12th August, 1941.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to examine proposals for Relief Grant Work during the coming year met this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Walsh. Councillors Byrne, Sinnott, Connolly, and Dunne.

A lengthy report from Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser to the Corporation on the suggestion that a Public Park should be established out of the Grants was read.
This report dealt with two different sites, one at Maudlintown and the other at Grogan's Road, and after a very lengthy discussion it was decided that the Committee should visit the Maudlintown site on Wednesday next at 7.30. p.m. and the Grogan's Road site on Thursday at 8.15. p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

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14th August, 1941.

The Special Committee appointed to visit the Waterworks Improvement Scheme at Edenvale met at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, this day at three o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Sinnott.

These members accompanied by the Acting Borough Surveyor and the Town Clerk proceeded to Edenvale where they were met by Mr. Maconchy of Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, and Mr. McCaffrey of Messrs. McCaffrey and O'Carroll, Contractors for the Scheme.
The members inspected the work which had been done at Edenvale and were satisfied with the progress which was being made. They were also informed that the remainder of the cement asbestos pipes specified for the job had now come to hand and that the work would now proceed at a much faster rate.
As regards the spun iron pipes which had been under discussion at a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 11th instant the Engineer and Contractor pointed out to the Committee that it was absolutely impossible to procure these and it would be necessary to substitute cement asbestos pipes.
The members of the Finance Committee when this matter was before them were satisfied with this substitution provided that the Engineer could give them an assurance that their life would be a reasonably long one, and on receiving this assurance from Mr. Maconchy the Committee agreed as authorised by the Finance Committee to approve of the substitution of cement asbestos pipes in lieu of the spun pipes which it was impossible to procure.

The meeting then terminated.

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Mayor of Wexford

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18th August, 1941

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Sinnott, Hayes, Byrne, McMahon, Connolly, Gaul, Crosbie, Cashman, Moran and Dunne.

RE WATERWORKS PIPES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the substitution of cement asbestos pipes for spun iron pipes on portions of the Wexford Waterworks Scheme was under consideration, it was reported that the Committee appointed to inspect the Works had proceeded to Edenvale on Thursday last where they met the Contractor, Mr. McCaffrey, and Mr. Maconchy, Consulting Engineer. The Committee expressed themselves as being satisfied with the progress being made and had been assured by both the Contractor and the Consulting Engineer that as further pipes were now available more men would be employed during the coming week.
As regards the substitution of cement asbestos pipes for spun iron pipes the Committee were assured by both the Contractor and the Consulting Engineer that there was no danger of these pipes giving away under pressure as arrangements had been made to have them tested at the Works to 1½ times the usual pressure, and as well, they would be tested in the ground at a greater pressure than they would ever be called on to bear with the Scheme.
The members of the Committee who attended were His Worship the Mayor with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Connolly; they were accompanied by Mr. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor and the Town Clerk.
After some discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Coffey that the substitution proposed by the Engineers be agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

RE SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. John F. O'Loughlin, Sanitary Inspector, under date of the 13th instant in which he stated that he had received a communication from the Local Appointments Commission informing him that they could not recommend him for the post of Sanitary Inspector. In consequence of this decision he wished to terminate his employment as from the 9th instant. He regretted having left without giving due notice but owing to the fact that his wife was unwell he was anxious to get home as quickly as possible.
As a result of Mr. O'Loughlin's decision this left the Town without a Sanitary Inspector and disinfections and other matters had to be carried out by the Town Sergeant.
The Town Clerk further suggested that the only course open to the Corporation at the moment was that he should get in touch with the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, and ask him when he would be in a position to recommend a person for permanent appointment. If this could not be done inside the next week or ten days he (Town Clerk) further suggested that he should be authorised to get in touch with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and inquire if they would be in a position to recommend a person for temporary appointment from the panel of qualified Sanitary Inspectors. In the latter case the Town Clerk further suggested that he should be authorised to employ an Inspector as soon as possible.
The suggestion of the Town Clerk was unanimously agreed to.

REPORTS - M.O.H.

There was submitted to the meeting two reports from Dr. Pierse, Medical

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Officer of Health, to the effect that acting on a complaint received from the Town Clerk he had visited the yards at Selskar Street tenanted by William Malone and Sergeant Breen and found in both a serious nuisance to the residents in the vicinity due to a foul odour emanating from offal being boiled for pigs, and he recommended that the nuisance be abated by the discontinuance of the boiling of offals.
The Town Clerk reported that for some time past he had been receiving complaints about this nuisance from the residents in that area but it was only on Saturday last that he had been able to ascertain definitely what the cause of the nuisance was. As a result he had phoned Dr. Pierse and asked him for the reports which were now before the meeting.
It was unanimously decided that notice be served on both persons requiring them immediately to discontinue the boiling of offals for pigs.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. T. Crosbie, Captain of Fire Brigade, was anxious to visit Dublin Fire Brigade Headquarters at Tara Street in order to familiarise himself with the working of breathing apparatus which was at the Fire Brigade Station here, and as Crosbie was on holidays at the present time it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk be authorised to send him to Dublin for this purpose.

ARREARS - M. BOLGER, FISHER'S ROW

The Town Clerk reported with reference to a loan made to Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and in respect of which they had been obliged to take possession of the house which they had subsequently given to Mrs. Alicia Donohoe, who in turn had given the Corporation a Mortgage for the full sum of £500 advanced to Mrs. Bolger, that a sum of £71. 11. 5. was shown in the Corporation Accounts as being due by Mrs. Bolger on foot of the Mortgage up to the 31st March last on which date Mrs. Donohoe took possession, and he (Town Clerk) now suggested that these arrears be written off as irrecoverable, as in his opinion, it was absolutely impossible to collect them. This course was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

HOUSE - ST. BRENDAN'S ROAD

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the house at St. Brendan's Road, William Street, being sold to Mr. Michael Devereux on the Tenant Purchase System, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant by letter No. H.20119/41, forwarded a copy of a communication received from Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, acting on behalf of Mrs. Devereux. This letter set out the facts of the case which were already known to the members. Briefly, they were that Ml. Devereux had applied for the house; had been granted a tenancy; had paid the necessary deposit; and had paid the costs. Before the Mortgage Deed could be completed, however, Devereux had disappeared and all attempts to trace him by the authorities had failed. His wife had been unable to meet the weekly Rent Charge on the house as a result of which there was now over £30 due to the Corporation. It was suggested by Mr. Byrne, Solicitor, that the Corporation should agree to the Mortgage Deed being made out in the name of Mrs. Devereux, but the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he would not agree to this course unless it was sanctioned by the Corporation Solicitor. After some further discussion it was decided to request the Corporation Solicitor to attend next Monday's meeting of the Corporation when this matter could be dealt with.

COMPLAINT

A complaint relating to a Mrs. O'Brien of Mantoon Road was submitted, but as no specific details were given it was decided to ask the persons who made the complaint for such details.

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HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The Town Clerk reported that there was due to the Corporation by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners no less a sum than £181. 5. 0. on foot of the agreement entered into for the Maintenance and Lighting of the Harbour Streets,together with that there was a sum of £5. 15. 0. due for water sold to ships in the year ending 31st March last, making a total of £187. 0. 0 due by the Commissioners. He had written to the Commissioners in December last on the subject of this Account, and had received a reply in January to the effect that the Commissioners finances were at present unable to meet the demand. He (Town Clerk) further pointed out to the meeting that according to the audited accounts of the Board for the year ending 31st March last their Revenue Account showed a surplus of £1070 and the Profit & Loss Account showed a surplus balance of £495. Having regard to these figures he (Town Clerk) could not agree with the contention of the Board that they were unable to meet their liabilities to the Corporation, and he thought that some steps should be taken to recover this debt.
It was decided to write a letter to the Board on the lines of the Town Clerk's report and ask them to discharge the debt.

DANCE LICENCES

Notice of intention to apply for dance licences were submitted by John Lucking, Faythe, on behalf of the Geraldine Athletic Club, and by His Worship the Mayor in respect of the Town Hall.
No objection was raised to the renewal of these licences.

Correspondence was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Secretary, Wexford County Council, on the subject of the destruction of rats and mice and this was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to make a report on the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In connection with the public lighting which it had been agreed to reduce in May last up to the 31st instant, the Town Clerk asked if the Corporation proposed to make any further change in the system. At present he explained only approximately twenty-five per cent of the lights were lighting. They were the lights that normally were lighting from dusk until dawn and they continued to operate in that manner at present. The lights that normally were lighted from dusk until midnight had been discontinued, but the meeting appeared to feel that the number of lights at present in operation were not sufficient, so it was decided to circularise the members with a list of the lights at present in operation and the matter could be discussed again at next meeting.

PUBLIC PARK

It was decided that a meeting of the Grants Committee be held on the 19th instant at 8.0.p.m. to consider the question of sites for a Public Park.

DERELICT SITES

The Town Clerk once again submitted to the meeting the report of the Borough Surveyor on the acquisition of Derelict Sites under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940. The following is the report:-

(1) Back Street. Property of Messrs. Godkin & Co., portion to be acquired for street widening.

(2) Gibson Street. Isolated sites with ruinous houses on same should not be acquired.

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(3) Fisher's Row ruinous houses. In this case the whole street should be cleared, widened and frontages made available for building. I do not advise the acquisition of these sites for the present.

(4) Cornmarket. Two ruinous houses. I advise against the acquisition of this site.

(5) Abbey Street. One ruins of house. do.

(6) Keyser's Lane ruinous houses. I advise against the acquisition of this site.

(7) Brockhouse & Co.'s site. Alongside this site there are some old houses which should be acquired before contemplating any use of this site.

(8) There are various isolated sites in the Faythe occupied by ruinous and condemned houses. I would not advise that these sites be acquired.

(9) Corry's Tc. and Paradise Row. This would be an expensive site to develop and I advise against the acquisition of same.

(10) There are isolated sites of condemned and ruinous houses in Talbot Street and I advise against the present acquisition of these sites.

(11) Batt's Street. This contains sites of a number of condemned and ruinous houses together with a few fairly good houses. In this case a clearance order and C.P.O. are advisable. The site is suitable for working class houses.

(12) Allen Street. Isolated sites of condemned houses should not be acquired.

Generally, I am not in favour of building working class houses for slum clearance in any of these sites with the possible exception of Nos. 3, 7 and 11. It would be well to have the advice of your Town Planning Expert on these sites as he will take them into account when drafting his report.

(SIGNED) P. K. McNALLY,

Borough Surveyor.

As regards No. (1) the Committee agreed with the Borough Surveyor to acquire a portion of Back Street for street widening.

(2) The Committee agreed with the Surveyor that the sites at Gibson Street should not be acquired.

(3) In the case of Fisher's Row, the Committee considered that only the portion adjoining Trinity Street and William Street should be acquired and referred the matter back to the Surveyor for a further and detailed report.

(4) (5) & (6) The Committee agreed with the Borough Surveyor that the sites should not be acquired.

(7) As regards this site the Committee considered that the houses adjoining (mentioned by the Surveyor) were comparatively good and that no action should be taken for the moment. The site of some derelict houses owned by Messrs. Brockhouse & Co. Ltd., should be acquired at a future date for housing.

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(8) As regards this site the Committee that there were some sites in the Faythe which might be usefully acquired for Housing purposes, and asked the Surveyor for a further report.

(9) The Surveyor was asked to report on the cost of developing Corry's Terrace and Paradise Row sites.

(10) The Committee agreed with the Surveyor against the acquisition of the Talbot Street sites.

(11) The Surveyor was asked to make a survey of Batt Street and to submit a sketch plan for its development.

(12) The Committee agreed that the isolated sites in Allen Street should not be acquired.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
mayor 1-9-41

19th August, 1941

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Sinnott, Hayes, Byrne, Dunne and Connolly.

The Committee had inspected the two sites proposed by Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, for a public park and were divided on the merits and demerits of each.
As regards the Faythe site, however, they thought that Mr. Donnelly had not taken in sufficient ground there and decided to recommend the Corporation if they agreed on this site that a further seven acres should be added thereto, but it was eventually decided to refer the entire matter to a Special Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 25th instant, and in the meantime, a copy of Mr. Donnelly's report was to be furnished to each of the members.

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mayor
1-9-41

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19th August, 1941.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Crosbie, Cashman, Moran, Sinnott, Hayes, Byrne, Dunne and Connolly.

This meeting had been specially convened as a result of a Public Meeting held in the Town Hall on the 18th to appoint two members to represent the Corporation on a Committee set up at the Public Meeting to examine the question of providing food and fuel for the poor during the coming winter, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Alderman Walsh and Councillor Hayes were appointed to represent the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

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25th August, 1941.

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 seven o'clock p.m. to consider a report from Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser on the two sites suggested for a Public Park.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Stephen McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran and Thomas Hayes.

WATER SUPPLY

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor referred to the scarcity of water last year and the hardships which had resulted. This year the Corporation had taken adequate precautions very early to conserve the supply and the people had co-operated at first by reducing the consumption. They now appeared to think, however, that the little rain which had fallen had removed any danger of a shortage this year, and the consumption during the past two weeks had increased by about 100,000 gallons per day.
The Corporation were doing everything in their power to have the Waterworks Improvement Scheme completed as soon as possible, and the Contractor was progressing favourably, but the new Scheme could not possibly be any help this summer.
They could very easily have a dry Autumn which would be serious for the present supply, and he earnestly appealed to the citizens to avoid wasting water.
Aldermen Walsh, Coffey and McMahon supported the Mayor's appeal and a warning was issued that unless the consumption was very considerably reduced, a drastic curtailment of the supply to the town would be made.

PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK

The report of Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser to the Corporation, on the two sites suggested for a Public Park was next submitted. A copy of this report was furnished to each member with the notice convening the meeting, and a further copy is annexed to these minutes.
The report had been considered by a Special Committee on two occasions, the members of which had visited both sites. In connection with the Maudlintown site, the Committee recommended that the area of it be increased by approximately seven acres of adjoining land. Regarding this additional land the Mayor explained, in reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, that there was evidently a misunderstanding between the Architect and the members who pointed out the ground to him and as there was a fence across, it might have led him astray.
In reply to Alderman Coffey it was stated that the total amount which would be available from the Relief Schemes Vote was approximately £8,000, but as no notification of what the Grant would be had yet been received the figure was being based on the amounts allocated in previous years. None of the money from the Grant could be utilised for the acquisition of land or Architects fees and these costs would have to be met by the Corporation as distinct from their ordinary contribution supplementing the Grant.
After some preliminary discussion, Councillor Hayes moved that the Thomas Street site be agreed on. In doing so he pointed out that it was in the centre of the Town and an ideal place for a park to which there could be four entrances. He believed that years ago portion of the land proposed

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to be acquired was used as a park by the citizens and he did not think that a better site could be obtained.
Councillor Connolly seconded the motion and pointed out that the Maudlintown site had only three narrow laneways for entrances, and it was also in close proximity to the Corporation Quarry which might lead to it having to be closed during blasting operations. The cost of developing the Maudlintown site would also be much more than the Thomas Street one, and as the job was primarily intended to relieve unemployment, the cost of providing walls and gates should not be lost sight of.
The Town Clerk read a memorial from the residents of Thomas Street which stated they learned that a statement had been made at a Committee Meeting to the effect that they were opposed to the proposed park being established in the vicinity. The memorialists, however, stated that they would welcome the establishment of the park in their area for the benefit of the citizens generally and for the sake of their children who were obliged to take their recreation in the streets.
Councillor Sinnott proposed that the Maudlintown site be selected, and pointed out that from the Public Health point of view it was one of the best sites obtainable, and was a natural park. The entrances to the Maudlintown site were, to his mind ample, and others could be provided if necessary. It would be necessary to build walls around both sites and this work would also provide employment for both skilled and unskilled labour. The Maudlintown site was one of the most picturesque portions of the Borough and had been used for many years - although illegally - for that purpose by people from all parts of the Town. There was ample room for football and tennis grounds and, if necessary, for expansion.
Councillor Byrne seconded Councillor Sinnott's proposal, and also stressed the natural advantages of the site. Referring to the memorial from the residents of Thomas Street he said he was the member who made the statement, and he had received his information from the wife of one of the memorialists in the presence of three other people. He thought, however, that the member of the Committee who spoke outside of a matter discussed in Committee was guilty of abuse of privilege.
Councillor Cashman said that the Committee should have made some recommendation as to which of the sites they considered the better; and thought that any Relief Schemes in the current year should include the laying of concrete footpaths at the Maudlintown Housing Estate.
The Mayor said that the question of a Public Park had been before the Corporation for almost thirty years. The merits and demerits of the two suggested sites had been discussed by the Committee at length, and he was satisfied that the Maudlintown site was the better of the two. A considerable amount of time had been spent on previous occasions in trying to acquire the Thomas Street Site but so many interests were involved that the project had to be dropped. The acquisition of land, however, had been simplified by recent legislation, but even so some time might elapse before it could be acquired. On the other hand the land for the Maudlintown Site could easily be acquired as there were not so many interests involved.
After a lengthy discussion on the merits and demerits of the sites a poll was taken, when there voted:

For the Maudlintown Site: Alderman McMahon and Coffey. Councillors McMahon, Cashman, Dunne, Sinnott, Byrne, and the Mayor.

For the Thomas Street Site: Alderman Walsh, Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Connolly, Moran and Hayes.

Councillor Sinnott's proposal that the Maudlintown Site be selected was then declared carried, but Councillor Connolly held that as the majority

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was only two and as only fourteen members were present, they were not fulfilling the wishes of the people. He, therefore, gave notice that he would move the rescission of the Resolution at next Monday's meeting and let the people have a plebisite on the matter.

The notice of motion was accepted and the meeting terminated.

Richard Cedric T.D.
Mayor 1-9-41

25th August, 1941.

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

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the house at St. Brendan' Road, William Street, being acquired on the Tenant Purchase System by Michael Devereux was under consideration, Mr. F. M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, now attended the present meeting. Mr. O'Connor went through all the facts of the case for the members and pointed out to them that there was a contract between the Corporation and Mr. Devereux to sell him the house at St. Brendan's Road for the sum of £670 for which Michael Devereux had made his deposit and held the receipt. Up to the present not one scrap of evidence had been produced that would lead him to believe that Michael Devereux was dead, and in the absence of such evidence he could not advise the Corporation to agree to the lease of the premises being made out in the name of Mrs. Devereux. In reply to a query Mr. O'Connor stated that the only course open to the Corporation was to apply to the Courts for an Order for possession on the ground of non-payment of rent and non-completion of the Contract by Mr. Devereux.
The members carefully considered this matter and saw that whilst they had a certain amount of sympathy for Mrs. Devereux in the position which she found herself they could not agree to the conveyance being put in her name in the absence of some evidence at least that her husband was dead, so it agreed that Mr. O'Connor should communicate with the Solicitor for Mrs. Devereux asking him if he could produce any evidence whatever that Mr. Devereux was no longer alive, and if this was not forthcoming inside the next few weeks that the case be entered for hearing at the forthcoming Circuit Court.

TREES - ST. PATRICK'S GRAVEYARD

An application from James Browne, Gibson Street, for permission to cut the branches of some of the trees at St. Patrick's Graveyard, which were growing over the wall into his garden was granted provided that Mr. Browne took complete responsibility for the cutting.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the appointment of a Sanitary Inspector in lieu of Mr. O'Loughlin was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, regarding a recommendation for a permanent Inspector, but the Commission would not be in a position to make a recommendation inside of the next three or four weeks. He had then got in touch with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and asked them if they could recommend a person off the list of qualified Sanitary Inspectors, but the Department had no knowledge of any of the

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people on the panel with the exception of one man named Harnett, and on getting in touch with this man he (Town Clerk) had ascertained that he was at present employed as Temporary Inspector in Cork City.
It was thereupon decided that the Town Clerk should get in touch with Mr. O'Loughlin and find out if he was in a position to come back to the ~~until a permanent~~ and continue as temporary Sanitary Inspector until the permanent appointment was made, and if not, to try and communicate with some of the persons on the panel with a view to having one of them take up temporary duty.

PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE

The following Committee were appointed to consider the question of Public Lighting during the coming winter, namely, Councillors Byrne, Sinnott, Hayes, Connolly, Aldermen Coffey, Walsh, and the Mayor.

FOOTPATHS - PATRICK SQ.

A complaint regarding defective footpaths at Patrick Square and Rowe Street was referred to the Acting Borough Surveyor for attention.

MILK DISTRIBUTOR'S RESIGNATION

Miss Dora O'Leary who for the past 23 years had distributed milk under the Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme stated that owing to continued ill health she was unable to be of any further service and was resigning the position of milk distributor. She was disposing of her premises which was being taken over as from the 1st September by Miss E. Doyle of Cornmarket, whose premises adjoined Miss O'Leary's, and she respectfully suggested that Miss Doyle should be allowed to continue the distribution of the milk.
It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the milk continue to be distributed from the same premises by Miss Doyle and on the same conditions as Miss O'Leary distributed it.

REPORT OF INQUIRY

The Mayor intimated to the meeting that he had received the report of the Inspector who had held an Inquiry last year into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation. The Town Clerk had received no report yet and he (Mayor) proposed to draft a reply to the communication and have it discussed in Committee at next Monday's meeting of the Corporation.

HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

Councillor Byrne asked what was the position regarding the provision of Water Closets for 12 houses in Clifford Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with Mr. Stafford on the 18th instant as directed but had received no reply so far. It was eventually decided that Mr. Stafford should be asked to meet the Mayor and Town Clerk during the present week to go into the question of the provision of these conveniences.

LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, in respect of the premises of Messrs. McMullan Brothers, Trinity Street, Wexford, was signed.

EAVE SHOOTS

The Turncock was to be asked to make a report on the condition of the eave shoots on the premises at South Main Street, Wexford, formerly occupied by Mr. James Whelan, Dentist.
The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish TD
Mayor
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1st September, 1941.

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, James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran and Thomas Hayes.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 11th and 25th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 11th, 18th, 19th and 25th ultimo; Special Relief Grants Committee on 12th and 19th ultimo; and Special Committee to visit the Waterworks on 14th ultimo.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of Resolutions of Congratulation passed at a previous meeting were read from the Rev. J. Sinnott, P.P., Our Lady's Island; and Rev. G.J. Murphy, Adm., Wexford.
Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy were read from Councillor Moran, Rev. Canon Hazley, and Mr. Edward Byrne.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4144. 13. 11. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.
Arising out of the accounts, Councillor Byrne stated that at the last Statutory Meeting some matters were raised by him, and he asked the Mayor if he was in a position to give him the information he requested. The Mayor replied that he was not as the Borough Surveyor was not due back from his holidays until Wednesday.
The matters referred to by Councillor Byrne were the purchase of materials to manufacture a Handcart, the hoarding up of A.R.P. Shelters, and the loaning of Corporation Plant to the Contractors for the erection of houses at Green Street.
Councillor Byrne asked that a Special Meeting of the Corporation be held to deal with these matters, and it was agreed that a Special Meeting be held on the 15th instant.

SUSPENSION OF FOREMAN.

Alderman Coffey stated that some time ago the Borough Surveyor had suspended the Foreman, and asked if the Surveyor had withdrawn the charges against him. The Mayor replied that Mr. McNally had withdrawn any suggestion that he had made a criminal charge against the Foreman and that his only grievance was what he attributed to carelessness. Alderman Coffey, however, thought that in matters of this kind the Corporation should not interfere, but it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor had only power to suspend the Foreman at any time, and the final decision rested with the Corporation.

STOCKTAKING.

The Alderman also referred to the keeping of a Stock Book for the

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Corporation stocks, and it was pointed out to him that recently a complete record had been made of all stocks of materials, and this was now in the hands of the Borough Surveyor. The Corporation, however, thought that the Stock Book should be laid on the table of the Council Chamber occasionally so that it could be inspected by the members.
The discussion ended.

PETROL.

Councillor Moran asked how long the Petrol Account of £12. 13. 0. which appeared on the Pay Sheet was for, and the Town Clerk replied that it would be a month's supply. He (Town Clerk) pointed out that the lorry at present in use was working in low gear practically all the time and consumed approximately thirty gallons of petrol per week. In addition, the Fire Engine and Auxiliary Fire Pumps had to be kept supplied.

OVERDRAFT.

Alderman Coffey asked if the Corporation had an overdraft at the present time, and was informed by the Mayor that it was usual at this time of the year to have an overdraft.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

In reply to Councillor Dunne, the Town Clerk stated that for the week ended 30th ultimo forty men were employed on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. He did not know how many men had been stopped at the week-end as that was entirely a matter for the Contractors.
Councillor Dunne then asked if all the persons employed on the scheme were men taken from the Labour Exchange, and it was pointed out that the Contractors were bound by the terms of their contract to employ only men supplied by the Local Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce. If, however, the Contractor wanted twenty men he was at perfect liberty to ask for 150 and select his twenty from those.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

In reply to Councillor Byrne regarding a resolution at last meeting on the subject of the extension of National Health Insurance Benefits, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that he was in receipt of the Corporation's resolution and stating that the matter was receiving attention.

SANITARY SUB OFFICER.

The Town Clerk reported that Edward Byrne, former Sanitary Sub Officer had been taken to the Mental Hospital during the past week. From a conversation he had had with Byrne before he was removed it appeared that he wished his monthly pension to be paid to his sister, Mrs. O'Neill. He (Town Clerk) had consulted with Dr. Moloney, Resident Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital, as to whether or not Byrne was in a proper mental state to execute an assignment of his pension to his sister. Dr. Moloney was perfectly satisfied that he was, and consequently a document had been signed by Byrne, and witnessed by Dr. Moloney, assigning his monthly pension to Mrs. O'Neill. He (Town Clerk) now asked for the authority of the Corporation to pay the pension to Byrne's sister.
This course was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Byrne,

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Councillor James Sinnott was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee occasioned by the death of Councillor James Billington.

VACCINATION.

Under date of 11th July, by letter No. M.C.17030/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded an extract from the Return Form 'L' showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Borough, and requested that the necessary action be taken by the Corporation.
Alderman Coffey moved that the law be enforced in this connection, but there was no seconder for the motion, and as all the other members expressed themselves as against compulsory vaccination, the Mayor proposed that action be deferred. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to, with Alderman Coffey dissenting.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular letter under date of the 13th August, 1941, No.97/41, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject of the destruction of rats and mice. There was also submitted a letter from the Secretary of the County Council enquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to accept the delegation of the powers of the County Council under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.
After some discussion it was agreed to accept the delegation of these powers, and as soon as they were received the Town Clerk intimated that he would issue a notice to the public regarding the destruction of these pests.

PUBLIC PARK.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when notice was given by Councillor Connolly to move the rescission of resolution of 25th ultimo deciding to select the Maudlintown Site for a Public Park. Before the discussion commenced, the Mayor said he wished to make it perfectly clear that if the Corporation adhered to their present decision it would have to stand as no motion to rescind it could be again accepted in the present Financial Year.
Councillor Connolly then proposed that the resolution be rescinded and that the selection of a site for the Park be decided by the people by way of plebiscite.
Councillor Hayes seconded this motion, and similar arguements to those set out in minutes of last meeting were put forward both for and against the different sites.
After a very lengthy discussion it was decided to take a poll on the motion to rescind the resolution, but before doing so the Mayor asked the Town Clerk what powers the Corporation had to take a plebiscite. The Town Clerk replied that so far as he was aware there was no such provision in any of the Local Government Acts, but before giving a definite decision he would like an opportunity of consulting the Corporation's legal adviser on the matter.
A short discussion then took place as to the manner in which the plebiscite or the opinion of the people might be taken in the event of Councillor Connolly's motion being carried, and it was thought that it could be best done by two members of the Corporation visiting the various streets in the town and asking the opinion of the citizens.
A poll was thereupon taken on Councillor Connolly's motion to rescind the Resolution of 25th ultimo, when there voted:-

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For Rescission: Councillors Hayes, Moran, Connolly, Buckland, Gaul, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh----------7.

Against Rescission: Councillors Dunne, McMahon, Byrne, Sinnott, Cashman, Aldermen McMahon, Coffey, and the Mayor 8.

The motion to rescind the resolution was accordingly declared lost. Councillor Cashman pointed out that in view of the difference of opinion between the Corporation on the site for the Park it might be some time before it was approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and he considered it would be wise for the Grants Committee to prepare an alternative programme for the employment schemes for the current year in addition to their task of preparing an emergency employment scheme which had been asked for by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

VACANT SEATS ON CORPORATION.

At this stage Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that all seats on the Council formerly held by members who had not attended for the Statutory period of six months or members who were dead should be declared vacant, and be filled.

HOUSING INQUIRY.

In accordance with a decision of the Finance Committee at last meeting, the Corporation thereupon went into Committee to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th July last, No. H.14616, which had been addressed to the Mayor on the subject of an Inquiry held by an Inspector of the Department into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.
The Mayor read the communication which he had received, and pointed out that so far no letter had been received by the Town Clerk. He stated he did not agree with a number of points in the letter and read a portion of a reply he had drafted to the communication. He asked, however, that the Housing Committee should be authorised to examine the report of the Inspector in detail and to assist him in framing the necessary reply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
After hearing the communication read, the members considered that this was a very advisable suggestion, and decided that the Housing Committee be authorised to assist the Mayor in preparing the Corporation's reply, when both the Minister's letter and the reply of the Corporation could be submitted to a public meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Redmond TD
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 Statutory Meeting; the same members being in attendance.

RETENTION MONEY - GREEN STREET CONTRACT.

With reference to Minutes of 11th ultimo, when an application from Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Contractors for the erection of thirty-four houses at Green Street, for a reduction in the amount of the retention money on their contract was referred to the Borough Surveyor for report, Mr. McNally reported that having regard to Clause 27 of the Contract there was no option but to carry it out in accordance with these conditions. Eighty per cent. of the value of the work done each month, he pointed out, was being paid to the Contractors, and when the contract was finished approximately £2500 would be due to them. A further payment of approximately £1,900 would then be made leaving a balance of approximately £600 as retention money over a period of six months after completion of the contract.
This, in his opinion, was a reasonable arrangement and he did not feel disposed to advise any alteration in the clause.
The Committee decided to take no action on Messrs. Kenny's application.

PIPES FOR WATERWORKS.

Under date of 27th ultimo, Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, stated that the Contractors were in a position to obtain Metric Class Spun Pipes at 8/4 per yard for 4" approximate bore and 10/9 per yard for 5" approximate bore for some of the new work in town. The present price, they stated, for 4" Asbestos Cement Pipes, Class B, was 5/1, and for 5" 6/9, and their advice to the Corporation was that they should receive our agreement to order Asbestos Cement Pipes for this work in view of the large difference in price.
It was unanimously decided to approve of the recommendation of the Consulting Engineers.

