0. 0.
Boots and Oilcoats for workmen		30. 0. 0.
Collector of Scavenging Fees		
(part of Town Sergeant's salary)		31. 4. 0.
Insurance of Workmen (Employer's		
Liability)-----		40. 0. 0.
Bo. (National Health and		
Unemployment)		35. 0. 0.
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	£120. 0. 0.	£1766. 4. 0.
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Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 6. Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths (exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep)

Repayment of Loans (Streets)		£1365. 0. 0.
Do. Do. (St. John's Road)		285. 0. 0.
Do. Do. (Lorry)		90. 0. 0.
Repairs to streets and footpaths		600. 0. 0.
Insurance (National Health and		
Unemployment)		40. 0. 0.
Do. (Employer's Liability)		30. 0. 0.
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe		10. 0. 0.
Licence Duty, Insurance, and		
Petrol for Morris Lorry-----		130. 0. 0.
To supplement Unemployment Grants		225. 0. 0.
Contribution from Harbour Board	£52. 10. 0.	965. 0. 0.
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	£52. 10. 0.	£2850. 0. 0.
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Rate Chargeable with:-

	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
Borough	-	£285.
Co. Cess	£52.10.0.	£2565.

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No. 7. Public Health & Social Services. Receipts. Expenditure.

Repayment of Loans (Sewers)		£300. 0. 0.
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers		200. 0. 0.
Vaccination Acts Expenses		20. 0. 0.
Food and Drugs Act Expenses		45. 0. 0.
Salary of Sanitary Sub-Officer		143. 0. 0.
Do. Medical Officers of Health		75. 0. 0.
Do. Veterinary Inspector (Milk & Dairies Act, 1935)		30. 0. 0.
Do. Veterinary Inspector (Meat)	£318. 13. 4.	478. 0. 0.
Do. Health Visitor	90. 0. 0.	180. 0. 0.
Do. Inspector of Milk Shops (Town Sergeant)		31. 4. 0.
Do. Executive Sanitary Officer		20. 0. 0.
Administration of National Free Milk Scheme-----		50. 0. 0.
Bathing Place		80. 0. 0.
Milk (Maternity and Child Welfare)	82. 10. 0.	165. 0. 0.
Feeding of Necessitous School Children-----	100. 0. 0.	200. 0. 0.
Immunisation against Diphtheria		40. 0. 0.
Public Lighting	47. 10. 0.	720. 0. 0.
Recoupment of part of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	35. 0. 0.	
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	£673. 13. 4.	£2777. 4. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 8. Fire Brigade.

Repayment of Loan for Fire Engine.	180. 0. 0.
General Maintenance (including mens' stipend)-----	75. 0. 0.
Telephone service	8. 0. 0.
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	£263. 0. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 9. Waterworks.

Repayment and Interest on Loans		£1387. 0. 0.
Renewal of Mains 1938/9		25. 0. 0.
Income Tax and Rates		35. 0. 0.
Salary of Superintendent		180. 0. 0.
Wages of Turncock		200. 0. 0.
" " Caretaker		65. 0. 0.
" " P. Somers		15. 12. 0.
Collector's Commission		50. 0. 0.
Printing and advertising		30. 0. 0.
Insurance (Employer's Liability)		10. 0. 0.
Do. (National Health & Unemployment)		10. 0. 0.
Right of way to John Street Reservoir		4. 0. 0.
Audit Fee		7. 0. 0.
Preparation of Rate Books		9. 10. 0.
General Maintenance		100. 0. 0.
Sale of Water by Motor	£430. 0. 0.	
Special Charges	50. 0. 0.	
Special Agreements	60. 0. 0.	
Government Rates	5. 0. 0.	
Sale of Water to ships	30. 0. 0.	
Miscellaneous Receipts	25. 0. 0.	
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	£600. 0. 0.	£2128. 2. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Water Rate.

No. 10. General Administration.Receipts.Expenditure.

Salaries:-	The Mayor	£100.	0.	0.
	Town Clerk	420.	0.	0.
	Clerical Assistant	180.	0.	0.
	Typist	104.	0.	0.
	Town Sergeant (part of)	62.	8.	0.
	Office Cleaner	13.	0.	0.
Printing and advertising		150.	0.	0.
Telephone Rents		30.	0.	0.
Fuel and Light		60.	0.	0.
Law Costs		120.	0.	0.
Stationery and Office Equipment		40.	0.	0.
Preparation of Rate Books		19.	0.	0.
Delegates' Expenses		20.	0.	0.
Uniform and Boots Town Sergeant		10.	0.	0.
Reports - Association Municipal Authorities-----		5.	5.	0.
Audit Fee		14.	0.	0.
Town Surveyor's Salary (part of)		180.	0.	0.
Rate Collector's Commission		230.	0.	0.
Fees returned by Town Clerk - Franchise	£70.	0.	0.	
Do. Old Age Pensions	18.	0.	0.	

£88. 0. 0. £1757. 13. 0.

Rate Chargeable with:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	£88	£1491. 3. 0.
Co. Cess	-	266.10. 0.

No. 11. Miscellaneous.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£630. 0. 0.	£600. 0. 0.
Insurance - Employer's Liability		35. 0. 0.
Do. N. Health & Unemployment		12. 0. 0.
Tithe Rent Charge		2. 0. 0.
Irish Tourist Association		10. 0. 0.
Miscellaneous Receipts	20. 0. 0.	
Government Rates	10.10. 0.	

£660.10. 0. £659. 0. 0.

Rate Chargeable with:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	£657.0.0.	£659.0.0.
Co. Cess	3.10.0.	-

B.

Estimate of Rates to be Raised.

Borough Rate.

No.	Service.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1.	Housing of the Working Classes	£11080. 0. 0.	£11802. 1. 0.
2.	Burial Grounds	200. 0. 0.	379. 0. 0.
3.	Market and other Corporate Property-----	290. 0. 0.	379. 17. 6.
4.	Vocational Education	215. 0. 0.	926. 0. 0.
5.	Scavenging - Domestic & Public	120. 0. 0.	1766. 4. 0.
6.	Maintenance of streets, roads, and footpaths-----		285. 0. 0.
7.	Public Health and Social Services	673. 13. 4.	2777. 4. 0.
8.	Fire Brigade		263. 0. 0.
10.	General administration	88. 0. 0.	1491. 3. 0.
11.	Miscellaneous	657. 0. 0.	659. 0. 0.
	Contingencies		150. 0. 0.
	Collectible rates outstanding 31/3/38	300. 0. 0.	
	Excess of Estimated expenditure over receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Borough Rate.	7254. 16. 2.	X
		£20878. 9. 6.	£20878. 9. 6.

Amount to be raised by Borough Rate X	£7254. 16. 2.	
Less amounts raised in rents of Artisans Dwellings-----	709. 0. 0.	£6545. 16. 2.

A Borough Rate of 6/10 in the £ will produce

For General Town Purposes @ 1/- in £.	960. 0. 0.	
" " Sanitary purposes @ 5/10 in the £. -----	5600. 0. 0.	£6560. 0. 0.

RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS.

3.	Markets and other Corporate Property		£20. 0. 0.
6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths-----	£52. 10. 0.	2565. 0. 0.
10.	General administration		266. 10. 0.
11.	Miscellaneous	3. 10. 0.	
	Contingencies		100. 0. 0.
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1938-----	120. 0. 0.	
	Excess of expenditure over receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Rate in Lieu of County Cess.	X2775. 10. 0.	
		£2951. 10. 0.	£2951. 10. 0.

Amount to be raised by Rate in lieu of County Cess-----	X £2775. 10. 0.	
Less amount collected in rents of Artisans Dwellings-----	277. 0. 0.	£2498. 10. 0.
Amount added to Supplement Employment Grant		663. 10. 0.
A Rate of 8/8d. in the £. will produce about		£3160. 0. 0.

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£3120. 0. 0

WATER RATES.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
No. 9. Waterworks	£600. 0. 0.	£2128. 2. 0.
Collectible rates out- standing at 31st March, 1938-----	50. 0. 0.	
Excess of estimated expenditure over Receipts)	£1478. 2. 0.	
and amount to be raised) by Water Rates.)		
	£2128. 2. 0.	£2128. 2. 0.
Amount to be raised by Water Rates	£1478. 2. 0.	
Less amount collected in Rents of Artisans Dwellings-----	160. 0. 0.	£1318. 2. 0.
A Domestic Rate of 1/- will produce	£840. 0. 0.	
A Public Rate of 1/6 " " "	474. 0. 0.	£1314. 0. 0.

We certify that at a meeting specially summoned for the purpose on the 21st day of March, 1938, the Corporation of Wexford adopted the foregoing Estimates as amended in red ink, and agreed on the following Rates in the Pound for the year ending 31st March, 1939:-

A Borough Rate of 6/10 in the Pound.
A Rate in lieu of County Cess of 3/4 in the Pound.
Water Rates 1/6 in the Pound
Total Rates (other than Poor Rate) 11/8 in the Pound.

Richard Corry T.D. Mayor.

John Byrne Town Clerk.

21st March, 1938.

In opening the Meeting, the Mayor pointed out that the original Estimates, as prepared by the Town Clerk, showed no increase over the current year's Rate of 11/- in the Pound, and stated that the increase which would have to be made if they agreed to accept the Grant was necessary in order to qualify therefor.

Under date of the 16th instant, by letter No. RU/205/5, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the amount allocated for Employment Works in the Borough was £6045, subject to a local contribution of £965 towards works estimated to cost £7,010.

These figures included the amounts already notified in respect of the Spring and Summer Works.

It was explained that a sum of £300 had already been included in the Estimates for this work, and a further amount of £665 would require to be included.

After a short discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Grant, and to increase the Rate Estimate by a sum of £665 to cover the Corporation's contribution.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure was then examined, and after a number of explanations had been made, it was seen that no alteration could be made in the figures submitted.

As regards the Meat Inspector, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to continue his appointment to the 31st March, 1939, on the usual conditions, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Department of Agriculture recouping the Corporation two-thirds of his salary for work under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, Etc.

The Rate Estimates were then taken, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Moran, a Borough Rate of Six Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Five Shillings and Tenpence for General Sanitary purposes) was agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Flusk, a Rate in Lieu of County Cess of Three Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound was agreed to; and on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Connolly, a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling in the Pound, and a Public Water Rate of Sixpence in the Pound, was agreed to.

This made the total of the three Town Rates 11/8d in the Pound as against 11/- in the current year.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Curran T.D.
Mayor

28th March, 1938.

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: Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, and Thomas Walsh.

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

RENT COLLECTORS.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 7th instant, when two Rent Collectors were appointed in room of Richard Scallan, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 22nd idem, by letter No. H.2299, intimated that the Corporation proposed to appoint Nos. 6 and 7 on the list of the eight candidates who qualified in the examination, and pointed out that although the examination was qualifying it seemed a serious injustice to candidates who secured percentages of 80, 75, 73 and 59 that the Corporation should pass over such candidates in favour of two who only secured 41 and 38 per cent. No justification for the course adopted had been advanced, and in the absence of such the Minister could not see his way to sanction the proposed appointments. This matter was discussed at length, and it appeared from the statements of members that their reason for voting for the two men in question was that they were married, whereas to their knowledge only one of the other candidates was a married man. On the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was agreed to inform the Minister that the justification for the appointment was that the two men were married.

SCAVENGING STAFF.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to circulate copies of reports made by the Borough Surveyor on the scavenging staff for the information of the members so that it could be discussed at the present meeting, such copies had been forwarded to each member of the Committee.

This matter was discussed at length, but the majority appeared to be against any reduction in the staff as suggested in the Surveyor's report, and eventually the following propositions were made:-

Councillor Connolly moved that the report be adjourned indefinitely. Councillor Hawkins seconded, but this proposition was eventually withdrawn as was also a proposal by the Mayor that the matter be deferred until the Corporation had to face the problem of providing a new scavenging lorry.

The following two proposals were then voted on:- A proposal by Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, that the matter be adjourned until 1st January, 1939, which would enable any alterations made to be embodied in the Estimates for 1939/40; and an amendment proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the report be deferred for the life of the present Corporation.

On a show of hands three voted for the amendment and sixteen against, and Alderman Flusk's motion was declared carried by the same voting. A copy of the report referred to is attached to these Minutes.

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PILOT LIGHTS.

It was unanimously agreed to have the lights in the centre of Davitt Road, North, and at the top of St. John's Road converted into All-Night Pilot Lights.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED WAGES.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 21st ~~xxx~~ instant, when an application for increases of wages was submitted by the Secretary of the Transport Union, the application came up for consideration by the present meeting.

Atkins

After some discussion, Councillor ~~Hawkins~~ proposed that the Corporation be recommended to grant the increases, and Councillor Sinnott seconded.

The Mayor, however, proposed as an amendment that the matter be deferred for a further two weeks. Alderman Walsh seconded.

The Mayor's amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried by thirteen votes for to four against.

POOR RATE ESTIMATE.

The Poor Rate Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1939, was submitted. This showed a net increase in the County Council Demand of £909, and a net reduction in the administrative expenses of £75. The result was that the amount to be raised by means of a Poor Rate was increased by £834, which was equivalent to 10d. in the pound, and would require a rate of 9/- in the pound for the ensuing year. The members saw that they could make no reduction in the estimate as submitted by the Town Clerk, and on the motion of Councillor Haul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, agreed to recommend the Corporation to strike a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound for the Financial Year 1938/39.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR POOR RATE COLLECTION.

An application was submitted from Poor Rate Collector O'Leary asking for an extension up to 30th April next to close his Warrant, and as Collector O'Leary did not commence work until December last it was unanimously decided that his request was reasonable and it was granted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

WATER METER AT ELLERSLIE.