CEMETERY CARETAKER'S SALARY.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the proposal to grant a Cost-of-living bonus to Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of St. Ibar's Cemetery, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo, by letter No. P.H.2286/2/41, intimated that he was not prepared to approve of the proposal.

CUTTING OF GRASS.

A complaint regarding the cutting of grass at Crosstown Cemetery was referred to the Borough Surveyor for report.

SAMPLES OF WATER.

A lengthy communication was read from the County Medical Officer of Health on the subject of the water supply to the town. He enclosed copies of the Bacteriologist's report on samples taken from the Coolree and John Street Reservoirs. As regards the John Street water, he recommended that it be cut off, but as it was doubtful if Chlorine had been applied to the water for some time past, it was decided to request the County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor to take a further sample of this water after Chlorine had been inserted.

A.R.P. - PROVISION FOR FATALITIES.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence intimating that it had been decided that provision should be made in the Borough for dealing with fatal results from Air Raids, and arrangements should be made

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without delay for the establishment of an emergency morgue, and the provision of twenty coffins and six tables.
It was decided to refer this communication to the Borough Surveyor for a recommendation as to what premises would be suitable for a morgue.

CHANGE OF TENANCY - WILLIAM KELLY.

An application from William Kelly, tenant-purchaser of one of the houses at William Street, to have the tenancy changed from tenant-purchase to weekly tenancy, was refused.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

A report from Dr. Pierse, Acting Medical Officer of Health for No.2 Dispensary District, on a house at Faythe occupied by Charles Murphy, was submitted, but it was decided to defer action on this report pending the completion of the Housing Survey.
Similar action was taken on a report relating to a house at Wygram Place occupied by Richard Keane.

The Health Visitor applied for and was granted portion of her annual holidays from the 29th ultimo to the 16th instant.

A report was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector on the condition of Slegg's Lane. This showed that the dumping of refuse and filth in the lane was a menace to public health. The attention of the Corporation had been called to the condition of this lane by a Memorial from a number of residents in the vicinity, but as the lane was a private one to which a number of the people who had complained had access, it was decided to write to the memorialists pointing out that from the evidence before the Corporation it was apparent that some of them, at least, were responsible for the dumping, or alternatively, they were aware of who was doing it, and unless they were prepared to assist the Corporation to bring the culprits to justice, nothing could be done in the matter.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. O'Loughlin, Temporary Sanitary Inspector, had resumed duty on this day.

A complaint regarding the condition of Keyser's Lane was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report on whether or not the walls of some of the condemned houses there were dangerous to passers-by.

With reference to a previous discussion on the subject of a proposal to acquire land from Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Ballinagee, the Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Kirwan intimating that he was prepared to dispose of the land and the house thereon for the sum of £700, but it was decided to offer Mr. Kirwan a sum of £450; being £300 for the house and £150 for the land.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of a house at Patrick Square occupied by a man named Connors.
It was decided to serve notice on the owner of a house at South Main Street, formerly occupied by James Whelan, Dentist, requiring that the eave shoots be repaired.

COST OF STOCKTAKING.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk gave particulars of the cost of stocktaking in the various stores of the Corporation during the present year, and it was decided to circulate these figures amongst the members.
The Meeting then terminated.

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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 being:-
Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair .
Alderman Thomas Walsh.
Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Dunne and Nicholas Connolly.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Mr. Thomas J. Millar, C.E., submitted a plan of alterations proposed to be carried out to the Theatre Royal, Wexford, and asked for a decision thereon immediately as he was anxious to have the work commenced.
The Borough Surveyor intimated that he saw no objection to the plan, and on being examined by the members, who did not see any objection either, it was unanimously agreed to grant permission for the proposed alterations.

HOUSING SITE AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to discussions at recent meetings of the Finance & Works Committee on the subject of the proposed acquisition of a field at Whitemill from Mr. Laurence Kirwan, it was reported that nothing further had been heard from Mr. Kirwan regarding the Corporation's Counter offer of £450 for the field and house thereon to his offer of to sell for £700.
In this connection the Borough Surveyor reported that the site was a very good one on which approximately 34 houses could be erected, but the great difficulty, however, was the question of sewerage. It was not practicable to connect the sewerage system of this site to any existing town sewer, and in his opinion it would not be economical to build houses there.
He (Surveyor) recommended that the Field of Mr. John Kirwan, adjoining the old Distillery and containing approximately 13 acres should be acquired.
After some discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should ascertain what steps should be taken to acquire this property and report again to the Committee.

GREEN STREET

With reference to the proposal to acquire the sites of a few derelict houses at Green Street from Mr. James Browne, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Browne had called on him this day and intimated that he would send him the Deeds of the property for examination in the course of a day or so, and it was decided that unless the deeds were forwarded as promised that the necessary steps under the Derelict Sites Act should be taken to acquire this property.

REPORT OF H OUSING INQUIRY.

The meeting then proceeded to examine in detail the report of the Inspector who held the Inquiry into the le tting of certain houses by the Corporation and selected a number of cases which they proposed to examine on the spot to ascertain if the facts as presented by the Inspector were correct or if there were any extenuating circumstances which could be put forward in justification of giving certain persons houses.

The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the Relief Grants Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at eight o'clock p. m. the Members present being; Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor in the Chair; with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly and Thomas Hayes.

The first business of the meeting was to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th June last asking the Corporation to make a survey of suitable Public Works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread. He recommended that the survey should be made as soon as possible and estimates of the works proposed submitted to his Department. The Schemes proposed should constitute a programme of works capable of providing employment for a period of twelve months, and if temporary additional engineering staff was required for the Survey consideration would be given to reasonable proposals for the recruitment of such staff.

The following suggestions for Schemes of public works were put forward for examination:-
1. New Road from Spawell Road to Redmond Road; 2. Road from Summerhill to Whitemill. 3. Development of Distillery (Kirwan's) field as a Housing Site. 4. Widening of Folly, for which a Provisional Order had been obtained; 5. Public Fresh Water Baths at Old Re servoir John St.;
6 improvement of corner of Byrne's Lane/ Trinity Street & William Street;
7. Road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo; 8. Improvement of Corner at Abbey Street/Temperance Row. 9. Improvement of Corner at Back Street and Cornmarket. 10. Improvement of Corner at Waterloo Road/Grogan's Rd.

In connection with the preparation of estimates, etc. for the above proposals, it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor could not possible reach on them at the present time, and that it would be necessary to employ temporary engineering assistance, but before coming to a decision on this matter it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if the cost of such assistance would be permitted to be taken from the Grant for such works as might be undertaken.

The meeting then took up the question of the costs of the Relief Grants for 1940/41 and received from the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk the actual and estimated costs, but after some discussion it was decided that a table of these figures should be prepared and furnished to each member of the Committee before next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

12th September, 1941.

A meeting of the Public Lighting Committee was held this day at 7-30 p.m., Ald. Walsh presided and subsequently the Mayor, with Councillors RThomas Hayes and Thomas Byrne. Messrs. Kelly & Hughes of the E.S.B Were also present.
After a lengthy discussion on what economies could be made in the Public Lighting for the winter months it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that normal lighting be restored until midnight each evening and that the "Pilot" lights be extinguished at 1-0 a. m. instead of at dawn.

Mr. O'Kelly on behalf of the E.S.B. undertook to place this recommendation before his Board and the meeting then terminated.

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15th September, 1941.

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 memners present were:-

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman and Robert Moran.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Crosbie moved that Councillor Sinnott take the Chair. The motion was seconded by Councillor Cashman and agreed to.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The first business was to deal with Old Age Pensions Claims and a record of the decisions of the Committee on these will be found in the Old Age Pensions Register.

DEFECTIVE CEILING.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine a defective ceiling in a house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by a man named Murphy.

DEFECTIVE EAVE SHOOTS.

With reference to Minutes of 1st instant when complaint was made regarding defective eave shoots on a house at South Main Street, owned by Mr. Francis Murphy of Kilrane, the Town Clerk reported that he had served notice on Mr. Murphy requiring him to have the eave shoots repaired, and under date of the 7th idem Mr. Murphy intimated that he had instructed Messrs. Doyle and Sons, Plumbers, to have this work carried out.

PURCHASE OF WATER PIPES, ETC.

Under date of the 10th instant, by letter No.L.16228/3/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the proposal of the Corporation to raise a loan of £800 for the purchase of water pipes, sewer pipes and a portable Chlorinator for use in the event of an emergency, and for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in the provision of a new sewer at Summerhill last year.

ARREARS OF POOR RATE.

A letter from the County Council relative to the arrears due by the Corporation on foot of their Demand was referred to the Special Rates Committee.

S.D.A. ACTS - MCGILL.

It was reported that some few years ago a Loan of £760 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been made to the late Christina McGill, and that her representatives had now discharged the entire sum due. A document addressed to the local Registrar of Title was executed requesting him to discharge the burden on the Folio in the Register.

DANCE HALL LICENCE.

A notice of intention to apply to the District Court for a Dance Hall Licence in respect of the premises formerly known as Columban Hall, Patrick Square, was submitted on behalf of Stephen McLoughlin. The Borough Surveyor intimated that the premises were quite suitable for the purpose, and no objection was raised to the Licence.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the continual fall in the water level at Coolree and the present spell of dry weather that it was advisable to further curtail the hours of supply to the town, and suggested that the hours of supply each day should be from 7.0. a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 4.0. p.m. to 7.0. p.m.
On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, this suggestion was unanimously adopted.

JOHN STREET RESERVOIR.

The Surveyor submitted lengthy reports on the condition of the John Street Reservoir, and intimated that the County Medical Officer and himself would take a further sample of this water for bacteriological examination in the near future.

SALE OF MILK.

On the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health it was unanimously decided to register the premises at South Main Street, Wexford, occupied by Mrs. Anna Murphy, as a Milk Shop.

PURCHASE OF TIMBER.

Under date of the 11th instant, by letter No.C.L.115/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of the Emergency Powers (108) Order, 1941, which authorised the Corporation to acquire timber by agreement, or by direct labour or contract to fell any timber so acquired and convert it into firewood and transport, store, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of any timber so acquired.
In this connection it was intimated to the Meeting that the County Surveyor was cutting large quantities of timber and it was decided to enquire if he would have any available which he would be prepared to dispose of to the Corporation.

EXTRAS ON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

There was submitted to the meeting a list of extras incurred on the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme amounting to £125. 13. 1. together with a list of extras which it might be necessary to incur in the near future amounting to £223. 10. 0.
The members thought that consideration of these matters should be deferred for a larger meeting, but in the meantime authorised the Town Clerk to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to them so that if they were approved by the Corporation no delay would be incurred in the carrying out of the works.

HOUSE AT PATRICK SQUARE - CONNORS.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the house at Patrick Square occupied by a man named Connors and came to the conclusion that it was not fit for human habitation.
It was reported that the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pierse, considered it was fit and it was now decided to request the County Medical Officer of Health for a report on the dwelling.

DERELICT HOUSES - KEYSERS LANE.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the walls of the derelict houses at Keysers Lane and found they had been left in a poor condition after the houses were demolished. They were not an immediate source of danger but in course of time would become dangerous to the public. In his opinion the walls should be still further

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lowered and a concrete coping fixed on top to prevent the disintegrating action of the weather.
It was decided to write to the owners of the property requiring them to have the walls made safe.

CUTTING OF GRASS - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

As requested, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the manner in which the cutting of the grass in St. Ibar's Cemetery had been carried out. He found that scarcely fifty per cent. of the work had been done so far, and that the work done had been carried out in a slovenly incompetent manner, and he could not certify for any payment for same.
After some discussion it was decided that the Caretaker of the Cemetery should now be requested to cut the grass in the Cemetery for which he was to be paid the sum of £5 originally allocated to Patrick English to do this work, but which he had failed to do properly, and that the Corporation be recommended to pay Sutton an annual sum of £5. for the cutting of the grass, provided it was cut twice in each year.

FIREPLACES FOR ARTISANS DWELLINGS.

A request for a fireplace from William Power, of Distillery Road, was acceded to.
Arising out of this matter a discussion took place on the general condition of Artisans Dwellings and it was decided that the Town Clerk should draft a Form on which the Rent Collectors would be required to report in the near future on the condition of each house in their Collection Area.
The Borough Surveyor reported on two applications for open fires for defective ranges at No.2 O'Connell Avenue and 31 St. Enda's Terrace. He had examined the ranges in both these houses and in both cases found them defective due to cracks in the oven plates, and in neither case was the range used for cooking purposes. The tenants, he stated, wished to have low fireplaces installed of the slow-combustion type solely for heating the living room. He estimated the cost of installation in each case at £5. 10. 0.
Members pointed out that if these applications were acceded to a number of others would follow, as a result of which the money allocated for repairs of Artisans Dwellings would be used up long before the close of the Financial Year, so it was unanimously decided that the applicants be informed that the Corporation would not install slow-combustion fireplaces but would have the ranges repaired.

WATER CLOSETS AT CLIFFORD STREET.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the provision of Water Closets for twelve houses at Clifford Street, the owner, Mr. W. V. Stafford, asked the Corporation to leave this job over until after the War when he would give a guarantee to have the conveniences erected as it was impossible at the present time to procure the necessary materials, but it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to insist on the Water Closets being provided forthwith.

VACANT PLOT AT WILLIAM STREET.

Complaint was made regarding the use to which a vacant plot of ground at William Street was being put, and it was decided to put a paling around the plot and to erect a notice against trespass. It was also decided that the Borough Surveyor should put a seat of concrete blocks someplace near this vacant plot at his early convenience.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillors Byrne, Connolly and Sinnott.
The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Prior to the Meeting the members had been supplied with the following summary of estimated and actual cost of the Relief Grant works for 1940/41:-

The Actual Amount available for Street Works was----------£7,385.
The estimated cost of the works proposed was----------£7,590.
The estimated cost of the works carried out was----------£6,840.
The actual cost of the works carried out was----------£7,526.

The estimated and actual cost of each job is given hereunder:-

JOB.	ESTIMATED COST. £	ACTUAL COST. £	LOSS. £	GAIN. £.
Bride Place	1,100	994		106
Green Street & Thomas St.	2,050	2142	92	
Selskar Avenue	600	483		117
Summerhill Sewer(Labour only)	250	618	368	
Summerhill Footpath	280	354	74	
St. John's Road & Avenues (Footpaths)	800	879	79	
Concrete roads at Menapia Ave. St. John's Ave. and O'Connell Avenue---------	480	586	106	
Green Street Footpath	110	127	17	
Rowe Street	350	302		48
Macadam Roads at Gibson Street, Wygram, Fishers' Row, Clifford Street & Swan View (part of)----------	820	752		68
Removal of Back St.Corner	750	----		750.
TOTALS----------	£7590	£7237	£736	£1089.
In addition to the above the following must be added to the actual costs:-				
INSURANCES	£247			
CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.	22	269		
MAKING THE NET ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL COSTS--------	£7590	£7526.		