It was reported that the water meter at "Ellerslie" was out of order for the quarter ended April, 1937, and in accordance with established practice a charge the same as the corresponding quarter in 1936 was made. The owner, however, complained that this was not a fair comparison as in the 1936 quarter he was seriously ill and two nurses and a number of relatives were staying in the house, so that the amount of water used was abnormal.

It was explained to the meeting that the average consumption was approximately 3,000 gallons, and it was unanimously agreed to make a charge for 3,000 gallons for the quarter ended April, 1937.

LIGHTING OF STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

The Town Clerk reported that during the week he had had an interview with the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners relative to the charge for maintaining, cleansing, and lighting the streets leading from the Quays. The Agreement provided for the Harbour Board to pay the Corporation an annual sum of £52. 10. 0. towards the cost of maintaining and cleansing the streets, and £47. 10. 0. for their lighting; this being the actual cost of the lighting at the time

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the Agreement was entered into. At that time the Secretary of the Board had given the number of lights in the side streets and on the land side of the Quay, but as the Corporation had only taken over the actual side streets, they had only paid for the lights immediately situated therein and this amounted to £17. 10. 0., so that for the 1936/37 Season the Board had overpaid the Corporation for the lighting by £30. The Agreement provided that any reduction in the cost of the lighting would mean a proportionate reduction in the contribution by the Commissioners.

The Secretary of the Board had suggested to the Town Clerk that the Corporation might consider it advisable to maintain the lights on the land side of the Quay, but the present meeting was against doing this, and decided to make the necessary financial adjustment with the Board.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF COMMISSION- MRS. O'DONOHUE.

An application was read from the widow of the late Poor Rate Collector, William O'Donohue, asking for a further sum of £50 on account of the commission due to him for the collection of the rate for 1936/37. It was reported to the Meeting that Mrs. O'Donohue had been paid commission on the First Moiety and Arrears, and that a sum of £80 was due in respect of the Second Moiety, so it was unanimously decided, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to pay Mrs. O'Donohue £50 on account.

SURFACING OF DISTILLERY ROAD AND WILLIAM STREET.

A letter was read from the County Secretary with reference to the surfacing of Distillery Road and William Street, and pointed out that a higher proportion had been allocated to the Urban Districts, having regard to their main road mileage, than to the Rural Districts, and that his Council had decided to adjourn the application for the present.

It was agreed to forward a request to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a grant from the Road Fund to do this work.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

A Malicious Injury Claim was submitted for £6. 15. 0. in respect of 54 panes of glass broken in two houses at Ram Street and Wellington Place. The Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Borough Surveyor to make a report on the cost of repairing the damage and he estimated this at £2. 13. 7, and it was decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to defend the claim at the forthcoming Circuit Court.

WHITEMILL SCHEME.

Complaint was made regarding the work being carried out on the Whitemill Housing Scheme, and it was decided that the Housing Committee should meet there on Saturday evening, 2nd proximo, at 3. 0. p.m. accompanied by the Borough Surveyor and Clerk of Works.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when tenders had been accepted for the supply of milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th instant, by letter No. P.H.9230, only sanctioned the acceptance of the tenders of Mr. John Hayes at 1/3d. per gallon, and Mrs. K. Clare at 1/4d. per gallon.

He was not prepared to approve of the tenders of Mr. Quirke and Mrs.

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Cullimore at 1/6, and suggested that they should be approached with a view to their supplying Tuberculin Tested Milk at 1/4 per gallon. The Town Clerk intimated that he had written to Mr. Quirke and Mrs. Cullimore, but had not received a reply.

He further intimated that he had issued another advertisement for milk and had received a tender from Mr. Denis Shannon of Killeens, who was prepared to supply ten gallons daily at 1/4 per gallon, and it was unanimously agreed to accept this tender.

A further tender was submitted from Mr. Peter Farrell of Seaview, Murrintown, who quoted 1/3 per gallon but would only deliver once daily, so the Town Clerk was authorised to interview Farrell, and if he was prepared to deliver the milk twice daily, and he (Town Clerk) required the amount he proposed to supply, he should accept his tender.

A further Medical Certificate was submitted for the Sub Sanitary Officer to the effect that he would be unable to work for seven days owing to a strain of the back.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had examined the premises tenanted by Hayes, Mary Street, and found shore leading to main sewer choked, causing an overflow of surface water in the yard, and he recommended that the owner be required to have the shore opened and cleaned.

It was decided to serve Notice on the owner requiring him to have the work done within seven days.

The Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to make a report on the sanitary accommodation of a house at King Street occupied by Garrett.

It was reported that Notices had been served under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, fixing the present day for the receipt of any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of a house at the Faythe, Wexford, owned and occupied by William Kehoe, but that no offer had been received, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

With regard to the provision of allotments for unemployed persons, it was reported that six enquiries had been sent out from the Town Clerk's Office for the supply of the necessary seed, etc., and three tenders were received.

The quotation of the Wexford Timber Co. was not complete, as they were unable to supply Seed Potatoes, Shallots, Cabbage Plants, or Fertilizer. The other two tenders were from the Loc Garmain Co-Operative Society and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty. The former quoted £1. 6. 6 per parcel for all the seeds required except shallots, and the latter £1. 10. 6 for all seed required except Parsnip. From the prices it was seen that the tender of the Loc Garmain Co-Operative Society was by far the cheaper of the two, so it was unanimously agreed to accept their tender, and to request them to use their best endeavours to secure shallots, which, it was thought, would add about 1/6d. to the price quoted by them.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

4th April, 1938.

A Quarterly 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 and Thomas Walsh.

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for approval and signature:- Minutes of Meetings of Corporation on 7th, 14th, and 21st ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 5th and 12th ultimo (copies of these Minutes had been furnished to the members beforehand) and Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 18th and 28th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of the Corporation were taken as read; Minutes of various Committees were approved; and all the Minutes were signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,513. 10. 1., were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

With reference to Minutes of 14th ultimo, Monsignor Cleary, Vicar Capitular of the Diocese of Ferns, acknowledged the vote of sympathy passed on the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Codd.

WATERING STREETS.

At the request of Councillor McMahon, it was agreed to take some steps to have the Main Street watered during the present dry weather.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Sinnott on the death of his uncle, the late Captain Luccan. The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, and adopted in respectful silence.

POOR RATE ESTIMATE.

The next business was consideration of the Poor Rate Estimate for the year ending on 31st March, 1939. This Estimate (a copy of which is attached hereto) had been before the Finance Committee on the 28th ultimo, when they recommended the Corporation to agree to a rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound. This was an increase of 10d. over the rate for 1937/38, and it was explained that the County Council Demand was up by £909, but that the increased amount produced in the rents of Artisans Dwellings

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD

*Poor Rate Estimate
recommended & in
Minutes of Wexford
Corporation Jan
4th April 1938
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Town Clerk
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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the Urban District of Wexford for the Service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1939.

To County Council Demand :—	£	s	d	£	s	d
In respect of Roads	1359	14	5			
In respect of County Services	2167	0	8			
In respect of Library Service	61	1	2			
In respect of Poor Relief	3970	7	10			
In respect of Board of Health Charges	227	9	0			
				7785	13	1
To Rate Collectors' Poundage	225	0	0			
Printing, Advertising, etc.	50	0	0			
Legal Expenses	50	0	0			
Preparation of Rate Book, Receipt and Demand Notes, etc.	21	0	0			
To Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933	869	8	5			
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of)	600	0	0			
				1815	8	5
				9601	1	6
Total Amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1939				9601	1	6
Less Amount collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings				934	0	0
				8667	1	6
A Rate of Nine Shillings (9/-) in the Pound will produce about	8640	0	0			
Total Valuation of Borough	23475	0	0			

On Monday, March 28th, 1938, the Finance Committee recommended that a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings (9/-) in the Pound be laid on in respect of Financial Year 1938/39.

RICHARD CORISH,
Mayor.
JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

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would make the net increase £834.

Councillor Gaul proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation. Alderman Walsh seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound for the Financial Year 1938/39 be laid on.

Arising out of the Poor Rate Estimate, the Mayor stated that during a conversation between the Assistant Secretary of the County Council, the Town Clerk, and himself, they had discovered that the Corporation were being made liable for their portion of the contribution made by the County Council towards Relief Grants on Main Roads in the Rural areas, and he did not think that should happen.

Alderman Walsh suggested that some arrangement should be made for the payment of rates by instalments, but it was pointed out to him that that was a very serious matter which should be carefully considered in Committee before any request was made to the Minister to give approval to such a scheme.

FEVER HOSPITAL.

Complaint was also made regarding the lack of Fever Hospital accommodation in the County, and a lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of a District Fever Hospital for Wexford. It was eventually decided to urge on the County Board of Health the need for such a hospital.

LOAN FOR JOHN STREET SEWER.

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 Loan of £270 borrowed for the purpose of laying a new sewer at John Street, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 18th February, 1938, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd. the sum of £270 for the purpose of laying a new sewer in John Street to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of ten years with interest thereon at the rate of one-half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling from time to time but at no time to be less than £4. per cent. per annum. Said Loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed to fix Monday, June 27th, 1938, at 7.30 p.m. as the day and hour for the holding of a Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

LOAN UNDER S..D. A. ACTS.

An application was submitted from Mrs. Ellen Bridget McCrudden, of John Street, for a Loan of £800 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to erect a new house at St. John's Road. The Borough Surveyor certified that the value of the holding was £900, and on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to grant the Loan subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The Public Health Committee recommended that an Ammoniator be installed on the Coolree Water Supply at a cost of approximately £130.

In this connection, the following report from the Borough Surveyor had been before the Committee and was submitted to the present meeting:-

"Having regard to recent bacteriological reports on the Coolree Water Supply, it was found that samples of water taken from the Distribution System at two points in the town were not free from disease producing organisms or B. Coli, although the water was of a much higher standard than the untreated sample taken from the reservoir.

The water is being treated at present with straight Chlorine from a direct-feed Chlorinator, and the dosage is relatively high. In fact, the characteristic chlorinous odour and taste are present, although no free chlorine can be detected in the water at the town. A further increase of the dosage would increase the taste and would be especially noticeable in tea made with the water.

I suspect that the presence of appreciable quantities of organic matter in the water, which is a surface water, together with large quantities of organic matter in the encrustation on the **trunk** main, uses up the chlorine shortly after application, and thus partly defeats the sterilising effects of the chlorine. It has been found that if Ammonia is added to the water at a point (to be determined) above the point of contact of the chlorine, the chlorine is preserved for germicidal purposes throughout the system by the formation of Chloramine Compounds. These Chloramine Compounds are non-irritant and non-tasting. Consequently, larger doses of chlorine, if necessary, can be applied without any deleterious effects to the consumers.

I have been in touch with Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan's Irish Representative on this matter, and he has informed me that an Ammoniator will be installed and left on trial for at least four months, and if at the end of that time the water is not sterile, the installation will be removed without any charge to the Corporation. The cost of the Ammoniator is about £120, and to this may be added £10 to cover cost of installation, etc. The apparatus to be paid for only on its approved efficacy. In my opinion, this is a very fair offer by this Firm, which is of world-wide repute, and I advise the Corporation to avail of the offer.

I would like again if you would advise the Corporation as to the absolute importance of a sterile water supply, and the grave consequences that may arise from a contaminated supply.

If the Corporation so desires, I can obtain a written confirmation of the offer outlined above."

The members considered that the offer of Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan, contained in the above report, was very reasonable, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the recommendation of the Public Health Committee was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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WATER SUPPLY AT COMMERCIAL QUAY- MRS. KELLY.

Arising out of this matter, complaint was made regarding the failure of the water supply to a house at Commercial Quay occupied by Mrs. Annie Kelly, and it was pointed out that this was due to a stoppage in the ferrule of the supply pipe over which the Corporation had no control. It was agreed to inform Mrs. Kelly of the regulations regarding this matter.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT FAYTHE - KEHOE.

The Public Health Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Faythe, owned and occupied by William Kehoe. Notice had been served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and no offer had been received from Mr. Kehoe with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house, so on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, it was unanimously agreed that a Demolition Order be made.

EASTER COMMEMORATION.

An invitation was submitted from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Corporation to send representatives to take part in the Commemoration Ceremony at Crosstown on the 17th instant. It was agreed to enquire if a Special Mass was being celebrated on Easter Sunday in connection with the commemoration, and if so, the Corporation would attend in state.

LEASEHOLDERS ORGANISATION.

A resolution was submitted from the United National Leaseholders Association requesting the Corporation to endorse the principles outlined in the new Leaseholders Bill, and to call upon Dail Eireann to pass the Bill into law.

In this connection Councillor Connolly intimated that there was another similar organisation in the country, and he thought that before the Corporation passed any resolution, the two organisations in question should settle their own differences and promote a joint Bill.

After some discussion it was agreed to enquire from the second organisation referred to by Councillor Connolly, if they approved of the Bill proposed by the United National Leaseholders Organisation.

DAIL COURTS ASSOCIATION.

The following resolution, submitted by the Dail Courts (1919/1922) Association, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, hereby endorse the claim of the Dail Courts (1919-1922) Association for recognition by the Government; remembering the very important services rendered by the members of this Association in the National Cause when, acting under a Decree of the first Dail, in the late fight for freedom, they were responsible for the smashing of the British legal system here, giving the utmost satisfaction to all concerned in the discharge of those dangerous duties."

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, etc., Committee, held on the 4th April, 1938.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN CULLIMORE.