The members carefully examined the figures submitted and saw therefrom that the principal losses were the laying of a new sewer at Summerhill and a new footpath there.
It was pointed out by the Borough Surveyor that the Insurance on the scheme had cost approximately £80 more than he estimated for.
After a lengthy discussion it was seen that nothing could be done at this stage, but instructions were given to the Borough Surveyor that when estimating for these jobs the insurance should be shown as a separate item so that proper comparisons could be made when each job was finished with a view to trying to reduce the costs on the schemes if at all possible.

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There was also submitted to the meeting an account from Messrs. Kirwan and Kirwan, Solicitors, in connection with costs in respect of the collapse of the wall at St. Peter's College.
It was pointed out, however, that immediately notification was received of the collapse of the wall the Corporation officials had accepted liability, and in their opinion there was no need for the College Authorities to incur engineering and legal expenses, so it was decided to ask the Corporation Solicitor if the Corporation were legally liable for the payment of this account.

Richard Corish T.D.

29th September, 1941.

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., to deal with the following matters raised by Councillor Byrne and which the Council had decided should be discussed at a Special Meeting:-

(1) Purchase of materials for the manufacture of a Hand Cart.
(2) The hoarding up of Air Raid Shelters.
(3) The Loaning of Corporation Plant.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James McMahon, Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, James Cresbie, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly and Timothy Cashman.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the following Resolutions of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence:-
On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Moran, a vote of sympathy was adopted with Councillor Hayes on the death of his sister.
On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Dunne, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. P. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, on the death of his wife.
On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman McMahon, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Michael Browne, a former member of the Council.
On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Miss Alice Fennell, a former member of the Council and the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and the first matter taken up was the purchase of materials for the manufacture of a Hand Cart.
This matter had been raised by Councillor Byrne at the August Statutory Meeting of the Council, when an account of £3. 10. 0. for the purchase of an axle, springs, wheels and tyres was submitted. At this meeting

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neither the Borough Surveyor nor Town Clerk were in attendance, and the purchase of this material had then given rise to discussion. The account had been passed for payment, however, and instructions given that the Paying Order was not to be issued until the Council had had an opportunity of discussing the purchase of this material with the Borough Surveyor.
Councillor Byrne now questioned the authority of the Surveyor or any other official to purchase materials such as this for the manufacture of a hand cart which he held was intended to do away with the employment of a certer. He believed that the Surveyor should have approached the Council in the first instance before deciding to adopt the use of a hand cart.
The Surveyor stated that the hand cart was essential for the carting of light materials, and was put into operation from the point of view of economy. A body of a cart was in existence and it was only necessary to purchase the wheels, springs and axle and have the body attached to them. The total cost of the entire cart, he said, was a little over £5.
It had been the practice, continued the Surveyor, for some time past to send a horse and cart with perhaps a bag of cement, a few blocks, and a small length of piping to where tradesmen might be working on Artisans Dwellings or other corporate property, and these materials could just as easily have been brought to where they were required at a much lesser cost by the use of the hand cart. A hand cart was in use in such public undertakings as the Gas Works and the men wheeled their tools and materials on this hand cart to where they were working. In addition, he stated, it was intended at some future date to adopt a better system of street scavenging and the use of this cart would give them valuable information as to how such a system would work.
This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which Councillor Byrne proposed that the Corporation do not agree to the payment for the cart. Councillor McMahon seconded.
At this stage the Town Clerk explained that the payment had been passed and it was only as a matter of courtesy to the Council that he had withheld the issue of the Paying Order.
Alderman Coffey then proposed that the Paying Order be issued and Councillor Moran seconded.
After some further discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Corporation were liable for the amount, both proposals were withdrawn and it was agreed that in future the prior authority of the Council should be obtained for expenditure such as this.

The next business was the hoarding of Air Raid Shelters. Fourteen shelters had been erected in the town, and as they were taken over by the Borough Surveyor he had directed one of the Corporation employees to have the entrances hoarded up with old galvanised iron which was in stock.
The Borough Surveyor explained that an Air Raid Shelter should not have a door, and no provision for such was made in the plan sent to him by the Department of Defence. The only reason for hoarding them up was to prevent their being used for unauthorised purposes before their use became necessary for the purpose for which they were erected.
Councillor Byrne, however, held that the Contractor should have been made responsible for looking after the shelters until the entire fourteen were completed and handed over to the Corporation, but it was pointed out to him that if damage was done to the Shelters by mischievous persons the Corporation could, in the first instance, compel the Contractor to repair such damage, but against that it was thought that he might possibly have a claim against the Corporation for malicious injury, and as the hoardings would eventually have had to be erected by the Corporation there did not seem to be much harm in having them done as each shelter was completed.
After some discussion, this matter dropped.

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The next item was the loaning of Corporation Plant to Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd. in connection with the erection of Thirty-four houses at Green Street for the Corporation.
The Borough Surveyor explained that when Mr. Kenny started work he had come to him and pointed out the difficulty of getting plant, etc. from Dublin owing to the shortage of petrol and had asked him to hire him certain materials, which he had agreed to do. He submitted a list of the items which he had hired to Mr. Kenny and in respect of which he had agreed with Mr. Kenny for the payment of a sum of £23. 10. 0. to the Corporation.
Councillor Byrne thought that the Borough Surveyor had no authority to lend plant belonging to the Corporation and to fix a charge therefor, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that the Town Clerk, after consultation with the Surveyor, should submit to the Council a Scale of Charges for the hire of Corporation property and that for the future all applications of the loan of such property should be submitted to the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

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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.

REPAIRS TO STREETS.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to have repairs carried out to the surface of Oyster Lane and the surface of the main road from the Borough boundary at Maudlintown to the junction of William Street and the Faythe.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS DEBT.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the indebtedness of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to the Corporation, the Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Commissioners a sum of £5. 15. 0. for water sold to ships during the year 1940/41, and a sum of £25 on foot of the Agreement for the maintenance and lighting of streets leading from the Quays. This left £156. 5. 0. due by the Commissioners at 30th June last.
The Town Clerk asked if the Council proposed to take any further steps to recover this debt, but it was pointed out by members that at the present time the Commissioners had no money whatever, so it was decided to take no action for the present.

REPAIRS TO MORRIS LORRY.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Morris Lorry required extensive engine overhauling and that he had sent a query to the five repair garages in town asking them to quote for the work.
Three tenders for the work were submitted, but before they were opened it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to advertise this work in the public press. The tenders submitted were, therefore, not opened.

ERECTION OF HOUSE.

A Miss M. Murphy of John Street submitted a plan of a house she proposed to erect at St. John's Road, and as the Borough Surveyor was satisfied

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with it, it was approved of.

SUPPLY OF SLUICE VALVES.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had received two quotations for the supply of 5" sluice valves in connection with the waterworks, which it was necessary to keep in stock. One was from Messrs. Guest & Chrimes who quoted £7. 5. 0., and the other from Messrs. Blakeborough & Sons, Ltd. who quoted £10. He recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Guest & Chrimes, and this was unanimously agreed to.

CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that he had received two tenders from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of materials in connection with the installation of a Hot Water supply for the Decontamination centre at the Casualty Clearing Station, provided under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme at the Technical School. The Timber Company quoted £43. 14. 2. and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty £46. 11. 0., so it was unanimously decided to accept the lower of the two tenders.

REFUND OF RATES.

It was explained to the meeting that early in 1937 the Corporation had acquired a field at Whitemill from Mrs. E. Cullimore for the erection of Sixty-two houses. When the houses were valued the Valuation Office had omitted to delete the field from the Valuation Lists, and Mrs. Cullimore had continued to pay rates on the field from 1937/38 to date for which period she was not liable as the field was the property of the Corporation. She now made application to the Town Clerk for a refund of the rates paid in error, and it was unanimously decided that a refund be made.

RELIEF WORKS.

Under date of the 26th instant, by letter No. L.21593/3/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated it was essential that the works to be carried out for this year's programme under the Employment Schemes Vote should be of a nature that could be begun at an early date, and the Corporation's proposals should accordingly be furnished as soon as possible.
In this connection it was decided to inform the Minister that the Corporation's proposals for this year's Relief works were contained in a letter sent on 3rd September and were for the establishment of a Public Park.
In connection with the proposal for provide a Public Park, Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser to the Corporation, who had originally reported on the proposals for a park, now stated that in view of the decision of the Corporation to include an extra 7¾ acres in the proposed Maudlintown site had to point out that the extra fencing and development of this portion would cost approximately £2250 to £2500.
As an Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health had inspected both the sites during the past week, it was decided to await his report before going further into the question of costs.

EXTRAS ON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The Town Clerk submitted to the meeting a list of extras amounting to £125. 13. 1. which had been incurred to date on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and a list of extras not yet incurred, but which were recommended by the Consulting Engineers for provisional approval amounting to £223. 10. 0.
It was seen that owing to the abnormal circumstances prevailing in

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connection with the carrying out of this scheme that these extras were advisable, and it was unanimously agreed to approve of them subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Arising ou of this report the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Contractors and see if it were at all possible to have more men employed on this scheme.

CONDITION OF RESERVOIR.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the ground around the reservoir, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on this against next meeting.

LOOPING OF DEAD-END MAINS.

Under date of the 23rd instant, Messrs. Delap and Waller pointed out that in the original scheme for the Waterworks Improvement a certain amount of work had been included to be done in the town, but when the estimates were received a large quantity of it had been deleted. It was now found necessary in connection with Fire Fighting under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme to have this work re-inserted in the Contract, and on 27th June last they had written to the Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting approval to the carrying out of this work in the town which principally consisted of the looping of dead-end mains. Up to the time of writing they had received no reply from the Department and they asked the Corporation to request an early decision as it was becoming more difficult every day to obtain materials.
It was unanimously decided to request the Department to expedite a decision on the matter.

TABLES FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Town Clerk reported that he had purchased two tables from Mr. R. E. Corish, Auctioneer, for the Council Chamber at a cost of £8. 0. 0. and as these were very necessary, and in the opinion of the members, good value for the money, his action was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

There was submitted to the Meeting the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs in connection with the acquisition of land from Colonel French at Newbay as a site for the filtration plant, under the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and it was unanimously decided, in view of the small amount involved, to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the account to be paid without taxation.

WATERMAINS & SEWER PIPES.

It was reported that in connection with the emergency it had been considered advisable to lay in a stock of watermains and sewer pipes. The former had already been purchased, and quotations for the latter were submitted from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty. The former firm quoted £75. 14. 10. and the latter firm £79. 2. 6. It was unanimously decided to accept the lower of the two tenders.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER.

A complaint from the residents of King Street Avenue regarding the condition of the Stonebridge River and the bridge over it was referred to the Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for a report.

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GRASS AT CEMETERY.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the cutting of grass at Crosstown Cemetery, when the Borough Surveyor reported that it had been done in a slovenly and incompetent manner, and when it was decided that Patrick English should not be paid for the work, English now wrote taking exception to the decision of the Corporation not to pay him and held that the work was properly carried out, but the meeting decided to inform him that they could not alter their previous decision that the work had not been properly carried out.

RATES ON CONNICK ESTATE.

Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Agent for two houses at Selskar Street, the property of Mrs. M. J. Connick, enquired if the Corporation would be prepared to accept £20 in full settlement of the rates due to 31st March next. The Town Clerk reported that there was a total due on both houses of £89. 6. 4. and Rate Collector Curran had recommended the acceptance of the offer as he believed there was no money in the estate and there was no possibility of recovering the full amount even if proceedings were taken, so it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of £20. in full settlement.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of August showed that he had examined 92 cattle, 336 sheep, and 47 swine. Of the cattle one was found to be diseased, and one pig was also diseased.

STALL AT NEWMARKET.

It was reported that Miss Roche, the tenant of a small stall at the New Market, had given up the tenancy a short time before.

HOUSE AT BISHOPSWATER.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of house at Bishopswater, owned by Mr. James Browne and formerly occupied by Thomas Sparrow, a letter was read from Mrs. McKnight on behalf of the owner stating that he had given the house to two old people and that he was willing to carry out the necessary repairs immediately. There was a sharp difference of opinion amongst the members as to whether or not this house should be condemned as unfit for human habitation as both the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor expressed the opinion that it was not suitable. Some of the members held that as the house was on the edge of the Borough and in practically rural surroundings it should be left standing as long as possible, and it was eventually decided to inform Mr. Browne that the Corporation noted he was prepared to carry out the necessary repairs but as they were doubtful whether or not he could make this house fit for human habitation they reserved the right to take any action therein as they might be advised at any time.

APPLICATION FOR FIREPLACE.

A letter from Mrs. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, again applying for the installation of a slow-combustion fireplace in lieu of the range in her house was submitted. The application was refused.

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1st October, 1941.

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 Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Coffey and Walsh and Councillors Buckland, Hayes, and Moran.
The Town Clerk and the two Rate Collectors were also in attendance.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, No. G, enquiring, amongst other things, what action the Corporation proposed to take on the report of the auditor with regard to the arrears due to the County Council on foot of Poor Rate Demands, and the very unsatisfactory condition of the rate collection generally.
The Rate Book was produced and the Committee carefully examined each item of arrears carried forward from last year which had not since been paid, and gave definite instructions to the Collectors in each case where they considered the amounts should have been paid to take proceedings against the defaulters.
After the Rate Book had been gone through completely and the Rate Collectors had left the meeting, the members discussed the position of the collections.
It was observed that a considerable number of items of rates which had not been collected by the Poor Rate Collector and had been collected by the Town Rate Collector, could have been collected by Mr. O'Leary, Poor Rate Collector, if he had been sufficiently energetic, and the members directed the Town Clerk to have a list prepared showing the items which had not been collected by him and had been collected by Mr. Curran, and to forward him a copy with a very strong letter pointing out to him that the Committee were not at all satisfied with the progress he was making in his collection.
Other letters from the Department concerned the rent collection and arrears of instalments under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. These matters were adjourned to next meeting when the Rent Collectors were to be in attendance.

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6th October, 1941.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p. m. The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Sinnott Stephen McMahon and Thomas Dunne.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on 1st and 29th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 1st, 15th and 29th ultimo; Housing Committee on 8th ultimo; Relief Grants Committee on 10th and 26th ultimo; Public Lighting Committee on 12th ultimo; and Rates Committee on 1st instant.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read and were signed by the Mayor.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £7,914 - 7 - 9, were submitted. Included in the accounts presented for payment was a sum of £46-15 - 10 in respect of repairs to the Corporation Lorry and at the request of Councillor Byrne, payment of this account was deferred until the November Finance Meeting. The remainder of the accounts amounting in all to £7867 - 11 - 11 were thereupon approved and an Advice Note signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

At the out set the Mayor moved that the Sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Coffey, on the death of his brother. Alderman McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members and the Town Clerk and was adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also referred to the death of the Rev. Martin O'Connor, C. C. at the early age of 49 years, and moved that the Sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and his relatives, and that the present meeting stand adjourned for a week as a mark of respect to his memory.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation employees and was adopted in respectful silence.

10th October, 1941.

A Meeting of the Relief Grants Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m., to consider alternative proposals for works to be financed out of the Relief Schemes Vote during the year 1941/42 in the event of the suggestion to establish a Public Park not being approved by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.
The members present were:-
Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillors Byrne, Connolly and Dunne.
The following report on schemes to cost approximately £8,000 was submitted by the Borough Surveyor:-

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

Re Relief Schemes, 1941/42.

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I have been asked this morning to suggest a programme of works, together with a rough Estimate, which could be substituted as an alternative scheme in the event that the work on the proposed Park is not approved of by the Local Government Department. Herewith, eight different works, not necessarily in the order of preference. I would like, however, to put forward some remarks regarding these works.

No.1. This work is of an intricate nature, particularly the casing of the corner at Doyle's house, and I would not carry out this work during the Winter months. In fact, I would not think of starting on this job until the month of March at the earliest.

Nos. 2,3,4, and 5 are highly desirable works and could be carried on during the Winter Months.

No. 6 could be carried out before Christmas, but under difficulties, as I would not like to close down the street altogether previous to the Christmas Season.

No. 7 would entail the complete closing down of most of this section of the Main Street, and therefore could not be started until after Christmas. Furthermore, there are some watermains to be laid in this section so the work could not be started until Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll have finished their work.

No. 8 could be carried out before Christmas as there are numerous side streets for diversion of traffic, and the dislocation of traffic would not be great.

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P. K. McNally,

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Proposals for Relief Grant.
Approximate Costs.

(1)	Removal of corner at the Folly and the resurfacing of Mill Road----------	£2,400.
(2)	New concrete footpath West side of Hill Street----	120.
(3)	New Concrete footpaths Georges Street----------	225.
(4)	New concrete footpaths Maudlintown Housing Site---	800.
(5)	New concrete footpath Talbot Street to White Rock View and Wolfe Tone Building Sites----------	280.
(6)	Part of South Main Street from King Street to Gibson Street in reinforced concrete----------	1,680.
(7)	Part of South Main Street & part of North Main St. from Gibson Street to Rowe Street in reinforced concrete----------	1,700.
(8)	Selskar Street, from Georges Street to Slaney St. in reinforced concrete----------	970.
		£8,175.

NOTE: The above costs are subject to a detailed survey; variations in prices of materials; and Insurance Costs, Etc. must be added.

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After a lengthy discussion, the following proposals by the Borough Surveyor were approved:-
(1) costing £2,400; (2) costing £120; (4) costing £800; (5) costing £280; (7) costing £1,700.
These five items made a total cost of £5,300.
The meeting then examined various other suggestions where this money could be expended, and it was decided to do No.3 on the list submitted by the Borough Surveyor at a cost of £225. It was also decided to resurface Upper Batt Street at an approximate cost of £60; to put a new footpath at one side of Gibson Street at a cost of £50; to adjust steps on opposite side of Gibson Street at a cost of £40; and to resurface in concrete portion of Wellington Place from the Quay to Ram Street at an approximate cost of £400.
This brought the total cost of the works now proposed to £6,075, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make detailed estimates of these jobs, and, as well, to examine the footpaths at Faythe and Parnell Street and the road at Lambert Place in order to provide works to deal with the balance of the allocation.
The Meeting then terminated.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, and Timothy Cashman.

ACCOUNTS.

With reference to the accounts passed at last meeting, Alderman Coffey referred to the amount paid for petrol, but was informed that it was for a two months' supply.
The Alderman also referred to the cost of advertising the Fairs and the Town Clerk pointed out that it was essential that the Fairs should be advertised in the daily papers. Some time ago he had been approached to request the Minister for Agriculture to issue a Licence to enable a Fair to be held in the month of September, and the Minister had issued such a Licence.
He (Town Clerk) considered that it was necessary that the Fair should be advertised in the Dublin and Cork papers so that outside buyers would know that the Fair was being held.
The Fair had received a mixed reception. Some people had informed him that he was only wasting his time in holding a Fair, whilst others held that he had done a good day's work. In any case, the Fair would certainly not have been a success if it were not advertised.
Arising out of a payment to the Irish Tourist Association, Councillor Byrne referred to the conditions under which the staffs of certain Hotels in the County were working and asked the Mayor, who was a member of the Irish Tourist Board, if he had ever raised the matter.
The Mayor replied that he had raised the matter at a recent meeting of the Association, but it was pointed out to him that the Association had no control whatever over the Hotels in the country and could not inter-

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fere with the staffs as this matter was covered by recent legislation.

MEALS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Alderman Coffey referred to the question of School children being allowed home each day for a mid-day meal. The Alderman thought that it would have a beneficial effect not only on the health of the children but on their school work.
A number of members supported the Alderman in this suggestion and pointed out that at the present time when there was such a need for the saving of fuel that if all the members of the family could be at home at the one hour for a mid-day meal, it would result in a large fuel saving.
It was agreed that representations should be made to the School Managers to allow the children home for the mid-day meal.

WEXFORD TRAIN SERVICE.

The Mayor referred to the present restricted Train service in the County and pointed out that as far as the Southern portion of the County was concerned it was completely cut off from the town for shopping purposes, as there was only one train each way. A train left Wexford for Waterford at 6.50 a.m. and the return train left Waterford for Wexford at 6.15 p.m. Consequently, people on the line between Waterford and Wexford could not come to Wexford for shopping and this trade was being diverted to Waterford, which was a serious loss to the town.
Reference was also made to the hour at which the evening 'bus left Wexford,namely at 3.0. p.m., and it was suggested that if this 'bus for Dublin was fixed to leave Wexford at 5.0. p.m. it would mean that people on the North side of the town, who came in on the mid-day 'bus for shopping, would have an extra couple of hours to transact their business.
It was decided to make representations to the Railway Company with a view to re-arranging the Train Service to suit the needs of the people.

SYMPATHY.

Acknowledgements of Votes of Sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late Miss Alice Fennell, Councillor Thomas Hayes, and Mr. P. Hickey.

Auditor's Report.

The first business on the Agenda was the report of J.J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two year's ended 31st March, 1940. A copy of the Report, together with the Abstract of Accounts and an explanatory memorandum by the Town Clerk which had been furnished to each member before the meeting, is attached to these Minutes.
Alderman Coffey said he considered it a very alarming report, and thought that the Rate Collectors should be made to collect some of the outstanding rates. He also asked if any legal steps had been taken to recover the £18. 0. 0. rent due by a member of the Corporation.
The Alderman also remarked that three members of the Corporation owed rent and he thought that the Rent Collectors needed a little more backbone.
In connection with the Rent Collection, the Town Clerk reported that during the month of September the arrears had been reduced by £47.
The Alderman also referred to the remarks of the Auditor on the absence of a Stock Book, and the Town Clerk stated that the Surveyor had now taken stock of all plant and materials the property of the Corporation.
In this connection the Borough Surveyor stated that since 1924 there had been no stock taken.
Alderman Coffey also referred to the sum received for the use of the Town Hall for dances and thought that the amount could easily be six

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times greater, and the money applied to keep the building in a decent condition.
As regards the Auditor's observations about petrol issued to the Fire Brigade, Councillor Moran asked if any efforts had been made to find out where it went. The Surveyor said the Foreman was ill at the time and they sent to him for the Petrol Account, but he did not give it.
As regards the general keeping of Stocks, the Surveyor pointed out that he had made a report on the matter last November and it was not even read, but the Town Clerk said it had been submitted to the Corporation on a few occasions and had been referred to the Special Rates Committee when they were considering the estimates for 1941/42, but that no action was taken on the suggestion of the Surveyor that a Storekeeper should be employed.
It was pointed out that it was only in recent years, when the Corporation had commenced to build houses by Direct Labour, that the need for taking stock really arose, as the amount of plant and materials on hands prior to that would only amount to a few pounds and could be seen at a glance. Eventually it was seen that Stock had now been taken and that there was a general tightening up in this matter as suggested by the Auditor.

VACANT SEATS ON COUNCIL.

The next business on the Agenda was a motion by Councillor Connolly to declare certain seats on the Corporation vacant, but this question was adjourned until next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to submit a Return of the attendances of members over the past twelve months.

DEMOLITION ORDER.

There was submitted to the Meeting a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Furlong's Lane (Off Bride Street) occupied by Thomas Byrne. Councillor McMahon, however, raised the question as to when this house had been visited by the Medical Officer of Health, who made the report stating it was unfit for human habitation, and said the tenant informed him that no inspection of the house was ever made, so the matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to enquire from the Doctor when he had made his inspection.

CUTTING OF GRASS AT CEMETERY.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that a sum of £5. be paid to the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery for cutting the grass there this year, and that an annual sum of £5. be paid him on condition that he cut the grass twice in each year for the future.
It was explained to the Meeting that in July last the Finance Committee had agreed to pay Patrick English, the Gravedigger's assistant, the sum of £5. for cutting the grass in the Cemetery, but in consequence of reports received about the manner in which the work was done, the Committee had asked the Borough Surveyor to inspect it.
Mr. McNally now reported that he had inspected the work and that scarcely fifty per cent. of it had been done and what had been done was carried out in a slovenly incompetent manner and he could not certify for any payment therefor.
As a result the Finance Committee had decided that the best way to have the grass cut was to make an allowance to the Caretaker of £5. for cleaning up the grass for the past year, and an annual allowance of £5. for the cutting of the grass twice in each year for the future.
The Committee's recommendation was moved by Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey and unanimously agreed to.

Chairman.....

DDR.

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13th October, 1941.

LOAN OF £800.

There was submitted to the Meeting a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £800 borrowed for the purpose of (1) purchasing stocks of watermains; (2) purchase of stocks of sewer pipes; and (3) purchase of a portable Chlorinator, all for use in the event of an emergency. In addition, there was included in the Loan a sum of £220, being the cost of materials in connection with the laying of a new sewer at Summerhill Road last year.
On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution, as submitted by the Bank, was unanimously adopted, and the Mortgage Deed sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 10th September, 1941, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd. the sum of £800 for the purchase of watermains, sewer pipes and portable Chlorinator, to be repaid to the Bank within the period of five years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling therewith 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 And that the seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

ALLOTMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Under date of the 8th instant, by circular letter No. H.129/1941, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested the Corporation to put into operation during 1941 a scheme for the provision of allotments for unemployed persons, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Moran, to put into operation such a scheme during the coming Season.

DOORS ON AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Councillor Hayes referred to the question of doors on Air Raid Shelters in the town, and it was decided to enquire from the Department of Defence if they would be prepared to permit the erection of doors thereon.
It was also decided to request the Sanitary Inspector to inspect the Shelters at Redmond Monument.

COST OF RELIEF GRANTS.

At the request of Councillor Byrne, it was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, 27th instant, to discuss the costs of the Relief Grants for 1940/41, and to consider alternative proposals to a Public Park for the 1941/42 Grants.

INTERFERENCE WITH BICYCLES.

Councillor Sinnott complained of the large amount of interference with bicycles parked in the streets at the South end of the town, and asked that the Garda be requested to pay special attention to this matter.

GENERAL FOREMAN.

With reference to Minutes of 1st September, when the Mayor stated in reply to Alderman Coffey, that the Borough Surveyor had withdrawn any suggestion that he had made a criminal charge against the Foreman, Mr. McNally read a letter which he had addressed to the Town Clerk for the benefit of the Foreman at the request of the Finance and Works

DDR.

Chairman.....

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B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D.

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
WEXFORD.

22nd September, 1941.

A Chara,

In compliance with the requirements of Article 37 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, I enclose, herewith, copy of the Report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his Audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1940, together with copies of the Abstracts of Accounts for the period under review.

The Report and Accounts will be submitted to the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on 6th October, 1941.

The total turnover of the Corporation for the two years amounted to £222,653 or £18·21 per head of the population (an average over the two years of £9·105 per head per annum).

This amount is made up as follows:-

RECEIPTS. £.	£. PER HEAD OF POPULATION.	EXPENDITURE. £.	£. PER HEAD OF POPULATION
REVENUE 86807	7·10	84747	6·94
CAPITAL 25772	2·10	25327	2·07
TOTALS 112579	9·20	110074	9·01.

The following summary shows the receipts under the main heads:-

	1938/39. £.	1939/40 £.	TOTAL FOR TWO YEARS. £.	£. PER HEAD OF POPULATION FOR TWO YEARS.
REVENUE.				
Rates	20687	20091	40778	3·33
Rents	6958	7661	14619	1·20.
Grants	14890	11793	26683	2·18
Tolls, Etc.	1087	852	1939	·16
Main Roads	500	356	856	·07
Miscellaneous	959	973	1932	·16
CAPITAL.				
Housing	5368	13276	18644	1.52
Sewers & Mains	1431	477	1908	·16
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	880	----	880	·07
Town Hall	1750	2360	4110	·33
Machinery	----	230	230	·02.
TOTALS.	54510	58069	112579	9·20.

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The Capital Debt of the Corporation at 31st March, 1940, amounted to £182,222 or £14·90 per head of the population. The outstanding Loans (subject to audit) at 31st March, 1941, amounted to £179,454 or £14·67 per head of the population. This debt is made up as follows:-

1.	Housing of the Working Classes	£146001
2.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	8762
3.	Roads, Streets, Etc.	1564
4.	Water Supply	11679
5.	Sewerage	2888
6.	Vocational Education	5214
7.	Fire Engine	594
8.	Fire Station	427
9.	Cemetery	19
10.	Machinery	115
11.	Town Hall	2191.
	Total.	£179454.

The Valuation of the Borough is £23,732 and the Borrowing Powers of the Corporation are limited by Section 238 (2) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as amended by Section 9 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, to twice the Valuation or £47,464. In reckoning the amount of Loans outstanding for the purpose of this limitation, the following are to be excluded a s not affecting such limitation.

1.	Housing of the Working Classes	£146001.
2.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	8762.
6.	Vocational Education	5214.
	Total	£159977.

The debt of the Corporation, therefore, for the purpose of the limitation on borrowing is made up of:-

3.	Roads, Streets, Etc.	£1564.
4.	Water Supply	11679.
5.	Sewerage	2888.
7.	Fire Engine	594.
8.	Fire Station	427.
9.	Cemetery	19.
10.	Machinery	115.
11.	Town Hall	2191.
	Total.	£19477.

As the borrowing powers of the Corporation at 31st March last were £47,464, there was a margin at that date of £27,987. Since 31st March last £16,305 has been borrowed for the erection of houses and £22,500 for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. Neither of these two sums are to be reckoned for the purpose of the limitation a nd the margin still remains as above.

For the two years, the principal items of revenue were Rates at £40778, Government Grants at £26,683 and Rents at £14,619, while for Capital purposes the largest item was for the provision of Working Class houses.

On the expenditure side, the erection of houses is still the largest item and necessitated the extension of Watermains, sewers, and Public Lighting.

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As regards the Auditor's Report, the Special Rates Committee are considering the question of the rate collection and have instructed the Collectors to take action against defaulters. As well, the Town Clerk has issued a public advertisement warning Rate defaulters that legal action will be taken unless the sums due are paid.

The system of accounts and records recommended by the Auditor in respect of rate payments of less than the full sum due has been put into operation, and steps have been taken to ensure that the Collectors will present their accounts for checking bi-monthly.

The arrears of rents on artisans' dwellings is a matter which has been brought to your notice on several occasions and warnings have been issued to the Collectors from time to time on the subject, but the tendency is towards an increase; the arrears at 31st August, 1941, being £601, 17. 6 or approximately £1 per house. The amount of arrears also represents about four weeks rent. A large amount of the arrears is made up of comparatively small sums and tenants who pay monthly during the first week of each month contribute to the high arrears figure at the end of each month. This question of arrears of rent must be approached in a very determined manner and persons owing small sums and in a position to clear them off should be made to do so immediately or proceedings taken for possession. Those tenants owing large sums should be required to make adequate arrangements to clear them off within a reasonable time, and tenants paying monthly must be required to clear their rent accounts before the end of each month and not leave it until the first week of the subsequent month.