Under date of the 4th instant, Alderman William Cullimore tendered his resignation owing to indifferent health and for private reasons, and took the opportunity of thanking all his colleagues and the Corporation Officers for their courtesy to him during his term of office. On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was decided to request Alderman Cullimore to reconsider his resignation.

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Mayor of Wexford*

Complaint was made that Dr. Stannett, Medical Officer of Health, had not furnished reports asked for by members some time ago, and it was decided to inform the Doctor that unless the reports were received by next meeting, the Corporation would be obliged to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

WALKER & AVENUE AT JESSAMINE.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the cost of widening the walk and avenue at St. Mary's Cemetery in Jessamine Avenue. This showed that the total cost would be £750, and the matter was referred, pending a decision on the proposed extension of the cemetery.

THE BOLSHAK.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade indicated that he proposed to have a practice on Saturday, 24th inst., at Spittal Road.

HOUSE AT VALLEY STREET.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on a house at Valley Street occupied by Mrs. Kelly, and indicated that it was not fit for human habitation. It was decided to serve the usual notice under Section 27 of the Housing Act, 1925.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Regarding the removal of trees and the removal of the trees in some of the graveyards, it was decided to ask the Council to submit the lowest tender, to state how he proposed to protect against damage to foundations, etc.

REPORTING.

It was unanimously agreed to hold fortnightly meetings of the Committee during the summer months.

THE REPORT.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the house at Valley Street occupied by Mrs. Kelly repaired and to have the lowest tender accepted with the proviso of a house at St. Mary's Cemetery, near Wexford, who had refused to give the lowest

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Etc., Committees was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance.

CLERK OF WORKS - REMUNERATION.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to grant increased remuneration to Mr. Thomas J. Millar for the period during which he acted as Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Road Housing Scheme and on the piling work of the proposed new Town Hall, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant intimated that he was not prepared to alter his decision that £7. 7. 0. per week was adequate remuneration for the period during which the Clerk of Works was engaged on both works. It was agreed to again ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision in this matter.

REPORTS FROM DR. SINNOTT.

Complaint was made that Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, had not furnished reports asked for by members some time ago, and it was decided to inform the Doctor that unless the reports asked for were received by next meeting, the Corporation would be obliged to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

WALKS & AVENUE AT CEMETERY.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the cost of surfacing the walks and avenue of St. Ibar's Cemetery in Bituminous macadam. This showed that the total cost would be £765, and the matter was deferred pending a decision on the proposed extension of the cemetery.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade intimated that he proposed to have a practice on Saturday, 9th instant, at Spawell Road.

HOUSE AT TALBOT STREET.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on a house at Talbot Street occupied by Mrs. Kielty, and intimated that it was unfit for human habitation.

It was decided to serve the usual notice under Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1931.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Regarding the tenders received some time ago for the removal of the trees in some of the graveyards, it was decided to ask Redmond, who submitted the lowest tender, to state how he proposed to ensure against damage to tombstones, etc.

MEETINGS.

It was unanimously agreed to hold fortnightly meetings of the Committees during the Summer Months.

NEW RANGES.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the range in the house at Hill Street occupied by Mrs. McGrath replaced immediately; and it was decided to communicate with the occupier of a house at St. Magdalen's Terrace, named Roche, who had refused to pay the charge

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for the installation of a close range, intimating that unless she was prepared to meet this charge, the Corporation would remove the range and replace it with an open range.

BYRNE'S LANE, ETC.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the surface of Byrne's Lane, and to the dangerous condition of house at Faythe formerly occupied by a man named Dalton.

NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Complaint was also made that the work of Night Watching on the Sewerage Scheme at John Street should only be given to men who were beyond doing manual labour.

Richard Curtis T.D.
Mayor of Wexford.

11th April, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing 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 Aldermen Walsh and Flusk, and Councillors James Billington, Crosbie, John Billington, Moran, Dunne, and Hayes.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

EASTER COMMEMORATION.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 4th instant, when an invitation had been received from the Easter Commemoration Committee asking the Corporation to take part in the ceremony at Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday, the Town Clerk now reported that Mass would be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 11.0. o'clock on Easter Sunday, and it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should attend the Mass in state.

APPOINTMENT OF RENT COLLECTORS.

With reference to Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 28th ultimo, when the question of sanction for the two Rent Collectors appointed on the 7th idem was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 8th instant, by letter No. H.2299, intimated that the proposal to appoint persons who fall far short of the qualifications of other candidates, as revealed by the result of an examination, was not one which should be submitted for the Minister's approval. He would not, however, on this occasion, press his objection further. Arising out of this, the Committee were asked to make recommendations to the Corporation regarding the methods of lodgement by the two new collectors, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed that they should lodge every morning at 10.0. a.m. and forward the Treasurer's receipt for the amount lodged to the Town Clerk's Office forthwith.

Their Collection Week, it was decided, should end on Friday night so that their accounts for the week could be checked on Saturday morning; any money received by them on Saturdays would have to be brought into account the following week.

As well, the Corporation were to be recommended to give the Collectors power to take any steps necessary, including recovery of possession of house from tenants who were in arrear with their rent.

The Town Clerk was also requested to report to each meeting of Finance Committee the amount collected by each collector during the previous week, and also to issue a Monthly Statement showing the position of the Rent Collection.

Arising out of this matter, mention was made that the Collectors would be required to pay a sum of £1. 17. 6 per annum for a Fidelity Guarantee Bond, and as their remuneration would be comparatively small, the Committee thought that the Corporation should pay the premiums, and it was unanimously decided to recommend them to do so.

The Acting Rent Collector, Mr. Doyle, was to be asked for a report on those people who had broken the agreements entered into recently as regards the payment of arrears of rent.

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MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had prepared the final figures in connection with the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and they were as follows:-

Erection of Houses-----	£49,360. 18. 1.
The new road from Batt Street to Brockhouse Factory-----	1,539. 6.10.
The making of the fence, etc. at Railway boundary-----	398. 17.11.
Erection of wall and making of new road at Mr. Scallan's side of the Scheme----	452. 16.11.
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Total-----	£51,751. 19. 9.

The estimated cost of the scheme was £50,600, and when this estimate was made the latter three items in the above Table were not contemplated.

As regards the finances of the scheme; of the loan of £50,600 borrowed, the Corporation had lifted-----	£50,000. 0. 0.
They had received Interest in balances from time to time of-----	12.17. 0.
Land Bonds redeemed had been applied to the Scheme to the amount of-----	11. 0. 0.
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making total receipts of-----	£50,023.17. 0.
After deducting the cost of the houses-----	49,360.18. 1.
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there was a balance of-----	662.18.11.
there was a balance of the loan to be lifted of--	600. 0. 0.
and a Grant towards the cost of the road had been received of-----	420. 0. 0.
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This left an amount of----- £1662.18.11 towards the financing of the road, fence, and wall. The total cost of these three was £2391. 1. 8., which left a balance of £708. 3. 9. to be raised to complete the cost of the Maudlintown Scheme. The members considered that this report reflected great credit on all concerned in the carrying out of the scheme, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to raise a Loan of £700 from the Local Loans Fund to complete the work. It was also agreed, at the request of Councillor Billington, to furnish a written report to the members giving the figures of the cost of the road, railway fence, and Scallan's wall; the cost of the houses having been given in a previous report.

The report of the Local Government Inspector on defects in the Maudlintown houses, which was before the last meeting and had been referred to the Borough Surveyor and Clerk of Works for a report, again came up for consideration, and the Borough Surveyor now presented his observations on the Inspector's complaints. The following is a copy of the Inspector's report and the Borough Surveyor's observations thereon:-

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

1. "An unclimbable fence has been erected between the railway and the road, but space between roadway and fence has not so far been left for the purpose as requested."

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2. Protection railings have not yet been provided to houses which have more than three steps to front doors.
3. In a great number of houses the walls are very damp and this appears to be due to faulty external plastering. A large number of concrete cills have not been throated and dampness has occurred under a number of windows.
4. Weather boards should be fitted to back doors and eaves gutters fitted to roofs of annexes. Hand rails to stairs are very shaky in a number of houses and should be better secured. Several roofs are leaking owing to broken and displaced tiles and at stepped roofs leakages have occurred at the lead flashings. The paintwork especially to front doors has turned out very badly and knotting of timber work appears to have been very much neglected.
5. Houses Nos. 36 and 38 on Antelope Road are subject to flooding and footpaths leading to front doors should be lowered and step provided.
6. A bad crack running vertically has appeared in the back wall of houses Nos. 5 and 7 and a hair crack in gable wall of No. 9 on Gulbar Road.
7. In house No. 31 on Gulbar Road, the part wall is cracked through.
8. Trap doors to give access to the roof have been provided to the end houses only of each block and this means that party walls have not been brought up to the rafters.
9. There is only one stop cock on the water connection for each block of houses.
10. Inddx plates should be erected to denote position of hydrants"

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

"I have considered Mr. Scott's report on above scheme, and have discussed the matters referred to with Mr. Millar, who was responsible for the scheme. I beg to submit the following reply:-

(1.) and (2) were suggestions by Mr. Scott, but did not form part of the scheme as originally laid out. These items would be extras. In the case of (2) the protection railings would be necessary at occasional houses, not more than twelve in number.

(3) The dampness may have been due to plaster cracks or to faulty roofs, and in some cases it is due to the throating in the window sills being filled with plaster. In a great many cases the throatings in the sills were placed too far in from the face of the sills, consequently the plaster coat projected over the throating. To remedy this defect, it will be necessary to cut fresh throating in a considerable number of sills.

(4) Weather boards were not specified for the back doors; about 100 would be required. No eaves gutters were specified for the annexes to 100 houses. The handrails in all houses are secured to level posts at the top of the stairs.

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In the case of the 54 three-roomed houses it would have been a more secure job if a wood block were inserted at the centre point of rail in order to stiffen it; this, however, was not in specification. Having regard to the leaking roofs, this occurred during the stormy weather and all defects have since been repaired. The paint work was on the whole well carried out, but the quality of the paint itself was poor. There was no neglect as regards the knotting work.

(5) The footpaths to all houses are poor, as only tar macadam was specified, and in some cases the children have since torn up these paths. Nos. 36 and 38 are practically level with door step and fall from road to house. The people alongside have put in concrete ones.

(6) and (7) It is rather unusual to find houses with 8" external walls that do not crack. All external cracks have been noted, and will be repaired in due course.

(8) The usual practice here seems to have been carried out in Maudlintown Houses, viz. the provision of trap doors in ceilings of end houses only. This is wrong, of course, but cannot very well be remedied now.

(9) The provision of only one stop cock on the lead service to each block of houses seems to have been the usual practice in Wexford Housing Schemes and in fact the stop cocks used were not proper underground ones. However, to remedy this would entail considerable expense.

(10) The provision of Index Plates for denoting the position of hydrants is desirable, but the difficulty arises as to what places these plates are to be fixed. The only safe place is to the walls of the houses."

The members considered that most of the points raised by the Inspector were not in the nature of defects, but really extras on the scheme as they had not been included in the specification originally approved by the Department for the erection of these houses.

It was unanimously agreed to forward a copy of the Surveyor's report to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor James Billington complained that the tiles on the roofs were not rendered, but this, it was also pointed out, was not included in the specification, and the only complaints they had regarding the tiles was when a few had been blown off in a storm.

HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

As regards the proposal of the Corporation to erect houses at William Street as a continuation of the Maudlintown Scheme, the Borough Surveyor reported that following a conference with Mr. Scott of the Department, the Town Clerk, and himself recently, he had agreed to adopt the standard plan C.7 for all aspects other than Northerly in connection with this housing scheme.

As this house was over 40 feet larger than type No. 69, which he originally proposed, he had to amend his estimate as follows:-

Erection of 12, Type C.7 4-roomed houses		
@ £342-----	£4104.	0. 0.
Erection of 2 Type No. 69-----	656.	0. 0.
Drainage complete-----	120.	0. 0.
Fences, back and front,-----	100.	0. 0.
Footpaths-----	100.	0. 0.
Water Service-----	75.	0. 0.
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This made a total of-----	£5155.	0. 0.

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Forward.	£5155.	0.	0.
The land and law costs amounted to-----	496.	0.	0.
and the Mortgage, Etc.,-----	20.	0.	0.

making a gross total of----- £5671. 0. 0.
This was an average of £405 per house.

The members thought that the land in its entirety should not be charged to these fourteen houses but should be spread over the entire scheme, and, as well, did not think that the footpaths should be charged to it.

The plan No. C.7 was submitted, but the members were not particularly enamoured with the idea of one extra large room downstairs and three upstairs, so a decision on the matter was adjourned to enable the Mayor to consult with the Department's officials on the subject.

Richard Curtis T. D.
Mayor of Wexford

Mr. Collector Curtis, who was present at the meeting on the 11th April, 1938, presented a report on the work of the Corporation during the year 1937/8. He submitted a statement of the accounts for the year 1937/8, and a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation at the end of the year. He also presented a statement of the work done by the Corporation during the year, and a statement of the progress of the various schemes which were being carried out. The Mayor thanked Mr. Curtis for his report, and said that he was very pleased to hear that the Corporation had done so much work during the year. He also said that he was very pleased to hear that the accounts for the year 1937/8 were in a satisfactory position. He then asked Mr. Curtis to read out the statement of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation at the end of the year. Mr. Curtis read out the statement, and the Mayor said that he was very pleased to hear that the Corporation had a surplus of £1,100 at the end of the year. He then asked Mr. Curtis to read out the statement of the work done by the Corporation during the year. Mr. Curtis read out the statement, and the Mayor said that he was very pleased to hear that the Corporation had done so much work during the year. He then asked Mr. Curtis to read out the statement of the progress of the various schemes which were being carried out. Mr. Curtis read out the statement, and the Mayor said that he was very pleased to hear that the Corporation had made so much progress during the year. He then thanked Mr. Curtis for his report, and said that he was very pleased to hear that the Corporation had done so much work during the year.