Once again the Auditor calls attention to the failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928; and I must also again urge on you the necessity of fixing a basic rent for each house so that the rates may be added to this rent each year. If this were done it would greatly facilitate the compilation of statistical returns and would obviate adjustments in the accounts in respect of the different rates.

All of the persons in arrear with instalments under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts have made payments on account since the date of the Audit.

As regards the question of Stocks, the Borough Surveyor has since taken an inventory of all the materials and plant belonging to the Corporation and a proper system of record and check on receipts and issue of petrol and oil has been established.

Since the report was made, the Wexford Harbour Commissioners have made a payment on foot of their indebtedness to the Corporation.

Instructions have been given to the Corporation Solicitor regarding the Auditor's recommendation on the subject of District Court Fines.

Notices have been issued regarding the renewal of outstanding Licences.

The question of Deeds - Smith and O'Neill, has been taken up with the Corporation Solicitor.

The amounts surcharged are the subject of an appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but up to the time of writing this a decision has not been given.

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A new Bond has been provided by Rate Collector Patrick Curran.

I regret that time does not permit of a more exhaustive analysis of the Accounts, but if any member wishes more information on any matters contained therein, I shall be only too happy to supply it on request.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,

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Abstract of the Accounts of the Wexford Corporation

TABLE (A)—REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Name of each Separate Account or Fund. (1)	CHARGE. Balance in favour at the close of last year. (2)	Receipts from all sources. (3)	Transfers from other funds of the Council. (4)	Balance against at close of this Year. (5)	Total Charges and Discharge sides of Account. (6)	DISCHARGE. Balance against at close of last Year. (7)	Payments for all purposes. (8)	Transfers to other funds of the Council. (9)	Balance in favour at the close of this Year. (10)
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Relief Grant	— — —	8545 0 0	1145 12 10	— — —	9690 12 10	— — —	8607 16 11	— — —	1082 15 11
(a) Borough Fund	969 9 3	21340 0 0	— — —	— — —	22309 9 3	— — —	19425 9 2	2313 2 6	570 17 7
(b) Towns Improvement Account ...	296 12 3	3645 18 4	345 16 8	— — —	4288 7 3	— — —	3119 10 2	1145 12 10	23 4 3
(c) Water Rate	— — —	2020 5 7	155 12 6	80 6 0	2256 4 1	174 7 4	2081 16 9	— — —	— — —
(d) Poor Rate	1149 8 3	9530 0 8	1811 13 4	— — —	12491 2 3	— — —	11529 18 7	— — —	961 3 8
Total	2415 9 9	45081 4 7	3458 15 4	80 6 0	51035 15 8	174 7 4	44764 11 7	3458 15 4	2638 1 5

TABLE (B)—STATEMENT EXPLANATORY OF THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS. (1)	Amount. (2)	Totals. (3)
	£ s d	£ s d
RATES:—		
Town Rate (a) Borough Rate	6627 11 2	
Town Rate (b) Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	3105 12 10	
Town Rate (c)		
Town Rate (d) Water Rates	1434 15 1	
Bounty in lieu of above Rates		11167 19 1
		49 6 8
RENTS:—		
From Corporate Estate	260 4 11	
,, Artizans' Dwellings	6673 6 0	
,, Town Hall and other Properties ...	24 11 6	
		6958 2 5
GRANTS:—		
Contribution to Sanitary Salaries	57 1 0	
Allotments	30 6 0	
Child Welfare	173 7 2	
Education (Provision of Meals) Acts ...	115 19 8	
Housing Act, 1908	49 13 3	
,, ,, 1932	4412 17 3	
Main Roads	375 0 0	
Free Milk	796 12 9	
Meat Inspector	141 12 0	
Vocational Education	189 2 5	
Relief of Unemployment	8545 0 0	
		14889 11 6
FEES, TOLLS AND CHARGES:—		
Water Undertaking	579 2 3	
Burial Grounds	396 14 0	
Markets and Fairs	111 1 3	
MISCELLANEOUS:—		
Insurance Refund	104 3 7	
Domestic Scavenging	60 18 6	
Road Openings	24 17 2	
Franchise Fees	71 0 0	
Old Age Pensions—Salary of Clerk ...	18 2 6	
Licences	7 10 0	
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	412 14 11	
Interest and Dividends	12 0 9	
Maintenance and Lighting of Harbour Streets	72 10 0	
Petrol Pump Fees	34 13 0	
Rates on Increase of Railway Valuation ...	28 6 1	
Valuation Certificates	0 5 6	
Sale of Tar Drums	2 19 6	
Examination Fees	3 5 0	
Sale of Milk at Half Cost	9 5 2	
Sale of Range	2 10 0	
District Court Fines	5 1 6	
Sewerage Connection	8 7 0	
Maintenance of Main Roads	500 0 0	
Ferrule	0 6 0	
Services of Turncock	0 5 0	
Sale of Old Mains	3 11 0	
Miscellaneous	16 14 7	2486 4 3
General Receipts ...		33551 3 11
POOR RATE:—		
(a) General	9431 19 5	
Bounty in lieu of Poor Rate	38 3 2	
Other Receipts	59 18 1	
Poor Rate Receipts ...		9530 0 8
Total Revenue Receipts ...		45081 4 7

PAYMENTS. (4)	Amount. (5).	Totals. (6)
	£ s d	£ s d
Sewers, Maintenance of, including Wages ...		174 11 8
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...		408 7 5
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance		637 15 3
Repairs to Corporate Buildings		66 15 9
Education (Provision of Meals) Acts ...		253 3 0
Artizans' Dwellings—Maintenance of ...		692 6 2
Salaries, Collectors' Fees and Superannuations		2399 5 8
Salaries of Sanitary Officers		237 11 4
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes		11306 16 1
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes		1521 14 5
Burial Ground Expenses		276 17 6
Scavenging and Watering Urban Roads ...		1168 10 9
Construction and Maintenance of Urban Roads		836 4 2
Cleaning and Repairing Main Roads ...		471 12 11
Waterworks—Maintenance and Repair ...		643 13 6
Other Expenditure:—		
Public Lighting	664 5 3	
Law and Election Expenses	—	
Vocational Education Acts	476 0 0	
Domestic Scavenging	586 15 9	
Milk (Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme)	173 16 10	
Insurance of Workmen	—	
Food and Drugs Act Expenses	45 7 5	
Fuel and Light	60 11 0	
Bathing Place	64 8 10	
Fire Brigade	39 14 1	
Free Milk	734 16 11	
Demolition of Houses and Purchase of Site	56 5 5	
Allotments	24 13 0	
Travelling Expenses	36 7 0	
Interest	205 14 0	
Stamps on Agreements	5 0 0	
Infectious Diseases and Disinfectants ...	24 0 8	
Child Welfare (Dressings)	9 17 7	
Administration of Free Milk Scheme ...	37 0 9	
Diphtheria Immunisation	40 9 6	
Petrol Pump Fees	34 13 0	
New Petrol Tank and Pump	40 10 10	
Audit Fee	21 0 0	
Demolition of Morgue	9 0 0	
Office Requisites	18 7 9	
Contribution to Irish Tourist Association ...	10 0 0	
Performing Rights Society	5 5 0	
Examination Fees	6 15 0	
Income Tax Refund	4 10 0	
Miscellaneous	96 4 11	
		3531 10 6
Relief Grants		8607 16 11
... General Payments ...		33234 13 0
POOR RATE CHARGES:—		
Money supplied to Co. Council on Demand ...	10031 9 5	
Cost of preparing and collecting Rate ...	283 5 9	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and other expenses connected with Poor Rate ...	58 16 5	
Unemployment Assistance	1156 7 0	
Total Poor Rate Payments ...		11529 18 7
Total Payments ...		44764 11 7

TABLE (C)—LOAN OR CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Purpose for which obtained. (1)	Whether by issue of Stock or by Mortgage Loan. (2)	CHARGE. Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last Year. (3)	Receipts during the Year. (4)	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this Year. (5)	Total both sides of Account. (6)	DISCHARGE. Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last Year. (7)	Expenditure during this Year. (8)	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this Year. (9)
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Housing of the Working Classes ...	Mortgage Loan	209 3 7	5367 19 0	—	5577 2 7	—	4282 4 1	1294 18 6
Renewal of Sewers and Watermains	do.	39 11 11	1430 11 6	346 16 10	1817 0 3	—	1817 0 3	—
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	do.	687 1 11	880 0 0	—	1567 1 11	—	1505 0 0	62 1 11
Erection of Town Hall	Overdraft.	—	1750 0 0	1947 5 10	3697 5 10	3300 18 9	396 7 1	—
Streets Improvement	—	34 7 8	0 5 3	—	31 12 11	—	34 0 0	0 12 11
Totals		970 5 1	9428 15 9	2294 2 8	12693 3 6	3300 18 9	8034 11 5	1357 13 4

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for the Financial Year ended 31st day of March, 1939.

TABLE (D)—STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

DR.			£ s d
To Treasurer, due by him:—			
Ordinary Account	£1606 3 8		
O/S Orders	947 10 0		
		£658 13 8	
Poor Rate Account	£1936 3 8		
O/S Orders	975 0 0		
		961 3 8	
Loan Accounts—			
Housing (Cap.) A/c.		794 18 6	
Streets Improvement		0 12 11	
			2415 8 9
,, Clerk, due by him			1500 0 0
,, Loans			—
,, Balances against Waterworks Fund			80 6 0
,, Do. Sewers and Watermains Account ...			346 16 10
,, Do. Town Hall Account			1947 5 10

Securities in name of Corporation representing portion of Corporate Estate sold:—

Cost.	Security.	Nominal Value
£33 3 3	Bank of Ireland Stock	£10 11 10
20 0 0	Do.	8 9 4
50 0 0	British 2½% Consols	103 17 8
58 0 0	4½% Land Bonds	58 0 0
8 0 0	4½% do.	8 0 0
87 0 0	4½% do.	87 0 0
	TOTAL	6289 17 5

CR.			£ s d
By Treasurer, due to him:—			
Ordinary Account			
Poor Rate Account			
Loan Accounts—			
Town Hall A/c.		£1947 5 10	
Sewers and Mains	£154 15 4		
O/S Orders	192 1 6		
		346 16 10	
			2294 2 8
,, Loans			
,, Unexpended Balances, viz.:—			
Borough Fund			570 17 7
Towns Improvement Account			23 4 3
Waterworks Fund			—
Poor Rate Fund			961 3 8
Relief of Unemployment			1082 15 11
Housing of the Working Classes			1294 18 6
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts			62 1 11
Streets Improvement			0 12 11
TOTAL			6289 17 5

I hereby certify that the figures shown in the several Tables of the above Statement are correctly abstracted from the Books and Accounts of the Wexford Corporation.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1941.

JOHN J. BYRNE, Town Clerk.

I certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract from the Books of Account of the Wexford Corporation for the Year ended 31st March, 1939.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1941.

J. J. FLOOD, Auditor.

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Abstract of the Accounts of the Wexford Corporatio

TABLE (A)—REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Name of each Seperate Account or Fund. (1)	CHARGE. Balance in favour at the close of last year. (2)	Receipts from all sources. (3)	Transfers from other funds of the Council. (4)	Balance against at close of this Year. (5)	Total Charges and Discharge sides of Account. (6)	DISCHARGE. Balance against at close of last Year. (7)	Payments for all purposes. (8)	Transfers to other funds of the Council. (9)	Balance in favour at the close of this Year. (10)
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Unemployment Grants ...	1082 15 11	5395 0 0	1557 19 0	—	8035 14 11	—	7269 5 7	—	766 9 4
(a) Borough Fund ...	570 17 7	22201 6 10	—	—	22772 4 5	—	21098 2 0	0 0 3	1674 2 2
(b) Towns Improvement Account ...	23 4 3	3880 7 11	—	145 11 1	4049 3 3	—	2491 4 3	1557 19 0	—
(c) Water Rate ...	—	1947 8 11	544 4 6	—	2491 13 5	80 6 0	2178 16 7	—	232 10 10
(d) Poor Rate ...	961 3 8	8301 18 6	—	—	9263 2 2	—	6944 16 6	—	2318 5 8
Total ...	2638 1 5	41726 2 2	2102 3 6	145 11 1	46611 18 2	80 6 0	39982 4 11	1557 19 3	4991 8 0

TABLE (B)—STATEMENT EXPLANATORY OF THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS. (1)	Amount. (2)	Totals. (3)	PAYMENTS. (4)	Amount. (5)	Totals. (6)
	£ s d	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d
RATES:—			Sewers, Maintenance of, including Wages ...		180 9 1
Town Rates: (a) Borough Rate ...	6847 14 3		Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...		334 18 3
(b) Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	3481 7 6		Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...		609 15 2
(c) ...	—		Repairs to Corporate Buildings ...		224 11 7
(d) Water Rates ...	1391 9 7		Education (Provision of Meals) Acts ...		229 9 9
Bounty in lieu of above Rates ...		11720 11 4	Artizans' Dwellings—Maintenance of ...		1056 18 11
		71 9 2	Salaries, Collectors' Fees and Superannuations		2247 14 7
RENTS:—			Salaries of Sanitary Officers ...		268 0 0
From Corporate Estate ...	217 14 5		Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes ...		12003 6 7
" Artizans' Dwellings ...	7425 9 11		Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes ...		1334 13 1
" Town Hall and other Properties ...	17 8 0		Burial Ground Expenses ...		124 19 2
GRANTS:—		7660 12 4	Scavenging and Watering Urban Roads ...		1434 0 1
Contribution to Sanitary Salaries ...	40 2 2		Construction and Maintenance of Urban Roads		547 17 1
Death Duty ...	—		Cleaning and Repairing Main Roads ...		310 14 2
Child Welfare ...	172 5 10		Waterworks—Maintenance and Repair ...		594 11 4
Education (Provision of Meals) Acts ...	138 10 9		Other Expenditure:—		
Housing Act, 1908 ...	45 11 8		Public Lighting ...	562 9 6	
" " 1932 ...	4960 3 10		Law and Election Expenses ...	224 14 5	
Unemployment ...	5395 0 0		Vocational Education Acts ...	500 0 0	
Free Milk ...	823 16 10		Domestic Scavenging ...	807 12 8	
Vocational Education ...	189 2 5		Milk (Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme)	183 12 7	
Allotments ...	27 18 8		Insurance of Workmen ...	—	
		11792 12 2	Food and Drugs Acts Expenses ...	22 4 8	
FEES, TOLLS AND CHARGES:—			Fuel and Light ...	48 18 4	
Water Undertaking ...	552 7 7		Bathing Place ...	—	
Burial Grounds ...	193 18 0		Fire Brigade ...	60 7 5	
Markets and Fairs ...	106 4 3		Irish Tourist Association ...	20 0 0	
		852 9 10	Infectious Diseases ...	28 6 8	
MISCELLANEOUS:—			Free Milk ...	867 0 4	
Domestic Scavenging ...	—		Boots and Coats ...	24 4 6	
Road Openings ...	19 18 1		Petrol Pump Fees ...	18 18 0	
Franchise Fees ...	69 0 0		Interest ...	159 16 6	
Old Age Pensions Fees ...	18 2 6		Telephone Rents ...	40 12 1	
Licences ...	7 10 0		Office Requisites ...	36 8 2	
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	647 13 11		Allotments ...	26 5 0	
Interest and Dividends ...	9 7 0		Travelling Expenses ...	41 4 4	
Fire Brigade ...	60 10 0		Bathing Place ...	59 3 9	
Milk (Child Welfare) ...	14 17 1		Harbour Dues ...	11 0 6	
Scrap Metal ...	85 4 0		Association Municipal Authorities ...	5 5 0	
Fines ...	3 0 0		A.R.P. ...	87 5 2	
Petrol Pump Fees ...	18 18 0		Miscellaneous ...	130 14 5	3966 4 0
Miscellaneous ...	16 5 0		Relief Grants ...	—	7269 5 7
Main Roads ...	355 12 9				
Ferrules ...	0 10 6	1326 8 10			
General Receipts ...		33424 3 8	General Payments ...		39937 8 5
POOR RATE:—			POOR RATE CHARGES:—		
(a) General ...	8248 16 5		Money supplied to Co. Council on Demand	5972 2 7	
Bounty in lieu of Poor Rate ...	50 9 7		Cost of preparing and collecting Rate ...	246 7 5	
Other Receipts (Interest) ...	2 12 6		Printing, Stationery, Advertising and other expenses connected with Poor Rate ...	726 6 6	
Poor Rate Receipts ...		8301 18 6	Total Poor Rate Payments ...		6944 16 6
Total Revenue Receipts ...		41726 2 2	Total Payments ...		39982 4 11

TABLE (C)—LOAN OR CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Purpose for which obtained. (1)	Whether by issue of Stock or by Mortgage Loan. (2)	CHARGE. Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last Year. (3)	Receipts during the Year. (4)	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this Year. (5)	Total both sides of Account. (6)	DISCHARGE. Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last Year. (7)	Expenditure during this Year. (8)	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this Year. (9)
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Housing of the Working Classes ...	—	1294 18 6	13275 15 0	1294 11 8	15801 5 2	—	15801 5 2	—
Renewal of Sewers and Watermains	—	—	477 6 7	123 0 1	600 6 8	346 16 10	253 9 10	—
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	—	62 1 11	—	—	62 1 11	—	50 0 0	12 1 11
Erection of Town Hall ...	—	—	2360 0 0	—	2360 0 0	1947 5 10	412 14 2	—
Streets Improvement ...	—	0 12 11	—	—	0 12 11	—	0 12 11	—
For Concrete Mixer ...	—	—	230 0 3	—	230 0 3	—	230 0 3	—
Waterworks Improvement A/c. ...	—	—	—	544 4 6	544 4 6	—	544 4 6	—
Totals ...	—	1357 13 4	16343 1 10	1897 16 3	19598 11 5	2294 2 8	17292 6 10	12 1 11

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for the Financial Year ended 31st day of March, 1940.

TABLE (D)—STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

DR.		£ s d	CR.		£ s d
To Treasurer, due by him:—			By Treasurer, due to him:—		
Ordinary Account	£998 1 2		Ordinary Account		
Less O/S Orders	2 12 6		Poor Rate Account		
	£995 8 8		Loan Accounts	£1257 15 5	
Poor Rate Account	£2318 5 8		O/S Orders	95 16 4	
Loan Accounts					1353 11 9
		3313 14 4	,, Clerk, due to him:—		—
,, Clerk, due by him:—		1000 0 0	,, Loans		—
,, Loans		—	,, Unexpended Balances, viz.:—		
,, Balances against Towns Improvement Fund		145 11 1	Borough Fund		1674 2 2
,, Do. Housing of the Working Classes ...		1230 11 8	Towns Improvement Account		—
,, Do. Sewers and Watermains		123 0 1	Waterworks Fund		232 10 10
,, Do. Waterworks Improvement		544 4 6	Poor Rate Fund		2318 5 8
			Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts		12 1 11
Securities in name of Corporation representing portion of Corporate Estate sold:—			Unemployment Grants		766 9 4
Cost.	Security.	Nominal Value			
£33 3 3	Bank of Ireland Stock	£10 11 10			
20 0 0	Do.	8 9 4			
50 0 0	British 2½% Consols	103 17 8			
58 4 0	4½% Land Bonds	58 0 0			
8 0 0	4½% do.	8 0 0			
87 0 0	4½% do.	87 0 0			
	TOTAL	6357 1 8	TOTAL		6357 1 8

I hereby certify that the figures shown in the several Tables of the above Statement are correctly abstracted from the Books and Accounts of the Wexford Corporation.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1941.

JOHN J. BYRNE, Town Clerk.

I certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract from the Books of Account of the Wexford Corporation for the Year ended 31st March, 1940.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1941.

J. J. FLOOD, Auditor.

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CAVAN,

4th July, 1941.

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I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1940. Certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts are transmitted herewith.

The rate struck for the service of the periods under audit and the preceding year are shown hereunder:—

	1937/38	1938/39	1939/40
Town Rate	11/-	11/8d	12/8d.
Poor Rate	8/2d.	9/-	9/-

The increase in the Town Rate in 1938/39 was mainly due to increased provision for relief work while the increase in the Poor Rate was due to an increased demand from the County Council. The increase in the Town Rate in 1939/40 was mainly due to increased loan repayments required in respect of Housing Loans and for increased contributions towards the cost of relief works. There remained due to the Wexford County Council at 30th June, 1941, in respect of the 1940-41 demand a sum of £4,152 1s. 8d.

The following table indicates the state of the rate collection for the period under audit:—

	Total for Collection (including Arrears brought forward)	Total actually Collected.	Uncollected at close of Warrants.
TOWN RATES			
1938/39	£15,535 18 2	£11,167 19 1	£4,367 19 1
1939/40	£16,141 0 1	£11,767 19 9	£4,373 0 7
POOR RATE			
1938/39	£13,523 11 10	£8,395 2 4	£5,128 9 6
1939/40	£13,158 3 4	£8,293 17 0	£4,864 6 4

These figures reveal a very unsatisfactory state of affairs which, if allowed to continue, will doubtless affect the Corporation's ability to carry on its administrative functions. Included in the rates written off was a sum of £263 19s. 2d. due from an ecclesiastical establishment and covering a period of years; the current rates are being paid.

It was observed that in a number of cases rates had been collected by instalments and that an official receipt (Form 52A) had been completed and given to the payers in respect of each instalment. Duplicate receipts were not kept and thus I was unable to check the accuracy of the transactions without reference to the Rate Book in each case. Particulars of the instalments had been noted in the Rate Book and on the original Rate Receipt, Form 52A, which had been made out for the total moiety due. In future, surplus Forms 52A should not be used for the acknowledgment of the receipt of instalments. Official duplicate receipt books should be obtained and used for this purpose, while a Ledger Account should be opened for each ratepayer who pays by instalments. The original receipt (Form 52A) should be cancelled when the first instalment of rates is received. The authority of the Minister should be sought, in the first instance, for this departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Orders.

It was observed that the books of the Rate Collectors had not been examined each fortnight in accordance with the terms of Article 106 of the Public Bodies Orders, 1925-31. This laxity calls for the serious attention of the Rate Collector and the Rate Checker. A number of unissued receipts (Form 52A) were found on examination to have been wrongly made out; more care should be exercised in this matter. The sum of £8 17s. 10d. underlodged by the Poor Rate Collector in respect of the 1938/39 and the 1939/40 collections was lodged during the audit.

The arrears of rent on the Corporation's houses amounted to £602 5s. 8d. on the 31st March, 1938, and despite the writing off as irrecoverable of £108 14s. 4d. in 1939/40, the arrear figure remained at £558 14s. 11d. at 31st March, 1941. The progressive increase in the arrears carried forward each year must be regarded as unsatisfactory; serious efforts should be made by the Collectors to reduce to reasonable proportions the amount outstanding. Included in the amount written off in 1939/40 was £18 1s. 0d. which was due from a member of the Corporation when he vacated the house. Arrears of Rent remain due from three members of the Corporation.

The Corporation continues to ignore Section 9 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928. In this connection it was observed that sums amounting to £873 15s. 4d. and £877 18s. 4d. had been transferred [illegible] to the Poor Rate Account in the period [illegible] reason for these transfers was not put forward and I have given instructions that these sums should be re-transferred to the Ordinary Account.

The sum of £30 4s. 6d. remained due to the Corporation at the 30th June, 1941, in respect of rent-charges under a Tenant Purchase Scheme. The Deed of Charge has not been signed by the Tenant; this matter should be referred to the Corporation's Legal Adviser for early attention.

In a number of cases the payments due to the Corporation in respect of Loans made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, have fallen seriously into arrears. In a number of cases the amounts outstanding represent more than one year's repayments. These cases should be referred to the Corporation's Solicitor for immediate action. In future the receipts for the annual payments of Fire Insurance premiums on these houses should be available for inspection at audit.

The regulation (Article 72 of the Public Bodies Orders, 1925/31) that Stock Books containing records of all machinery, implements, materials and other similar property of the Corporation shall be kept under supervision of the Town Surveyor has been completely disregarded. The sole evidence of record produced to me was a sheet of foolscap showing portion of the stocks on hand at 9th August, 1940, which for the purpose of checking was valueless. In view of the purchase of large quantities of materials, tools, petrol, etc., by the Corporation, which I am informed would amount to £5,000 to £6,000 per annum approximately, I wish strongly to impress on the Corporation the urgent need for the proper provision of the appropriate records.

I was unable to check the issues of petrol and oil for lorries, concrete mixers, etc., as proper records were not forthcoming. The task of keeping records of petrol issued should not have presented any difficulty as a petrol pump which records issues had been installed by the Corporation in January, 1939. A sheet torn from an official book and containing particulars of weekly issues of petrol from November, 1940, onwards, which was kept by the Foreman (who is at present on sick leave), was the sole record produced. Issues to the Fire Brigade between the 18th January and the 22nd February, 1941, as shown on this sheet were disputed by the Captain of the Fire Brigade. A record of the petrol and oil received into and issued from the Fire Brigade Station was not kept; I was thus unable to pursue the matter further. A drastic overhaul and tightening up of operations in the stores department is urgently needed. A system of record of receipts and issues of petrol and oil was installed during the audit. The books concerned should be inspected and certified periodically by the responsible officer.

The sum of £145 remained due to the Corporation at 31st December, 1940, from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in respect of Street Lighting and Maintenance of side streets.

In future all fines and costs collected in the District Court on behalf of the Corporation should be lodged to the credit of that Body immediately on receipt. A covering letter from the District Court Clerk should be obtained in respect of all fines and costs paid over.

Outstanding Slaughter Licences (as imposed by the Slaughter of Animals (Slaughter Licence) Regulations, 1936), should be collected.

Deeds (Smith, O'Neill and Kelly) to the Corporation vesting in it portion of the land acquired for the purposes of a housing scheme, referred to in a previous audit report, were not available for inspection. I understand that these Deeds have not been executed; the purchase money should be lodged to the credit of the Corporation. The agreement in regard to a rent of £10 per annum which is paid for a piece of ground used as a depot is also missing. This document should be made available at the next audit.

I have surcharged the sum of £6 9s. 0d. being excessive subsistence allowance payments made to certain members and officials of the Corporation.

One of the sureties of Patrick Curran, Rate Collector, has died; a new Bond should be prepared. The Bonds of the remaining officers who are required to give security appear to be in order, while the properties of the Corporation are covered by current Insurance policies.

The accounts were compiled and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

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(Sgd.) J. J. FLOOD.

Local Government Auditor.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

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Committee:- "In order to remove any doubts that may be in the minds of members of the Corporation and of William Byrne, himself, I would like to point out that I never at any time made a criminal charge against William Byrne in connection with irregularities in his Returns of gravel and sand made to me during the period 18th January, 1941 to 8th March, 1941, inclusive, His conduct in the matter, so far as I am concerned, showed negligence in the performance of his duties as General Foreman of Wexford Corporation and merited suspension from duty. In view of the appeals made to me on his behalf by His Worship the Mayor and yourself, acting on the wishes of the members present at the Finance and Works Committee of the Corporation held on the 30th ultimo, I am prepared to reinstate him in his former position/Foreman purely in a temporary capacity. In doing so, I am taking into consideration his long service as Foreman, his present low state of health, and particularly the unhappy loss to himself and his family caused by the sudden death of his wife. I am furthermore prepared to accept him as Storekeeper in charge of all Corporation Stores under my supervision when the Corporation decide to appoint him to the post. This solution of the difficulty will, to my mind, obliterate any stigma of a criminal nature which may have been cast on him by any ill disposed persons during the period of his suspension. Furthermore, it is my opinion that due to the serious breakdown in his health he would not be physically fit for continuous outdoor work, and his employment as storekeeper may be the means of preserving him to his young family for many years to come."
The Surveyor added that that was by way of explanation on account of the report which was published in the press and headed "Charges Withdrawn by Surveyor".
The Mayor stated that when he replied to Alderman Coffey, the position in his view was that no criminal charge had ever been made, and it was only to remove any doubts on this point that the letter had been written.

The Meeting then terminated.

R Barrett TD

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.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Surveyor reported that notwithstanding repeated warnings and the reduction in the hours of supply, the consumption of water in the Borough was still high, and recommended further curtailment of the hours of supply. He suggested that the hours that the water would be made available to the town should be from 8.0. a.m. to 11. 0. a.m. and 4.0. p.m. to 6. 0. p.m.
This suggestion was agreed to.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER.

The Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector reported that they had carried out a joint inspection of the Horse River from Mill Road to Rope Walk Yard at all accessible points. At Mill Road, the water level being low, much silt could be observed, and it was noticed at certain points that the residents used the river for the disposal of excretal matter. At Lower King Street the river flow was further impeded since clearance operations in July by cans, ashes, sacks, etc.
In connection with this report, it was decided that all obstructions be removed from the river, and that a watch be kept with a view to ascertaining persons disposing refuse therein. The Town Clerk was authorised to prosecute, without further reference to the Corporation, any such offenders.

DDR. Chairman.....

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WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The Town Clerk produced several letters from the Consulting Engineers and the Contractors regarding the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and pointed out that from a perusal of the correspondence it would appear that a difference of opinion had arisen between the Engineers and the Contractors regarding the ability of the latter to procure the necessary pipes to complete the rising main and the renewals in town.
In the opinion of the Town Clerk the only solution of the matter would be to get the Contractor and Consulting Engineer to Wexford and discuss the entire matter with them to see if any solution of the problem could be found.
This course was agreed to.

WORKMEN'S BOOTS.

It was decided to procure tenders for the supply of boots to the workmen employed by the Corporation.

PURCHASE OF TIMBER.

With reference to the Emergency Powers (108) Order, 1941, which authorised the Corporation to purchase, store and dispose of firewood, the Town Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the County Surveyor who informed him that he would not be in a position to sell any timber to the Corporation for this purpose, so it was decided to issue an advertisement inviting tenders for the supply of timber in suitable lengths.
In this connection the Mayor read a letter from Colonel French, Newbay, intimating that he was prepared to waive his claim to eight or ten trees on his land at Coolree which the Corporation had recently purchased for a site for the filtration plant, and it was further decided to request the County Surveyor, who had suitable plant and men, to take down these trees for the Corporation.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Under date of the 29th ultimo, the County Medical Officer of Health submitted a scheme for general immunisation against Diphtheria in the town, and the Town Clerk intimated that under date of the 30th idem he had asked Dr. Daly to let him have an estimate of the cost of the proposed scheme, so it was decided to take no further action in the matter pending the receipt of Dr. Daly's estimate.