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23rd April, 1938.

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 Flusk and Walsh.

RATES.

A letter was read from Miss S. Cooke of North Main Street in reference to rates due on the premises by her late father, Mr. G. B. Cooke. The total amounted to approximately £150, and Miss Cooke intimated that she was unable to meet this Demand, but would gladly pay two years rates in settlement.

A question arose as to whether or not she could be regarded as a subsequent occupier within the meaning of the Poor Relief Acts, and it was decided to request an opinion from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DEFAULTERS.

Rate Collector Curran, who was present at the meeting, called attention to the costs of proceedings against Rate defaulters, and submitted a recent list from the Corporation Solicitor of the amounts collected, together with the amount of costs deducted therefrom.

One particular case selected from the list was that of Mr. P. J. Gregory of Georges Street against whom an Order had been made by the Court for the payment of £5. per month. He had paid two instalments amounting to £10, and the costs of the proceedings against him in obtaining a Decree, which was returned marked "No Goods", and the Examination Order, amounted to over £9. In this case the Committee thought that a Committal Order should be sought against Mr. Gregory for contempt, and the Rate Collector was instructed to proceed accordingly. The Town Clerk was requested to communicate with the Solicitors pointing out the serious view the Committee took of this man's contempt of the Order made by the District Court.

RATE COLLECTOR'S DISCHARGE SHEETS.

The next business was the examination of the Rate Collector's Discharge Sheets. Each item of uncollected rate was carefully examined by the Committee, and items which were considered to be irrecoverable were recommended to be so disposed of by the Corporation, and the balance carried forward as collectible arrears.

A summary of the collection for the year 1937/8 was submitted. This showed that Mr. Curran's Warrant was composed of £11,108. 19. 6 current rate, and arrears of £3,423. 3. 4., making a total Warrant of £14,532. 2. 0. Of this, he had collected £9,306. 7. 0. of the current rate; £769. 8. 1. of the arrears; and allowed discount of £127. 11. 8., leaving outstanding at 31st March £4,328. 16. 1½. This was a percentage of 70.20 collected and 29.80 outstanding, as compared with the year 1936/7 of 68.75 collected and 31.25 outstanding.

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MODEL BYE-LAWS.

The next business of the meeting and one of which special notice had been given, was the consideration of Bye-laws, which had been before them for the past couple of years, relating to the cleansing of footpaths, nuisances, water supply, and new streets and buildings.

It was pointed out, however, by members that a meeting of the Housing Committee had been convened for 4.30 and it was now that hour, so it was agreed to carry on with the Housing Committee meeting and to deal with the Bye-laws immediately after. The Housing Committee meeting, however, lasted until after six o'clock p.m., and consideration of the Bye-laws was adjourned until a later date.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Flusk, Councillors Moran, Sinnott, John Billington, Hayes, Crosbie, and Dunno.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the erection of houses at William Street was under consideration, the Mayor stated that, as requested by the meeting, he had interviewed officials of the Housing Department relative to the plan suggested by Mr. Scott, and from the conversation he (Mayor) was hopeful that if the Committee submitted a plan for a five-room, good-class house, it would be sanctioned.

The Borough Surveyor then again submitted the five-roomed plan that he had originally prepared for this site, which he estimated would cost £478 to build.

The Committee were satisfied with the plan submitted by the Surveyor, and a discussion then took place on the method of building. The members favoured the erection of the houses by Direct labour, but this did not meet with the approval of the Surveyor, who intimated that he had no time to supervise direct labour.

The discussion on this matter lasted for well over an hour, during which various suggestions were made by the members with the object of having direct labour carried out, but the Surveyor was adamant that he would take no responsibility for their erection by this method. He would have no objection, however, to the houses being erected by Mr. T. J. Millar to a plan and specification prepared by himself (Borough Surveyor) so eventually it was decided that the Surveyor prepare a plan, specification, and estimate, and when they were ready show them to Mr. Millar and ask him if he would be prepared to take on their erection by direct labour.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 29th instant, if the Surveyor had the documents ready.

Richard Cunniff
Mayor of Wexford

25th April, 1938.

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 and Patrick Tobin.

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

PUBLIC STATUTES.

The Town Clerk asked for permission to purchase copies of the Public Statutes, issued by the Government Publications Office, passed by Dail Eireann, as he found it very inconvenient to have to be borrowing various Statutes from time to time for the purpose of reference. The total cost of the Statutes required would be approximately £9, and it was unanimously agreed that he should be given permission to purchase them, and to keep them up to date each year as the volumes were issued.

RENT COLLECTORS.

It was reported that the two new Rent Collectors had commenced work on Monday, 18th instant. Mr. Lacey had collected £71. 16. 11 out of a possible £75, and Mr. Roche £48. 10. 0. out of a possible £50. Considering that the two new Collectors had been obliged to close their accounts on Friday night, and could not collect any rents for that week on Saturday, the members considered their collections ver satisfactory.

REMUNERATION FOR CLERK OF WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the extra remuneration to be paid to Mr. T. J. Millar for acting as Clerk of Works on the piling of the new Town Hall Site, the Town Clerk intimated that he had been speaking to Mr. Millar on the matter and he did not desire that the claim should be referred back to the Minister for Local Government for further consideration, so it was unanimously decided to fall in with Mr. Millar's wishes in the matter, and to pay him the amount sanctioned by the Minister.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Inspector of Food and Drugs for legal assistance in a prosecution against William Porter, Bullring, for selling Olive Oil adulterated. As this was the first case of its kind in Wexford, he had instructed the Corporation Solicitor to act for the Garda in these proceedings, and the Committee approved of the Town Clerk's action.

SIGN OUTSIDE "COUNTRY CAFE"

Under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. RM/32, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that it had been brought to his notice that portion of a sign outside the "Country Cafe," 23, Selskar Street, Wexford, was overhanging the footpath, and having

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regard to the width of the footpath and roadway, the Corporation should see that traffic should have a clear passage through the street.

The Town Clerk reported that this sign was 7' 8" high over the footpath, according to a report made to him by the Borough Surveyor, and in the opinion of the Surveyor it was not an obstruction to traffic. As the sign in question was only 4" below the Statutory height of 8 feet no action was taken in the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Electricity Supply Board enquired if the Corporation would be prepared to consider a tender for the public lighting of the new houses at Whitemill and the houses at Wolfe Tone Villas adjoining, and it was agreed to inform the Board that they would be prepared to consider a quotation for the lighting of the entire area.

CONNOLLY COMMEMORATION.

An invitation from the Wexford Trades Council for the Corporation to attend the Connolly Memorial Mass at Rowe Street Church on the 8th prox. at 11. 0. a.m., was accepted.

PETROL LICENCE.

A licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of premises at Redmond Place, occupied by the Texas Oil Company, the Surveyor having reported that the premises were suitable for the purpose.

PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS.

An application was read from four men employed by the Town Clerk to write up Rate Books, Etc. for the year 1938, for an increase of 40% on the present contract price of £50 for the work; or to be employed by the hour at the rate of 1/1d, which was paid to similar employees by the County Council.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that in 1929 his predecessor and himself had carefully computed the amount of work on these Rate Books and the amount of time they would occupy, and the Corporation had then agreed to pay for the work at 1/- per hour. Up to the present the time for the work had never been questioned, but the rate of remuneration had been increased in 1933 by 25% to 1/3d. per hour, which was the rate at present being paid.

It was also pointed out that the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had to be obtained beforehand to the amount to be expended on this work, and it was very unlikely that he would consent to an increase at this stage in respect of the present year.

After some discussion, it was agreed to inform the four men that the Committee would be favourably disposed to consider the application before next year's work was commenced, and in the meantime they would be glad if the men presented a memorandum setting out their views on what would be a reasonable time for the work.

DRAIN AT ST. JOHN'S AVENUE.

A memorial signed by six householders at St. John's Avenue, regarding a drain at the end of their gardens, was submitted and referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of 21st ultimo, when it had been decided to obtain the opinion of Counsel regarding the liability of the

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Corporation for damage to houses adjoining condemned ones during the demolition of the latter by the Corporation where the owners failed to carry out the work, the Corporation Solicitor submitted a copy of an opinion he had received from Mr. Leonard, K.C. on the matter.

Mr. Leonard was of opinion that the Corporation were liable for plastering the gable of the adjoining house and for providing support where necessary. This would be the position if the owners had taken down the houses, and the Corporation were in no better position even though they were only carrying out their Statutory Duty in demolishing the premises.

Having regard to this opinion, the Town Clerk was instructed to take whatever steps were necessary to create a charge on the site in accordance with Section 8 (5) of the Act of 1931, and he was also to write to the owner, Mrs. O'Donohoe, pointing out that she would be legally liable for any expenses incurred by the Corporation in repairing the adjoining premises as well as for the demolition of the two condemned houses, and that as a result of such expenses they would hold a charge on the site until it was cleared off.

KEYSER'S LANE & BYRNE'S LANE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of Keyser's Lane and Byrne's Lane, and the following were appointed a Committee to visit the two places on the 3rd prox., namely, Councillors Connolly, Hayes, James Billington, Dunne, Sinnott, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS' FEES.

An application was submitted from the Quantity Surveyors for the balance of fees due to them for the preparation of Bills of Quantities for the new Town Hall. It was stated that £263. 15. 4. was due, and, as well, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. S.2301, stated that if the Corporation were satisfied that the balance of the Surveyor's fees was properly due, the Department might be notified as to the amount of additional overdraft on Capital account required for the discharge thereof.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Architect, Mr. Donnelly, for a report as to whether in his opinion the fees asked for were properly payable.

FIELD AT CLONARD.

It was reported to the meeting that a field at Clonard, adjoining the present Dumping Ground and immediately outside the Borough, was in the market for sale. It contained 6 acres and 25 perches, and was subject to a revised annuity of £5. 5. 0. per annum, with a Poor Law Valuation of £11. 10. 0. Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for the owners, intimated that £160 had been offered, but their clients were not prepared to sell at that figure. If the Corporation was interested in the property it would be necessary for them to communicate an offer before the 27th instant, so it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Walsh, to offer £200 for the field subject to the approval of the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

RELIEF WORKS.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Relief Work for Grogan's Road, Barrack Street, Summerhill and Monument Place, at a total cost of £2,184, £300 of which was to be provided by the Corporation, had been sanctioned, and the work could be put in hands forthwith.

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The Borough Surveyor intimated that he was making arrangements to commence the work on the 9th prox., but at the same time submitted a communication relative to the question of fees which it had been decided in February last to pay himself and the Town Clerk in connection with this work. He felt he was being unfairly treated in the matter as Surveyors elsewhere were receiving the fees asked for by him.

The members agreed that a decision should have been given by the Minister before now on the applications, and directed the Town Clerk to request a decision from the Minister as soon as possible.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Mayor referred to a recent report supplied to the local Press of a meeting of the Wexford Ratepayers' Association, at which suggestions were made that the Corporation were extravagant in the administration of the Municipal services. He felt that such suggestions were unjustified and suggested that the Association should be requested to appoint a deputation of Wexford Ratepayers to meet the Corporation on the 2nd prox., when they would welcome any suggestions as to how economies could be effected in the Municipal Services. This suggestion of the Mayor's was unanimously agreed to.

WAGES OF STREET STAFF.

With reference to Minutes of 28th ultimo, when an application from the Corporation Street Staff for increases of wages was adjourned, the matter was again brought forward, and Councillor Hawkins, who was Secretary of the local Branch of the Transport Union, and who had made the application on behalf of the men, intimated that, with the exception of the Foreman and John Byrne, Carter, the application was being withdrawn until October.

As regards John Byrne, Carter, the Union felt that he should be paid the rate of £4. 0. 0. which was the rate paid to Thomas Hore. All Corporation Carters had been paid £4. up to some years ago, and no one seemed to be aware of why this man had only been paid £3. 10. 0., so it was unanimously agreed that he should be paid the same rate as Thomas Hore, the other Corporation Carter, namely £4. 0. 0. per week with effect as from the 21st instant.

As regards William Byrne, Foreman, Councillor Hawkins pointed out that this man was receiving very little more than the workmen whom he had to supervise, but the Union were prepared to modify their demand in this case to an increase of 5/- per week, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to increase the wages of Foreman Byrne by 5/- per week with effect as from the 21st instant also.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

Reference was made to the question of providing a playground for children, and after some discussion, the Mayor with Councillors James Billington and Moran were appointed to interview Mr. James J. Corry with the object of purchasing from him a field at Waterloo Road, which it was thought could be converted into a children's playground.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

A question was also raised regarding the provision of public lavatories in the town, and the Surveyor intimated that in his opinion the best site would be a vacant piece of ground in the Bullring owned by the Ulster Bank, and it was agreed to enquire from the Bank if they were prepared to sell the site, and if so, at what price. The Surveyor

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was asked to make an estimate for providing public lavatories there, and the Town Clerk was also requested to write to his colleagues in other towns asking them the amount of revenue received from these installations if they were provided in any other towns.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES.

As regards the application of John McDonald, Gravedigger, for an increase of wages, it was agreed that a meeting of the Cemetery Committee be convened for Friday night immediately after the Housing Committee Meeting.

COLLECTION OF RATES.

Alderman Walsh raised the question of the collection of Rates by instalments, and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health enquiring if facilities could be provided for this.

WALL AT ROCHE'S TERRACE.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the cost of plastering the wall in front of Roche's Terrace.

WASTE OF WATER.

Reference was made by Councillor Hayes to the level of water in the reservoir, and it was agreed to issue an advertisement in the Press and in the Cinemas warning the public against waste of water.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Town Clerk submitted a number of reports from the County Medical Officer of Health on applications for registration under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935. In 21 cases the Medical Officer recommended that Refusal Orders be made and that the following premises be registered, namely, Mrs. J. Murray, Selskar; P. Kelly, 102, Faythe; Catherine Kelly, Swan View; and Mrs. Annie Thornton, Commercial Quay; and Barbara Nolan, 11, Maudlintown.

It was unanimously agreed to register the five persons recommended by the County Medical Officer, but as regards the cases where he recommended Refusal Orders, the Committee thought that they should be communicated with first by the Town Clerk, pointing out that the County Medical Officer of Health had recommended that they be refused registration, and intimating that unless they were prepared to bring their premises into compliance with the Act and the Regulations made thereunder within fourteen days, the Committee would be compelled to carry out the recommendations of the County Medical Officer and make Refusal Orders.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected the sanitary arrangements of twelve houses at King Street, which consisted of dry closets and uncovered ashpits, and he recommended that the owners be required to provide water closets and properly constructed ashpits.

In these cases it was decided to serve notice on the owners requiring the erection of water closets in each case within one month; the question of the provision of covered ashpits being adjourned until the water closets were provided, as if these conveniences were installed, the tenants might prefer to use dust bins.

He further ^{reported} recommended that a drain at the rear of these houses was being used as a dump, and recommended that the owners be required to cover it over and cement the channel.

In this case it was also decided to serve notice on the owners requiring them to carry out the recommendations of the Medical Officer

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within one month.

Dr. Sinnott was to be asked to report on the sanitary condition of a house at 152, The Faythe, occupied by John Luccan, and to expedite reports on the following houses:- Patrick Sinnott, Talbot Street; James Murphy, Distillery Road; William Barr and Ambrose Stafford, the Faythe.

It was reported that on 22nd February last, a notice had been served on Miss M.E. White, Waterloo Road, requiring her to provide a supply of water for a house there occupied by John Murphy and owned by her. Up to the present nothing had been done and it was decided to inform Miss White that unless the work was commenced immediately, the Committee would have no option but to provide a supply themselves and proceed against her for the costs thereof.

With reference to four houses at Talbot Street, Wexford, occupied by William Clarke, John Kirwan, John Doyle and Mrs. Kirwan, in respect of which notices had been served on the owners intimating that the Corporation would be prepared to consider any offer with regard to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, it was reported that in the case of Clarke and John Kirwan no offer whatever had been received from the owners. In the other two cases, the owner had been informed that in the opinion of the Corporation the houses in question were not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation, but he had not replied. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of the four dwellings.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at Faythe occupied by a man named O'Brien, and found it unfit for human habitation. It was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day when the future user of the house would be considered.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of March showed that he had examined 141 cattle, 315 sheep and 50 swine. Of the cattle, one whole carcase and seven heads, to the extent of $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., together with fifteen organs, had been destroyed for Tuberculosis, and one partial carcase to the extent of 65 lbs. and 40 organs were destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, seventeen organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, one organ was destroyed for Tuberculosis, and one for another disease.

A complaint from Mr. Patrick Whelan of 96, North Main Street, regarding defective drains at the rear of these premises, was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

*Richard Cairns T. D.
Mayor of Wexford*

29th April, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing 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 Aldermen Walsh and Flusk and Councillors Dunne, Hayes, John Billington, Crosbie, and James Billington.

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

PROPOSED HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Borough Surveyor had been asked to examine the plan of the five-roomed house proposed to be erected at William Street, Mr. McNally now stated that the house could be erected for £478 with solid block walls (Building Cost) and at an All-in cost of £504. Mr. Millar intimated that he had examined the plan and found that the house could be built by direct labour for the Surveyor's Estimate.

A very lengthy discussion followed on the method of erecting these houses, during which a report was read from the Borough Surveyor relative to Direct Labour and Contract on Building Schemes.

In this report the Surveyor did not consider Direct Labour as efficient as Contract, but was not in a position to say which of the two methods was the more economical unless tenders were invited for the erection of the houses, when the Contractor's price could be compared with his.

Eventually, it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the erection of this five-roomed house, and in the meantime the Borough Surveyor was to discuss with Mr. Millar under what conditions they would be prepared to erect the houses by Direct Labour.

A Meeting of the Cemetery Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Dunne.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES.

The meeting had been convened to consider an application from the Gravedigger at the Cemetery for an increase in his wages. It was pointed out that for some years past the Cemetery had been run at a loss, and that any further increase in expenditure would have to be borne by an increased rate for this service.

A question also arose as to the position of McDonald's assistant in the Cemetery. This man was not directly employed by the Corporation but by the Gravedigger himself, and a discussion took place as to whether or not the Corporation would be liable if an accident occurred to him there and he was not insured by McDonald. Some members held that the Corporation would be liable as it was a condition of McDonald's appointment that he should keep a man with him to assist in digging graves for which he should pay him half the amount he received for each interment.

After some discussion, it was further agreed to adjourn this matter to enable the Town Clerk to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor on the question of liability.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford

2nd May, 1938.

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, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Meeting of Corporation on 4th ultimo; Housing Committee on the 11th; and Special Rates Committee on the 23rd (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) and Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 4th and 25th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes were approved and signed.

MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

Alderman Coffey referred to Minutes of Housing Committee on the 11th ultimo when a report had been under consideration from the Department of Local Government in connection with the Maudlintown houses. The Alderman was informed, however, that a copy of the Borough Surveyor's reply to the report had been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and in the opinion of the Housing Committee the points raised in the Inspector's report were not as much in the nature of defects as extras on the Scheme; they had not been included in the specification originally approved of by the Department for the erection of these houses. The Alderman also called attention to a reference in the report to the paint, and the Borough Surveyor pointed out that, following a resolution of the Corporation, he had used Wexford-made paint which was not at that time of a very good quality, but Councillor Connolly contended that the paint had not been used as supplied from the Factory.

CHANGE IN NAME OF STREET.

Councillor McMahon referred to a recent meeting of the '98 Commemoration Committee, during which it was stated that it was proposed to commence the Commemoration Procession from the Railway Square. This Square was locally known as Redmond Place, and the Councillor wished to know who gave permission to have the name changed.

It was pointed out, however, that no change had taken place in the name with the consent of the Corporation, and that as far as was known it was purely a mistake on the part of the person who mentioned Railway Square.

CHARGE OF £50.

With reference to the Charge of £50 made against certain persons at the last audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1936, the Mayor stated that some time ago there had been a meeting of the members concerned when they had asked

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Councillor Moran and himself to seek the assistance of the Minister for Agriculture in persuading the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to remit this Charge. He (Mayor) now read a letter from the Minister for Agriculture enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that if the Corporation gave an assurance that in future adequate steps would be taken to obtain the best offer in connection with the leasing of Corporate lands, and that the highest offer would be fully considered, the Minister would then be inclined to remit the charge. This was considered satisfactory, and the Town Clerk was requested to give the necessary assurance that for the future adequate steps would be taken to obtain the best offer for any Corporate lands being leased.

DAIL COURTS ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Department of the Taoiseach, relative to a resolution adopted at last meeting on the claim of the Dail Courts Association, stating that the Resolution of the Corporation had been transmitted to the Minister for Justice.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Councillor Moran moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Taoiseach and the other members of the Delegation who had recently completed a successful Agreement with Great Britain. Councillor James Billington seconded the motion, which was supported by a number of those present, and adopted. Alderman Flusk moved a resolution of congratulation with Dr. Douglas Hyde on his unanimous selection as first President of Eire, and hoped that in the near future he would be President of a united Eire of Thirty-two Counties. Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted.

SYMPATHY.

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. P.J. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, on the death of his mother. Councillor Dunne seconded. Councillor McMahon moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. Sean Gallagher, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, on the death of his mother, and Councillor Sinnott seconded. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £7,938. 15. 0. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

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 1937/38:-

For Collection: Current and Arrears.				
	Borough	Co. Cess	Water	Totals.
Current	£7288.8.0 $\frac{1}{2}$	£2338.2.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	£1482.9.4.	£11108.19.6
Arrears	2096.2.6	818.0.6	509.0.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3423. 3.4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Totals.	£9384.10.6	£3156.2.7	£1991.9.8 $\frac{1}{2}$	£14532.2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$

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COLLECTION.

	Borough	Co. Cess	Water	Totals.
Collected	£6602. 4. 3½	£2124. 4. 4.	£1349. 6. 5½	£10075. 15. 1.
Discount	89.10. 2	25. 4. 3.	12.17. 3	127. 11. 8.
Balance 0/s	2692.16. 1	1006.14. 0½	629. 6. 0	4328. 16. 1½
Totals.	£9384.10. 6½	£3156. 2. 7½	£1991. 9. 8½	£14532. 2.10½

The Collectors Discharge Sheets had been carefully examined by the Special Rates Committee, and they recommended that they be dealt with as follows:-

	Written off as Irrecoverable.	Carried forward into 1938/39 Warrant.
Borough	£649. 5. 0.	£2043. 11. 1.
Co. Cess	240. 18. 0½	765. 16. 0.
Water	144. 6. 0.	485. 0. 0.
Totals.	£1034. 9. 0½	£3294. 7. 1.

The members considered that Mr. Curran had made a very good collection, which was slightly above the percentage for 1936/7, and it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be requested to pay him the balance of the commission due to him for his collection.

POOR RATE.

Alderman Coffey questioned a recent discussion at a meeting of the County Council, on the subject of the Corporation's indebtedness to the former Body on foot of their Demand for 1937/38, and asked if anything had been paid since.

In reply, the Town Clerk stated that he had recently paid over £1720, which brought the total on foot of the Demand for 1937/38 to £3440, or half the Demand.

The Mayor stated that in this connection the Corporation, as a Body, were not in arrears with the County Council; they had not collected the money, as one would think from the discussions at the County Council. A great many factors contributed to the Poor Rate being in arrears. Some years ago the Poor Rate fell into arrear through various causes, which had been outlined from time to time; coupled with these causes, they had been rather unfortunate in the collectors appointed. Some had died after being in office for a short time, and another had absconded. Mr. O'Leary, the present Collector, had only held office for a short period, and had made very special efforts to collect the money in the limited time at his disposal. Some few years ago they owed the County Council £10,000, and this had now been reduced to a third of that amount. The discussion dropped.

COLLECTION OF RATES.

Alderman Walsh raised the question of the payment of Rates by instalments, and the Town Clerk, in reply, stated that he had placed the suggestion before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health but up to the present had not received a reply.

TOWN RATES.

The making of Town Rates for the services of the Corporation for the year.....

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ending on 31st March, 1939, was next proceeded with, and the following three Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was resolved:-

"That a Borough Rate of Six Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound (being one shilling for General Town Purposes and Five Shillings and Tenpence 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, 1939, as considered and adopted on the 21st day of March, 1938."

- (2) On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of Three Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound be laid on in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1939, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and the Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 21st day of March, 1938."

- (3) On the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, 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, 1939, 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 21st day of March, 1938."

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 Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

Councillor James Billington thought that the amount struck for the Water Rate was not sufficient. He referred to the costs of the surveys being made at the present time, and to the improved Chlorinating Plant which it was proposed to erect at Coolree, but it was pointed out to him that these should all be regarded as Capital Expenditure and raised by way of Loan, and that the rate of 1/6d. just agreed to was ample to meet all expenditure properly chargeable against revenue during the current Financial Year.

COST OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

The Housing Committee recommended that a Loan of £700 be raised to complete the cost of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme. The following report submitted to the Committee by the Town Clerk shows how the £700 was necessary:-

- (1) Total cost of erection of houses including
Land, Law Costs, Roads, Sewers, Watermains,
Engineering Expenses, Etc.-----£49361. 18. 1.

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Forward-----£49361. 18. 1.

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|-----|---|-------------|
| (2) | Total cost of new road from junction of Batt Street and William Street to houses, including Land and Law Costs----- | 1539. 7. 4. |
| (3) | Cost of new fence between Railway and Housing Scheme----- | 398. 17.11. |
| (4) | Cost of road at South side of Scheme including purchase of land, etc., and alterations to Mr. Scallan's boundary, together with concrete roadway----- | 452. 16.11. |

£51753. 0. 3.

The Financing of the Scheme is as follows:-

Loan raised for the erection of houses £50,600 of which there has been lifted-----	£50,000. 0. 0.
Interest received from time to time-----	12.17. 0.
Land Bonds redeemed and applied to Scheme-----	11. 0. 0.
	£50,023.17. 0.

The erection of the houses (1) cost-----	49,361.18. 1.
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leaving towards the cost of (2) (3) and (4)---	661.18.11.
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A Grant was received towards the cost of the Road (2) of-----	420. 0. 0.
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and there is a balance of the loan raised for the erection of the houses (1) of-----	600. 0. 0.
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making a total towards the cost of (2) (3) and (4) of-----	£1681.18.11
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and leaving a balance to be provided of-----	709. 3. 3.
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£2391. 2. 2.

The cost of (2) amounts to £1539. 7. 4.	
" " " (3) " " 398.17.11.	
" " " (4) " " 452.16.11.	£2391. 2. 2.

The members considered that this Scheme had been carried out with credit to all concerned, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

RENT COLLECTORS.

The Housing Committee also made the following recommendations in connection with the two persons recently appointed as Rent Collectors:-

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- (1) That the Collectors lodge each morning and forward Treasurer's Receipt to Town Clerk's Office;
- (2) That they close their collections on Friday evenings and attend on Saturday mornings at the Town Clerk's Office for checking;
- (3) That they be given power to take any steps necessary to deal with Tenants in arrear, including recovery of possession in the name of the Corporation;
- (4) That, having regard to the comparatively small amount of their wages, the Corporation pay the annual Premiums on their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

As regards Recommendation No. 3, Councillor Gaul thought that if the Collectors were given power to secure possession of houses they should also be given the letting of them. It was pointed out, however, that this was not feasible having regard to the fact that a number of the houses being erected by the Corporation were for the re-housing of slum dwellers.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the recommendations were unanimously agreed to.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The Public Health Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of three houses at Talbot Street, occupied by William Clarke, John Doyle, and John Kirwan.

The necessary Notices had been served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and no undertaking had been accepted from the owner with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses.

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

FOREMAN'S WAGES.

The Finance Committee recommended that the wages of William Byrne, General Foreman, be increased by Five Shillings per week. In reply to Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk said that the Foreman's present wage was £3. 10. 0. per week, and he received a pair of boots each year, and an overcoat every two years. The boots usually cost 10/- to 11/- per pair, and the overcoat 50/- to £3. Councillor Billington objected to the recommendation on the grounds that in his opinion the cost of living was about to decrease. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was declared carried, with Councillor James Billington dissenting.

PURCHASE OF FIELD AT SUMMERHILL.

The Finance Committee recommended that an offer of £200 be made for a field at Summerhill.

The field in question was immediately adjoining the Corporation Dump, and just outside the Borough. It contained Six acres and twenty-five perches, and was subject to a Land Commission Annuity of £5. 5. 0. per annum.

The Mayor said that the reason the Finance Committee were recommending this to the Corporation was that in the very near future it would be necessary to extend the Borough, and that this would be an ideal field as a roadway could be opened up there down to Whitemill.

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It was also mentioned that no objection would be raised by the Board of Health under Section 7 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1908, to its acquisition by the Corporation, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 31st March was next submitted. This showed that he had examined 9 samples of milk, 6 of butter, 3 of Buttermilk, 2 of Rice, 2 of Vinegar, and one each of Brandy, Sugar, Blackcurrant Jam, Cheese, Olive Oil, Sago, Raspberry Jam, Margarine, and Marmalade Jelly, making in all 31 samples all of which had been found genuine, with the exception of the sample of Olive Oil, which was adulterated with at least 40 per cent. Arachis and Cotton Seed Oil mixed. In this connection it was reported that proceedings were brought against the vendor of the defective sample of Olive oil.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

Applications were submitted from the Palace and Capitol Cinemas for the renewal of their Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to renew the Licences for the ensuing twelve months.

Arising out of these applications, reference was made to the provision of films of an educational character at children's matinees, and it was pointed out that a request had been made on several occasions to exhibit such films.

After some discussion, it was decided to refer to the last request made on this matter, and to enquire if anything had been done to give effect to it.

It was also decided to request the proprietors of the Capitol Cinema to display a notice on the screen asking their patrons to queue on the roadway immediately alongside the footpath instead of on the footway.

"MEANS TEST" FOR FISHERMEN.

A letter was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce, stating that the representations made by the Association in the matter of the "Means Test" for Fishermen had been transmitted to the Department of Agriculture for consideration, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was agreed to urge the Department of Agriculture to expedite a decision on the matter.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been decided to request Alderman Cullimore to reconsider his decision to resign, the Alderman, under date of the 19th ultimo, stated he was sorry he could not alter his decision, so on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by the Mayor, his resignation was accepted with regret.

LOUGHREA -FREEHOLD OF HOMES.

The following Resolution proposed by Councillor McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Coffey, was unanimously adopted:-

"That we, the Corporation of Wexford, extend our congratulations to the people of Loughrea on their success in securing the freehold of their homes on the basis of Eight Years Purchase from the Earl of Murlough."

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CATTLE DRINKING TROUGHS.

Councillor Hayes referred to a ^{discussion} decision which had taken place some time ago at a meeting of the Works Committee relative to the provision of Cattle Drinking Troughs, and asked what had been done in the matter.

The Town Clerk stated that the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association had agreed to present a structure to the Corporation if they undertook to keep it in repair and supplied with pure water. He (Town Clerk) had been in communication with the Department of Industry and Commerce and Revenue Commissioners regarding the importation of the structure free of duty, and had recently received a Licence permitting such importation. The Metropolitan Association had given an order to their Contractors to prepare the fountain and it would be erected as soon as it came to Wexford.

Arising out of this, an appeal was made that these water fountains should be respected, as in the past they had cost the Corporation a considerable amount of money to maintain owing to damage by irresponsible people.

DUMPING.

Councillor Sinnott referred to a carcase of beef which had been dumped in the Corporation Dumping Ground some time ago during the hours of the night, and asked if anything could be done in connection with the matter.

The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that as far as he could gather the occurrence had taken place some six or eight weeks ago, and if the matter had been brought to his notice at the time he would have been able to trace the owner of the carcase and steps could have been taken against him.

It was agreed to instruct the Caretaker of the Dump to report to the Borough Surveyor or Town Clerk immediately he noticed anything abnormal in the dumping ground after the night.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis
Mayor of Wexford

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance.

RENT COLLECTION.

The Town Clerk reported that the Rent Collection for the week ended 25th ultimo was as follows:- Mr. Lacey had collected £77. 10. 1. out of a rental of £75, which was a reduction in the arrears; and that Mr. Roche had collected £47. 13. 6. out of a possible £50.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when Counsel's opinion in connection with the demolition of two houses at William Street was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mrs. O'Donohoe pointing out that she was legally liable for any expenses incurred by the Corporation in the demolition of the houses and in the repair of the adjoining house, and that they now held a charge on the site in respect of such expenses, so that she could not sell or lease the ground without first obtaining, in writing, their consent. He had received no reply to this communication, and asked if it would be in order for the Borough Surveyor to carry out the works on the adjoining house in respect of which Counsel held that they were liable, but it was decided to adjourn the matter until next meeting.

AGREEMENTS SIGNED.

Two written Agreements with Mr. Peter Hanton, of Hantoon Road, and Mr. T. J. Millar, St. John's Road, were sealed and signed, on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Murphy.

SHOP SIGN.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of a Sign outside the "Country Cafe" Selskar Street, Wexford, was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of a letter addressed to the owners by the Minister for Defence.

It appeared that the Sign had been damaged by an Army Ford Truck, but that the Minister refused to admit liability on the grounds that the Sign was displayed in such a manner as to constitute a danger to vehicles using the public highway.

As this case appeared to be one over which there might be litigation, no action was taken on the letter.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was sealed in respect of premises at Custom House Quay, occupied by Matthew Boggan.

TENDERS FOR REINFORCEMENT.

The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for reinforcement in connection with the Relief Grants for 1938. They were from Messrs. Thomas Pearson & Co. and Messrs. McNaughton's; both of whom quoted the same price of 1/1½ per sq. yard. In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated there was not any difference in the material, but that he had been using Pearson's in previous Grants and found it satisfactory, so it was unanimously decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Pearson & Co.

DRAIN AT ST. JOHN'S AVENUE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a memorial had been

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had been submitted from six persons at St. John's Avenue relative to a drain there, the Borough Surveyor reported that in his opinion the drain was on private property and could not be regarded as a public sewer. Therefore, the Corporation were not liable for its maintenance or relaying. There was no overflow from the old reservoir and the water in the trench was seemibgly from some spring. It was decided to inform the memorialists that as the drain in question was on private property, the Corporation were precluded from repairing it.

ADDITION TO HOUSE AT DAVITT ROAD.

A Mr. Edward Howlin, who was a tenant of a Corporation house at Davitt Road, North, applied for permission to erect a bedroom at the North end of the house, and it was decided to inform him that the Corporation were favourably disposed to grant his request, but that he should first submit a plan and short specification to the Borough Surveyor. He was also to be informed that if, at any time, he was vacating the dwelling, the structure should be left in position; and that no compensation would be payable in respect of this addition when he was vacating the house.

WALL AT ROCHE'S TERRACE.

The Borough Surveyor reported that to plaster the wall in front of the Roche's Terrace houses would cost £70, and it was decided to adjourn the matter until the Autumn.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The Town Clerk was given permission to apply for overdraft accommodation up to £6,500 on the Ordinary Account on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Moran.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT O'CONNELL AVE.

In reply to Councillor Moran, the Borough Surveyor stated that he was having the house at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by Gethings, repaired in the near future.

WATER SUPPLY.

At the request of the Borough Surveyor it was decided to cut off the water supply to the town between the hours of 8.0. p.m. and 7. 0. a.m. during the present dry weather and to prohibit the use of water for any put domestic purposes.

HOUSE AT TALBOT ASTRRET.

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been served on a Mrs. Kielty, who was the owner and occupier of a house at Talbot Street which the Medical Officer of Health considered to be unfit for human habitation. No representations had been made by Mrs. Kielty in the matter, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the premises.

DERELICT SITES.

Arising out of this, the members complained of the number of derelict sites throughout the town owing to the demolition of individual houses, and it was decided to enquire from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if he would be inclined to permit the Corporation to acquire these sites and erect individual houses on them.

Richard Cogan
Mayor of Wexford

16th May, 1938.

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, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

WATER SUPPLY.

The first business of the meeting was to consider a report from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, regarding the position of the Wexford Waterworks.

Under date of the 9th instant, the Engineers forwarded the following letter to His Worship the Mayor:-

"The records for 1938 of the water in Coolree, the water flowing in, and the water being used, are very alarming, the present position being what might be expected 2 to 2½ months later of a very dry year.

This means that we are more than two months to the bad, and that unless we get an excessively wet Summer of which there is no sign, we shall be faced at end of July with a shortage worse than any we have had since 1933, and this at the 1st of August when there may easily be two months of extreme drought still to come.

We suggest that to meet this emergency, emergency methods will have to be used, and the great difficulty is to think of anything that can be done in time.

In the course of our search for an additional supply for Wexford we have found nothing more promising than the River Sow at Edenvale. In this ten days ago there was a very good supply and since we measured it ten days earlier it had not reduced its volume appreciably.

So far as we can judge from the very dry season we have had, there will always be ample water in the Sow to supply Wexford, and we intend a little later to put a detailed scheme forward to you.

Meanwhile, in order to meet the dry times we fear, it occurred to us that if we could only get the necessary pipe we might lay a line from Edenvale to Coolree via Ferrycarrig, hire a portable engine and pump sufficient into Coolree to keep the Reservoir and Wexford going.

We tried to get you late last week and missed you. We put the position up to the L.G. Department, who approved, but said the scheme must go to Wexford and come on to them from there.

It is, of course, quite possible that we cannot get the pipes in time, and other difficulties may and will arise; but the matter is urgent and we would like to see you and talk it all over.

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Could you come in and see us as soon as you get to Dublin?"

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They also sent a communication to the Town Clerk as follows:-

"The present water level in Coolree reservoir and the rate at which this level is falling, the amount of water flowing into the reservoir and the rate at which this quantity is diminishing, and the daily rate of consumption, all form a set of circumstances, which, if it occurred later on in the year would mean very careful watching lest a serious shortage should result; but, occurring as it has occurred early in May, instead of well on in July, it is nothing short of being very alarming.

In years of normal rainfall it is usual for consumption to exceed inflow (and consequently for the water level in the reservoir to fall below the byewash weir) some time about late June or early July, and in years of low rainfall about the end of May or early June; but this year this point was reached on 11th March, i.e., $2\frac{1}{2}$ months earlier.

Apart from the reservoir there is usually considerable water in reserve, left over from the rainfalls of the winter and spring; this year, with no appreciable rainfall since mid January, all this reserve water outside the reservoir, and a considerable amount from the reservoir itself, has gone. Wexford was using over 500,000 gallons per day, and since taking up leakage and cutting off at night from Monday last, some 350,000 per day.

We have in the reservoir some $23\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons left, and we have a daily inflow of some 80,000 at present. At the present rate of consumption plus the falling rate of inflow, there is less than 88 days reserve at reduced demand in the town, and we have certainly 2, possibly 5, months - 150 days during which consumption plus evaporation will exceed inflow. It is clear that a very serious situation may result.

We have since early March, under Wexford's instructions, been looking for means of supplementing Wexford's existing supply. We have not yet completed detailed investigations, but the long and early drought has helped us, by showing what streams have not only sufficient water in Winter and Spring but have the power of resisting long continued drought. We found that the River Sow, flowing through Edenvale to Castle Bridge, had an ample Winter flow and a surprising resistance to the long drought of the past four months; a resistance that leads us to hope that no continuance of the drought will reduce its flow below the quantity required to pump all Wexford's needs automatically by means of the falls at Edenvale, and certainly ample if power pumping is resorted to. That it can always give a full supply without power pumping remains to be proved, but it is very promising.

We are not now putting forward our complete scheme, but propose an immediate scheme for meeting the shortage which we fear, and practically all we recommend to meet the emergency will be part of the permanent scheme.

We suggest that an 8" pipe line be laid from Edenvale to Coolree, at provisional estimated cost of £9,000 inclusive, a pump and engine to drive it installed at Edenvale to pump water direct to Coolree, where the Edenvale water will have the benefit of the existing reservoir, and from which the water will use the present service network. Only the hire of the pump and engine will be extra on the main scheme we will

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put forward later. We think the hire of the pump and engine will not be a very serious matter when compared with the danger of a real shortage of water in Wexford, its cost will depend on the period over which it may be retained.

We submit herewith a 6" scale map showing the general line on which we would expect to lay the pipe line and a section showing very roughly the profile of the country through which the pipeline will run.

It will, of course, be necessary to acquire right of access to the water at Edenvale. We propose to take the water at a point well below the lowest existing mill so that no milling rights are interfered with, there is no user of the water between us and tide level. Wayleave for the pipeline will also have to be acquired.

We submit this scheme for your approval as a simple method of dealing with a serious state of affairs, and would point out the urgency of immediate action as there is bound to be delay in getting pipes and in letting a contract for laying them."

The position in regard to the Waterworks, as explained to the meeting, was as follows:- In June, 1933, instructions were given to Messrs. Delap and Waller to make a survey with a view to improving quantity, quality, and pressure. In February, 1935, they submitted a scheme estimated to cost from £27,000 to £30,000, which the Corporation considered too expensive, especially as it meant the construction of a second reservoir with its consequent double running costs, and instructed the Engineers to submit a modified scheme. In July, 1935, a modified scheme, estimated to cost approximately £15,000, was submitted, but having regard to the very small amount of extra storage which this scheme would give, it was not thought to be economical.

After lengthy consideration by the Corporation, the two schemes were sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his opinion as to which would be the better of the two, and in May, 1937, the Consulting Engineers improved on the modified scheme, which was sent to the Department in August, 1937.

The Department were not satisfied that either of the schemes submitted were the best that could be obtained, and directed that further data regarding inflow of water, etc. should be obtained, and that every possible source of supply should be investigated before a final decision was come to.

In March last, instructions were given to Messrs. Delap and Waller to collect the data required by the Department, and to investigate possible sources of supply other than the Forth Mountain.

As a result of their investigations, Messrs. Delap and Waller were of opinion that the River Sow was the only place where a plentiful supply of water could be had. The river had a surprising resistance to the long drought of the past four months, and the Engineers were of opinion that it would always provide the quantity required for Wexford's needs automatically pumped by means of the falls at Edenvale, and certainly ample if power pumping were resorted to. They were not putting forward a complete scheme at the moment, but suggested that an 8" pipeline be laid from Edenvale to Coolree at a provisional estimated cost of £9,000. This pipeline would be included in their major scheme, and only the hire of a pump and engine would be extra thereto.

The Mayor thereupon moved the adoption of the scheme proposed by Messrs. Delap and Waller, and Councillor James Billington seconded. The scheme met with unanimous favour, but some members thought that there would be trouble in dealing with certain persons who might have water-rights at Edenvale or Castlebridge, and it was pointed out that the supply would be taken from the River, so.....

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that there did not appear to be any fear that excessive compensation would have to be paid.

The motion of the Mayor was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT GRATTAN TERRACE.

The next business was the selection of a tenant for a house vacant at Grattan Terrace, which had recently been vacated by Mr. John Sinnott.

In forwarding the keys of the dwelling, which he had occupied for the past twenty-five years, Mr. Sinnott stated he would expect a little compensation for a back kitchen, and cooking utensils which he had installed therein, from the new tenant, but it was agreed to refer this communication to the Finance and Works Committee for consideration.

Ten applications were submitted for the vacant house, and on the names of the applicants being read by the Town Clerk attention was called to the fact that two of them were the occupiers of Corporation houses, and reference was made to a resolution of the 20th April, 1936, when the Council had refused to agree to the principle of transfer.

When the resolution referred to was adopted, a vacant house was being let, and applications were submitted from two Corporation tenants for transfers. In the present instance, it was pointed out, that there was no application for a transfer, as such, before the Corporation, and that applications for the house had been invited in the usual way from any person who wished to apply for it.

The two persons to whom reference was made in the present instance were John Moloney and James Meyler of Carrigeon Street, and in reply to a query as to what his definition of a transfer was, the Town Clerk stated that some years ago when the first transfer to his knowledge had taken place, a man in a Corporation house at Emmet Place had applied to be transferred to a larger house at William Street, which had been agreed to at the time, and no applications had been invited from the public for the William Street house.

This had happendd on several occasions until a couple of years ago when it was decided that applications for transfers would only be considered from persons wishing to leave a small house for a larger one, but, as already pointed out, in April, 1936, the Corporation had passed a resolution refusing to agree to the principle of transfer. The Town Clerk thought that in the present case, there was no application for a transfer, as such, before the Corporation, as the house had been advertised and applications invited from any person who wished to apply for it.

The two persons in question had applied in the ordinary way, and he thought it was up to the members to decide for themselves whether or not they should vote for either of these two applicants.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, at the end of which the Mayor ruled on the resolution of April, 1936, that there were no applications for transfers before the present meeting, and as the advertisement did not in any way confine the applicants to Corporation tenants, these two persons had as much right to apply as any other, and consequently in his opinion their applications were in order.

A poll was thereupon taken, when there voted:-

For Thomas Crosbie:	Councillors McMahon, Cashman, Crosbie, James Billington, Aldermen Tobin and Coffey-----	6.
For John Moloney:	Councillors Gaul, Hawkins, Sinnott, John Billington and the Mayor-----	5.
For James Meyler:	Councillors Martin, Hayes, and Atkins-	3.

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For Thomas O'Leary: Councillors Dunne, McGuire, Moran,
Connolly, Murphy, and Alderman Flusk----- 6.

As no applicant had a clear majority, Meyler was eliminated, and Councillor Martin transferred to Crosbie, giving him 7, Councillor Hayes to Moloney giving him 6, and Councillor Atkins to O'Leary giving him 7.

Moloney was then eliminated, and Councillors Gaul, Hawkins, Sinnott, Hayes and the Mayor transferred to Crosbie giving him 12 votes. Councillor John Billington transferred to O'Leary giving him 8. The result, therefore, was Crosbie 12 votes, O'Leary 8, and Thomas Crosbie was declared elected.

Arising out of the question of transfers, Alderman Flusk asked that a copy of the Minute relating thereto be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, with a request that he define the meaning of the word "Transfer" although it was pointed out to him that this was purely a domestic matter to be settled by the members themselves and one in which the Minister would not be likely to interfere.

LOAN UNDER S.D. A. ACTS.

An application for a Loan of £500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, was submitted from Mr. Brendan Hickey, Spawell Road, to enable him to erect a house in which he proposed to reside, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the application was granted.

Richard Coats
Mayor of Wexford

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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 same members being in attendance.

RENT COLLECTION.

The report of the Rent Collection for the two weeks ending April 6th and 13th showed that Collector Lacey had lodged £81. 16. 7. and £70. 13. 4, reducing his arrears in the fortnight by £5. 3. 11. Collector Roche lodged £60. 14. 6 and £46. 12. 7, reducing his arrears by £6. 15. 11.

This report was considered satisfactory.

FOOTPATH AT JOHN STREET.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to reinstate the footpath at John Street as soon as possible, and in reply to a query he stated that to concrete the entire footpath would cost about £15 extra to concreting the cutting, and it was unanimously agreed that the entire path should be done. He was also requested to examine the footpath at Thomas Street and have repairs carried out to it.

FEIS CARMAN.

An invitation was submitted from the Committee of Feis Carman for the Corporation to attend in state at the official opening in New Ross on the 5th prox.

On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was agreed to attend.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Under date of the 10th instant, by circular letter No. 49, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called attention to the recent Agreement between the Governments of Great Britain and Eire, and pointed out that any reduction in the Duties should be followed by a consequent reduction in the prices paid by the Corporation on foot of current contracts for any materials subject to Import Duty.

TOWN RATE COLLECTION.

Under date of the 11th instant, by letter No. G.5435, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the closing of the Town Rate Collection on 2nd instant, and stated that the proportion of the Warrant carried forward was still high and merited the special consideration of the Council. Pending further consideration of the steps proposed to be taken to bring the Carried-forwards down to a reasonable level, he saw no reason to agree that the maximum poundage should be paid to Collector Curran. A payment of £100 could, however, be made to Mr. Curran; the question of the balance to be settled as soon as the general views of the Corporation on the matter were to hand.

In this connection it was pointed out by the members that the collection was higher than for 1936/37; a considerable amount of the arrears carried forward were in respect of premises in the occupation of persons from whom it was impossible to collect any money at present, and the amounts were only being carried forward in the hope that at some future date a sale might take place and the Corporation might then recover the amounts due to them.

In addition, Mr. Curran had had a number of prosecutions during the year without result.

The members also thought that it was most unfair that Mr. Curran's commission should not be paid him, and it was agreed to make strong representations to the Minister in the matter.

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DERELICT SITES.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to derelict sites in the Borough, was referred to the Housing Committee for their consideration.

ASSISTANT FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

The Town Clerk pointed out that owing to the pressure of work in the office and to the extra work imposed by the administration of the Relief Grants, it was impossible for the present staff to cope with it all, and asked the Corporation to provide him with a temporary assistant.

In reply to a query, he stated that in his opinion the best thing would be to employ a temporary typist, who would be able to type all the correspondence, Minutes, Etc. and leave Miss Lacey free to attend to other duties.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the Town Clerk's request, and decided to ask the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the employment of a typist for the duration of the Grant work at a wage of £1. 10. 0. per week.

NEW MARKET STALL.

An application was read from Mr. J. S. O'Mahony of North Main Street for the use of a stall in the New Market for the purpose of purchasing butter, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Atkins, to let him the stall at a rent of 5/- per week.

EMPLOYMENT FOR RD. KEANE.

A letter was read from a man named Richard Keane complaining that he had not been given employment with the Corporation since he met with an accident some time ago.

The position in this case was explained to the meeting by the Town Clerk, who stated that whilst employed on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme a couple of years ago, Keane met with an accident as a result of which he lost a finger. The case had been settled in Court last Summer on the basis of lengthy incapacity and inability to perform his normal work. Some time ago, Keane had applied for work as a carter, but having regard to the decision of the Circuit Judge in the case, the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to the Insurance Company asking them if Keane was fully "covered", and had received a reply to the effect that if Keane met with an accident whilst in the employment of the Corporation the Company would not reimburse them any expenses incurred thereby.

It was agreed to again request the Insurance Company to "cover" Keane, and to point out that as a carter he would not be as liable to an accident as if employed as an ordinary labourer.

HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD - MCGILL.

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of the Executors of the late Christina McGill, who had obtained a Loan of £450 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to erect a house, applied for permission to suspend the "Residence" clause in the Mortgage, which provided that the owner should reside in the house for three years. Having regard to the circumstances of the case, and for the fact that the Act provided for the suspension of the "Residence" clause in the case of death, the permission sought by the Solicitors was granted.

SAMUEL YATES' HOUSE.

A further letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors.

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relative to a loan of £650 made by the Corporation to Mr. Samuel Yates for the erection of a house. They stated that when Mr. Yates obtained this Loan his circumstances were entirely different; he was, he thought, in permanent employment in the town. His employment had now ceased, and Mr. Yates found himself in the embarrassing position of having a substantial house without having the necessary salary to maintain it, and they asked for the permission of the Corporation to sell on the condition that the loan made to him would be paid as a first charge out of the purchase money. After some discussion, it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Moran, to grant the permission asked for by the Solicitors.

GROUND RENT OF WESTGATE HOUSES.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that during the week he had had an interview with a Mr. Gannon, to whom the Corporation paid a Ground Rent of £10 per annum in respect of four houses at Westgate. Mr. Gannon also owned three houses at Temperance Row and the place known as "Dodd's Lane". He wished to know if the Corporation would be prepared to purchase out the ground rent and the other property in the neighbourhood.

Some years ago the Corporation had tried to acquire this property for the purpose of widening and taking off the corner of Temperance Row, and it was thought that this was an opportune time to enter into negotiations for its acquisition and the purchase of the Ground Rent, but before coming to a decision the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the three houses and Dodd's Lane.

The Town Clerk was also asked to get in touch with the owners of condemned property at Back Street, with a view to having it demolished with as little delay as possible.

PURCHASE OF FIELD AT SUMMERHILL.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 2nd instant, when it had been agreed to purchase a field at Summerhill for the sum of £200, the Town Clerk intimated that the Contract had been submitted by the Solicitors for the vendor to the Corporation Solicitor, and he (Town Clerk) had refused to sign it on the grounds that it included for the payment of £10 Auctioneer's Fees and £5. 5. 0. to the vendor's Solicitor. He could understand the payment of the Solicitor's fees but he saw no reason for the payment of Auctioneer's fees as it was not purchased on a public auction and no mention of an Auctioneer had been made by the vendor's Solicitors at any time before the Corporation's offer of £200 was made.

The Meeting decided to inform the Solicitor that they were not prepared to pay Auctioneer's fees.

GROUND AT BULLRING.

With reference to Minutes of 25th ultimo, when it was decided to enquire from the Ulster Bank if they would be prepared to dispose of a Building Site in the Bullring, the Manager, under date of the 5th instant, stated that his Directors were not disposed to sell at present.

SHOPS ACT.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th instant, No. P.H.57 enclosing a copy of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, and it was pointed out that the Corporation were only concerned with the administration of Part 6 of the Act, and that it

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might be necessary to delegate their powers of inspection to one of their officers.

It was decided to refer this circular, and the Act, to the Town Clerk for a report on what inspection would be necessary.

STREAM AT COOLREE RESERVOIR.

The Borough Surveyor was given permission to divert one of the streams at Coolree Reservoir, which the Engineers, Messrs. Delap and Waller, intimated was being fouled.

In connection with the decision of the Corporation to proceed with a scheme for the improvement of the Water Supply, the Town Clerk was authorised to go to Dublin to interview the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the financing of the scheme, and to arrange for the details of a Provisional Order, if such were necessary, in connection with the Consulting Engineers' proposals.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Councillor Connolly handed in the following Notices of Motion, which he stated he would move at next Statutory Meeting:-

(1) That we, the members of Wexford Corporation, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to send down an Inspector to enquire into delay and holding-up of Building Schemes;

(2) And to enquire as to the cause of delay in carrying out the making and repairing of roads, streets, and footpaths.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

Under date of the 12th instant, by letter No.29936, the Minister for Agriculture intimated that he proposed to organise the work of Veterinary Examination under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Pigs and Bacon Acts directly under the supervision of his Department, and was arranging for the recruitment of such an officer. It was not anticipated that such an officer would be appointed before the 31st July next, and he wished the existing arrangements to be continued until that date or on an earlier date if the new officer was available.

The present arrangement was that the Corporation employed a whole-time, temporary Veterinary Inspector at a salary of £450 per annum, and the Department of Agriculture refunded two-thirds of his salary for work under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Pigs and Bacon Acts. This arrangement would now be terminated, and as the Corporation could not afford, or had not work for a full-time Veterinary Surgeon, it would be necessary to make other arrangements before 31st July.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Finnucane, and he thought he would be inclined to accept part-time employment with the Corporation. He did not think, however, that he would accept it at the difference between his present salary and the amount recouped by the Department of Agriculture, namely, £150 per annum.

The members carefully considered this matter, and were of opinion that it would be advisable, if at all possible, to retain the services of Mr. Finnucane in a part-time capacity, as he had done extremely good work and was familiar with the scheme of Meat Inspection, and a discussion took place as to what salary should be offered to a part-time Inspector.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as far as he could ascertain Mr. Finnucane would be engaged on Corporation Meat Inspection for

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approximately half a week, and expressed the opinion that Mr. Finnucane would accept part-time employment at a salary of £200 per annum.

It was unanimously agreed, therefore, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to leave this matter in the hands of the Town Clerk to interview Mr. Finnucane, and if he was prepared to accept the part-time post at a salary of £200 per annum, to place the facts before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his approval.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected a house at Faythe occupied by Ambrose Stafford, and considered it unfit for human habitation, so it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a time and place when any representations with regard to the future user of the house would be considered.

He also reported that he had inspected two houses at Faythe, occupied by William Barr, and a house at Talbot Street, occupied by Patrick Sinnott, and in both cases he thought that they could be made habitable with extensive repairs, and in the case of the houses occupied by Mr. Barr, if overcrowding was prohibited. These three reports were referred to the Borough Surveyor for his observations as to the repairs necessary to make them fit for human habitation.

Dr. Sinnott also reported that the sanitary arrangements in the house, 150 The Faythe, occupied by John Luccan, constituted a nuisance. There was a very defective dry closet, and he recommended that a Water Closet be provided.

In this case it was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring the provision of a Water Closet within one month.

Richard Coombs
Mayor of Wexford

21st May, 1938.

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

The members present were:-

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

HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the proposal at last meeting to erect fourteen five-roomed houses at William Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 13th instant, by letter No. H.6547, intimated that he would raise no objection to the proposal. The Scheme was, however, he stated, one which should be put up for public tender.

It was further intimated to the meeting that the Corporation could now advertise for tenders for the erection of a Fire Station and eight bungalows at Davitt Road, North, and it was unanimously agreed to invite tenders by public advertisement.

ALLOCATION OF WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The next business was to consider the allocation of some of the houses nearing completion at Whitemill Road. It was reported that seventeen houses would be required to re-house persons in condemned houses, and as well, if the Green Street scheme was sanctioned in time, a further sixteen would be required to re-house temporarily the residents there. After some discussion, it was decided to allocate houses to applicants with families (including the parents) of five upwards.

The result of this decision was that the following persons were to be recommended to the Corporation for houses, namely:-

	<u>Family.</u>
Michael Tierney, Green Street.	11
Peter McLoughlin, Duke Street	9
Martin O'Brien, 170, Faythe	8
Frederick English, Do. <i>allocated</i>	8
Thomas Rossiter, Barrack Street	7
Margaret O'Neill, Faythe	7
Nicholas Tierney, Monck Street	6
James Crosbie, Swan View	6
Joseph Pitman, Faythe	5
Christopher Rossiter, Cornmarket	5
John Murphy, Duke Street	5
John Bolger, High Street	5
George Black, Duke Street	5
Joseph Owens, Main Street	5
Nicholas McEvoy, Monck Street <i>D</i>	5.

It was expected that a decision on the proposed Green Street Scheme would be forthcoming in the course of next week, and it was decided to hold another meeting on the 28th instant if such a decision was received. In the meantime, the Town Clerk was to make out a Table showing the rents which would require to be charged for these houses, together with a list of the allocations just made for the information of the members.

A Memorial from seven persons who had been re-housed at Maudlintown from Corry's Terrace was submitted, requesting to be transferred back to the new houses at Whitemill, but this was adjourned until next meeting.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford

30th May, 1938.

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: Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, and Thomas Walsh.

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

RELIEF GRANTS.

At the outset, Councillor Connolly complained of the small number of men employed on the resurfacing of Grogan's Road, and intimated that he was aware that the Steamroller was constantly lying idle owing to the lack of labourers to keep it at work.

The Surveyor, however, intimated that the greater part of the work in this connection was in the Quarry and he had at present seventy-five men employed on the Relief Schemes, which was the maximum number to carry out the work economically. He pressed Councillor Connolly to give specific dates on which the steamroller was idle, but this the Councillor was unable to do.

A very lengthy discussion took place on this matter, at the end of which the Surveyor intimated that if at all possible he would put on extra men, but at present he did not see how he could and at the same time carry out the work properly.

WEXFORD PAINT.

Councillor Connolly then referred to a discussion at a recent meeting of the Corporation in connection with the use of Wexford paint on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and stated that one of the Directors of the firm was present and wished to come before the Corporation in connection with this matter.

It was agreed to receive the representative of the Wexford Paint Company, Mr. Peter Hanton, and on coming before the meeting Mr. Hanton stated he understood that certain allegations had been made in regard to the failure of Wexford paint. He stated it had been suggested to him that he should come before the Corporation in connection with the matter.

At the outset, Mr. Hanton said that the particular atmosphere around Maudlintown was one against which the very best paint manufactured would probably fail to stand. The paint his firm supplied at Maudlintown was at a price of approximately 6/- to 8/- per gallon, and it was absolutely impossible to manufacture a good quality paint at this price.

After a lengthy discussion, a suggestion made by the Mayor was adopted - that the doors of four of the houses at Maudlintown should be repainted, two with paint manufactured ~~xxx~~ by the Wexford Paint Company, and two with paint obtained from the Local Government Trade Department. They could then see which of the two paints was better able to stand the weather in this area.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on the 2nd instant, when the question of Educational Films at Childrens' Matinees was under consideration, both Cinemas intimated that they had paid particular

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attention to this matter, and had on many occasions altered the programme to provide more suitable entertainment for children.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS' FEES.

Under date of the 10th instant, Mr. Donnelly, Architect for the Town Hall, intimated that he had checked the account of Messrs. Cullen and O'Brien, Quantity Surveyors, and was satisfied that the balance of fees due to them was properly payable. It was agreed to pay this account at the next Finance Meeting.

FIELD AT WATERLOO ROAD.

Under date of the 23rd instant, Mr. James J. Corry intimated that his field at Waterloo Road was not for sale. It had been suggested some time ago that this field would make the nucleus of a Childrens' Playground, but as Mr. Corry was not prepared to sell, nothing further could be done in the matter, and the Town Clerk was asked to look up the papers in connection with a proposal made a few years ago to establish a Public Park at Grogan's Road and Green Street.

OLD FEVER HOSPITAL.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the wall and manholes at the old Fever Hospital, and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Board of Health asking them to carry out the necessary repairs.

WALL AT ANNE STREET.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of a wall at Anne Street, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine it.

CHARGE OF FIFTY POUNDS.

Under date of the 21st instant, by letter No. S.8724, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had given directions for a remission of the Charge of £50 made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1936. This was considered satisfactory.

EMPLOYMENT OF RD. KEANE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Hibernian Insurance Company regarding their refusal to insure Richard Keane, the Company, under date of the 23rd instant, intimated that they were unable to alter their decision in this matter.

In this connection a suggestion was made that as Keane was a carter he could be employed to draw stones at so much per ton when he would be in the nature of a contractor, and the Corporation would not be liable if he met with an accident.

It was decided to get the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor on this matter by next meeting.

FIELD AT SUMMERHILL.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the purchase of a field at Summerhill was under consideration, Mr. Kirwan, Solicitor, intimated that as the Corporation were not prepared to agree to his terms, he would regard the negotiations as being at an end.

TOWN SERGEANT'S HOLIDAYS.

The Town Sergeant applied for and was granted his usual two weeks holidays.

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LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS - ARREARS.

The Town Clerk reported that four persons to whom loans had been made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were in arrear to the extent of £43. 13. 10. He had forwarded accounts on several occasions, but had received no replies, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health now requested to be informed what action the Corporation was taking in each case to recover the arrears.

The Committee decided that each of the persons in arrear be written to and informed that unless the amounts due were paid forthwith, the Corporation would be compelled to foreclose on the Mortgage.

SHOPS ACT.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, had been referred to the Town Clerk for a report, he now intimated that the Corporation, as the Sanitary Authority for the Borough, were required to administer Part 6 of the Statute. This Part dealt with the arrangements for the health and comfort of members of the staffs of shops and required (1) that suitable and sufficient ventilation, heating, sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, accommodation for taking meals should be provided (2) that seats should be provided for female members of the staffs. The Corporation were required to appoint an Inspector for the purposes of the Act and such Inspector should be a Sanitary Officer.

The Town Clerk further reported that the Shops (Hours of Trading) Act, 1938, repealed practically the entire Shops Act, 1912, and they were no longer authorised to have a Shops Inspector.

The Town Sergeant was the Shops Inspector in Wexford, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that it was a very small portion of his duties and as far as he was aware no apportionment of salary had ever been made in respect of his duties as Shops Inspector.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health had suggested that the Corporation should assign the duties under the 1938 Act to the Sub Sanitary Officer, but the meeting thought that as the present Sanitary Officer would probably be retiring in the Current Year that it would be better to allocate the duties of Inspector under Part 6 of the Act to the Town Sergeant pending the appointment of a new Sanitary Inspector.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to a fire at Messrs. Brockhouse on the 27th instant, but very little damage was done and the fire was under control in an hour. He further intimated that he was holding a practice with the Fire Engine at the Old Bridge opposite Courthouse and Distillery Road.

Under date of the 29th instant, Mr. Frank Goodison, a member of the Brigade, tendered his resignation and returned his equipment.

As regards the filling of this vacancy on the Brigade, it was decided to convene a meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee for a convenient date.

RATE COLLECTORS POUNDAGE.

An application from the Irish Local Government Officials Union on behalf of the two Rate Collectors for an increase of one per cent. in their poundage rate, and for the payment of their Fidelity Guarantee Bond premiums by the Corporation, was adjourned until the Poor Rate Collection for 1937/38 was closed.

STORE AT GIBSON STREET.

Councillor Hayes, who rented a store from the Corporation at Gibson

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Street, asked if they would fit larger windows to the place if he provided them, and this was agreed to.

VACANCIES ON CORPORATION.

Councillor Moran gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the two seats vacant in the Corporation by the resignation of Alderman Cullimore and the death of Councillor Doyle be declared vacant.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at John Street, occupied by William Hayes, and found the drain from yard choked. He recommended that it be opened and cleaned. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring this work to be carried out within seven days.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of April showed that he had examined 110 cattle, 366 sheep, and 43 swine. Of the cattle, one whole carcase, seven heads and two quarters to the extent of 12 cwt, and 20 organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, while 30 organs were destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, six organs were destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis, and of the swine three organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

It was reported that some time ago notice had been served on Miss White, Waterloo Road, requiring her to provide a water supply for a house there, her property, and occupied by John Murphy. On the 27th ultimo the Town Clerk had written to her pointing out that the work had not been done, and she called on him intimating that she was having it done within a fortnight, but up to the present the work had not been carried out.

It was decided to write to Miss White pointing out that unless she proceeded to have the work carried out immediately, the Corporation would do it themselves and proceed against her for the costs.

It was reported that, with reference to a house at King Street occupied by John Busher, which the Medical Officer considered unfit for human habitation, the owner had made no offer with regard to its future user, and so it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

A similar report was made with respect to a house at Faythe, occupied by Patrick O'Brien, and the Corporation was also recommended to make a Demolition Order in this case.

As regards a house at Parnell Street, occupied by Frank Kehoe, the Town Clerk intimated that, as requested, he had examined these premises, and found that they were occupied by a Club and were used as Recreation Rooms by the members. Kehoe and his family were living under very bad conditions in two tiny rooms, and he thoroughly agreed with the report made that such conditions were not conducive to the health of his family.

In this case it was seen that Kehoe could be dealt with as being the occupant of rooms in an overcrowded house, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to allocate him a new house as soon as possible. The occupiers of the premises at Parnell Street were to be asked to give an undertaking that the rooms at present occupied by Kehoe would not be let again for human habitation.

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The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the complete report from Messrs. Delap and Waller in connection with their proposal to utilise the water from the Falls at Eden Vale to supply the town, and gave a brief summary of their proposals, which, they estimated, would cost £27,300. The report was rather voluminous and contained a lot of statistics in regard to the flow of water, etc. so it was agreed that a copy of it should be furnished to each member prior to a Statutory Meeting of the Corporation where it would be formally considered.

Arising out of this report, the Mayor and Town Clerk gave a summary of all that had taken place in connection with the water supply since the last meeting.

It was decided, in view of the forthcoming '98 Celebrations that the graveyards of the town should be limewashed immediately.

Richard Auld
Mayor of Wexford.