COOLREE RESERVOIR & CARETAKER'S HOUSE.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made an inspection of Coolree Reservoir and the Caretaker's house there in connection with a complaint made at last meeting. He found a considerable growth of Thistles around the part of the embankment where the silt from the reservoir had been dumped. This was of recent growth and he ordered same to be cut immediately. He also told the Caretaker to remove an accumulation of leaves and mud behind the cleaning weir at one of the streams.
As regards the Caretaker's house he reported that new eave shoots were required, repairs to external woodwork and external painting.
It was ordered that the rapairs to the Caretaker's house be carried out immediately.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of September showed that he had examined 102 cattle, 373 sheep, and 40 swine. Of the cattle, two heads and two organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and 23 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 55 organs were destroyed for

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diseases other than Tuberculosis, and of the swine one head was destroyed for Tuberculosis.
Arising out of this matter the Sanitary Inspector was instructed to make an inspection of the premises of the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory, Ltd.

PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, were renewed in respect of the premises of Mr. R. P. O'Keefe, The Faythe; Messrs. P. Pierce & Co., Mill Road; Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Paul Quay; Messrs. W.B. Nunn & Co., King Street; and Messrs. Statham, Ltd., Westgate. A Licence to maintain a Petrol Pump was also issued in respect of the premises occupied by Messrs. Statham.

SLAUGHTER LICENCES.

Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, were issued in respect of the application of James Jones, North Main Street; James O'Rourke, South Main Street; and John Joseph Keane, South Main Street.
The Town Clerk reported that for the past twelve months the question of renewing Licences for Slaughterhouses had been left in abeyance.
He also pointed out that there were disputes between the proprietors and the Medical Officers regarding the condition of these slaughter-houses.
Members expressed the opinion that the only solution of this difficulty would be the erection of a public Abbatoir, but considered that the present was not an opportune time for such a project, so it was unanimously decided to renew the Licences for the present, and as soon as the emergency was passed the Corporation would consider the provision of a public Abbatoir.

LAND AT GREEN STREET.

With reference to previous discussions on the question of the acquisition of property at Green Street from Mr. James Brown, Mr. Browne wrote stating that he was agreeable to sell the site which had a frontage of 187 feet and a depth of 150 feet for the sum of £250, but the members considered this excessive and decided to request him to produce the Deeds so that the measurements given by him could be checked.
It was also decided to again write to Mr. John Kirwan of Mary Street asking for a reply to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposal to acquire a field from him for housing purposes.

ANALYST'S FEES.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the salary of the Analyst for the Borough, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of 12th July last, stating it was understood that the Emergency Committee of the General Council of County Councils had circulated a copy of the proposed Scale of Salary and of the suggested Scale of Salary to all Public Bodies concerned, and the Ministry asked for the further views of the Corporation on the matter.
It was decided to send a copy of this letter to the Analyst, Mr. Fagan, for his observations, when the matter would be again considered by the Corporation.

HOUSE AT O'CONNELL AVENUE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of a house at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by Michael Mahon, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to carry out the repairs.

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TENDERS FOR SAFETY SCREENS, ETC.

Two tenders were submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the provision of Safety Screens for the windows of the First Aid Station at the Technical School, under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty quoted for the necessary materials £14. 17. 9. and Wexford Timber Company £20. 15. 6.
It was decided to accept the lower of the two tenders.
Tenders were also submitted by the Surveyor from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of materials necessary for the provision of an Auxiliary Fire Station at Ropw Walk Yard. The Wexford Timber Co. quotad £16. 19. LL, and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty £19. 11. 9.
It was also decided to accept the lower of the two tenders in this case.

R. Corish TD

20th October, 1941.

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: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

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

SURFACE OF EMMET PLACE.

At the request of several members, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the surface of Emmet Place attended to.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the Town Clerk submitted lengthy correspondence between the Consulting Engineers and the Contractors of the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and when he had suggested that it would be advisable to have both the Engineers and Contractors meet in Wexford to consider the entire position regarding the supply of pipes for the work, he (Town Clerk) now reported that Mr. Maconchy, Consulting Engineer, and Mr. McCaffrey, Contractor, had been in Wexford during the week. Accompanied by the Clerk of Works he had had lengthy conversations with them on the subject of the purchase of the pipes. His first meeting with them was on the night of Wednesday, 15th instant, and as a result of this meeting he came to the conclusion that no progress whatever could be made. As a result of further conversation with Mr. McCaffrey, the latter had written him a letter requesting him to telegraph the Cement Asbestos Company enquiring if and when they would be able to deliver the balance of the pipes on order to the account of the Corporation. He had done this and on Friday received a reply intimating that certain pipes could be delivered immediately and others in the course of the next two or three months. On receipt of the reply from the Cement Asbestos Company, he had again consulted with Mr. McCaffrey and as a result of this consultation he had telephoned the Sales Manager of the Company

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at Widnes and asked him to deliver to the order of the Corporation at an Eire Port the pipes they had promised immediate delivery of. He had also asked him if the Company would agree to deliver the balance of the pipes in fortnightly consignments, and he had undertaken to do this.
He (Town Clerk) further reported that he had immediately confirmed the telegrams and 'phone conversation in writing, and if the word of the Sales Manager of Tuener's Cement Asbestos Company was worth anything at all there should be an improvement in the scheme inside the next two or three weeks.
He had also asked them to confirm from their side the telegrams and conversation, but up to the present he had received no communication from them.
The members thought that this would improve the situation and left the matter over to see what results would accrue from the negotiations carried out by the Town Clerk.

Under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. L.1122/34/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he would not raise any objection to the carrying out of the proposed works in connection with the loops or junctions and renewal of watermains in the town as an extra on the Waterworks Contract in accordance with the documents submitted by the Consulting Engineers, if the Corporation so desired. As this work was necessary in order to improve the water supply, particularly for Fire fighting purposes, it was unanimously agreed that it should be done.

REPAIRS TO MORRIS LORRY.

Two tenders were submitted for the carrying out of repairs to the Morris Lorry. Messrs. Statham, Ltd., Westgate, quoted £45. 7. 0. for carrying out repairs, and Mr. Richard Roche, Redmond Road, quoted £49. 18. 9.
For the supply and fitting of a Re-conditioned Engine, Mr. Roche stated that the price would be around £70 exclusive of carriage to and from Dublin, but he was not submitting a quotation as he did not approve of this form of engine.
Messrs. Statham quoted for a couple of types of Re-conditioned Engine, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to accept the tender of Messrs. Statham for the supply of whichever type of Re-conditioned engine the Borough Surveyor thought advisable for the lorry.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that Thomas Power, a member of the Brigade, was at present working in Ferns and was not available as a member. He asked for instructions in the matter.
It was decided, that as Power was only temporarily employed by the Great Southern Railways as a Lorry Driver during the Beet Season, not to take any action on the matter for the moment, but the Captain was to be instructed to keep the Town Clerk informed on the position at least once each fortnight.

MID-DAY MEALS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 13th instant, when it was decided to request the Principals of the various schools in the town to allow the children home for a mid-day meal each day, replies were received from most of the schools to the effect that they were agreeable to allow this. A point raised by one of the School Principals, however, was the question of children who were supplied with a meal in the school under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, and she

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pointed out that unless provision were made for the supply of a meal to these children, she would not be responsible for allowing them for an hour on the streets at mid-day.
In this connection it was decided to inform all the schools that there was no need to allow the children who received meals under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts out of school at the mid-day hour.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Town Clerk reported that an extra hour's lighting was due to the Corporation by the Electricity Supply Board in respect of all lamps extinguished at mid-night as a result of the continued operation of Summer Time during the Winter, and asked for a decision as to whether the Corporation would have this extra hour from 12.0. mid-night to 1.0. a.m. or from 6.45 to 7.45 a.m. as was done last year.
After some discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to have the extra hour's lighting in the morning from 6.45 to 7.45 a.m.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was granted in respect of the premises of Messrs. Frank O'Connor & Co. Ltd., North Main Street.

RATES ON FIELD AT GEORGE STREET.

A question was raised regarding the payment of rates on a field at George Street, which had been placed at the disposal of the Corporation by the Sisters of Mercy for the storage of turf which was being sent into the town by Fuel Importers, Ltd. against an emergency. The point was that the Nuns were receiving no revenue whatever from the property as they had allowed the fuel to be stored there free of charge, and consequently they asked that the rates for the current year should be remitted, but before coming to a decision on this matter it was decided to request Fuel Importers, Ltd. to pay the rates on this property.

LOAN OF WATCH BOX.

An application from the Wexford Steamships Co., asking, on behalf of Fuel Importers, Ltd., for the loan of a Watch Box, was granted.

TRANSFERS.

Applications for transfers from houses at Whiterock View were submitted, and refused.

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27th October, 1941.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran and Stephen McMahon.

RELIEF SCHEMES.

The Meeting had been convened to consider the cost of works carried out during 1940/41 under the Employment Schemes Vote and to consider proposals for the 1941/42 schemes, as well as to consider what steps should be taken to prepare Emergency Employment Schemes.
The first item on the Agenda was the cost of works carried out during the year 1940/41, and the following summary of the estimated and actual costs of the different jobs was circulated to the members by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting:-

"The actual amount available for Street Works was----------£7,385.
The Estimated cost of the works proposed was----------£7,590.
The Estimated Cost of the Works carried out was----------£6,840.

The Estimated and Actual Cost of each job is given hereunder:-

JOB.	ESTIMATED COST.	ACTUAL COST.	LOSS.	GAIN.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Bride Place	1,100	994		106
Green Street & Thomas St.	2,050	2142	92	
Selskar Avenue	600	483		117
Summerhill Sewer(Labour only)	250	618	368	
Summerhill Footpath	280	354	74	
St. John's Road & Avenues (Footpaths)----------	800	879	79	
Concrete Roads at Menapia, St. John's & O'Connell Avenues--	480	586	106	
George Street Footpath------	110	127	17	
Rowe Street	350	302		48
Macadam Roads at Gibson St., Wygram, Fisher's Row, Clifford Street & Swan View (part of)	820	752		68
Removal of Back ST. Corner	750	---		750
Totals----------	£7,590	7,237	736	1,089
In addition to the above the following must be added to the actual costs---------:-				
Insurances £247.				
Clerical Assistance 42		289		
Making the Net Estimated and Actual Costs---------	£7,590	7,526.		

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The Mayor, in opening the Meeting, pointed out that some of the jobs had cost less than the estimate, while others had cost considerably more. In consequence of the increased cost, a job that had been proposed to be done, namely, the removal of Back Street Corner, had had to be abandoned.
The Grants Committee had gone into the matter on two different occasions, and the Borough Surveyor had given them certain explanations as to why the jobs cost more than the estimate.
The original Grant for 1940/41 was £7,000, which, with a local contribution of £1,000, made provision for works amounting to £8,000. Included in the scheme of works proposed was the resurfacing of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery at a cost of £1,000, but the Department intimated that they were not prepared to approve of this, and it was then proposed to spend part of this sum on the cleaning of Coolree Reservoir. The Department approved of the expenditure of £600 on the Reservoir and agreed to a Grant of 60 per cent., or £360, leaving £240 to be provided locally. They then reduced the amount of the Street Works to £7,590, and proposals to provide a concrete footpath at George Street at a cost of £110, and concrete roads at Menapia, St. John's and O'Connell Avenues at a cost of £480 were approved. Subsequently it was proposed and agreed that a further £300 be spent on the Reservoir, and the Department agreed to an extra Grant of £180 and reduced the amount for Street works to £7,385, made up of a Grant of £6460 and a local contribution of £925.
That meant that the proposals agreed to for 1940/41 were estimated to cost £7,590, for which only £7,385 was available.
The Mayor complained that when the Corporation proposed to clean Coolree Reservoir they had in mind not only its utility but the very high labour content of the work, but notwithstanding the large amount of employment given, the Government had reduced their percentage of Grant to sixty. In regard to the Summerhill sewerage, which had cost £368 over the estimate for labour alone, the Mayor pointed out that in addition the Corporation themselves had to provide the sewer pipes.
Concluding, the Mayor stated that when an estimate was submitted for a job the Corporation were always under the impression that it included for all Insurances such as Employer's Liability, Public Liability, Etc. The Committee found, however, when they went into the matter that these items were charged in the final summing up, and they now asked the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor to include for Insurances and all other contingencies in estimating for each job for the future, and he thought the Committee should now insist that during the period of the next grants periodical reports should be submitted to them showing the progress of the work and the money expended at any particular time.
In reply to Councillor Gaul the Mayor stated that the net amount over expended was £141, but if Back Street Corner had been done at the estimated cost, a further £750 would have had to be added to this.
Councillor Byrne stated his point was that if the proposed works had been carried out in their entirety the total expenditure would have been considerably more than the estimate, and to his mind that was a serious position and one that should be taken seriously by the Corporation.
Alderman Coffey stated that except for the Summerhill job, the estimates worked out fairly evenly.
Referring to Grant work generally, Councillor McMahon asked if Tradesmen and Gangers were kept on during wet weather, when the labourers who were only employed for three days a week were sent home.
The Borough Surveyor, in reply, stated that no masons were paid for broken time except the Corporation mason, and tradesmen were knocked off during wet weather unless they could do useful work. He further stated that the Regulations provided that men, except skilled men or key-men, could not work on Saturday, and in regard to broken time if men could not work they were not paid. The only men paid would be the Ganger and Timekeeper and there would, of course, have to be a man kept for watching.

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In reply to a query as to where the money would come from for the removal of Back Street Corner, the Mayor said it would probably have to be done out of some other Grant.

Alderman Walsh complained that the money for Back Street corner should never have been touched, but it was pointed out that as far back as January last the Corporation had been informed in a written Statement by the Town Clerk that the works proposed would cost £7,590 for which only £7,385 was available, and, as well, the Borough Surveyor had intimated at the same time that the labour cost of Summerhill sewer would be about 100 per cent. or £250 over the estimate, and consequently it was obvious that some of the works proposed would have to be curtailed.

In regard to the work at Summerhill the Borough Surveyor said that in estimating for the sewer he assumed that he would run it in the track of the old box sewer and this meant that the excavation work would be much lighter. They had not done any amore than about a fortnight's work when the College wall, as a result of a heavy storm and the fact that the excavation was where the foundation was supposed to be, collapsed. In view of that, he thought it wiser to divert the sewer to the other side of the road; that meant a new line of sewer and heavier excavation. The cost per cube yard was greater than if he had left it in the old line. It was in the labour content the increase was and he thought there was only about £12 extra on materials as compared with what he had estimated. In addition, there was the amount spent on labour in the rebuilding of the wall. He had not thought that the College wall would collapse and if they had got past the particular point before the storm he did not believe they would have had any trouble.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk stated that the total amount from local revenue contributed towards the Grant was £1,000 plus the over expenditure of £141 and the £240 raised by loan for the purchase of the materials for the Summerhill sewer.

Alderman Walsh referred to the 1939/40 Grants, when trouble had been experienced at Cromwell's Fort regarding the grading of an Avenue there, and the Town Clerk replied that the whole 1939/40 Grants had been done practically for the estimate and as far as he could recollect without looking up the accounts, there was only the matter of a few pounds either way.

The Alderman also referred to the Law Suit which had arisen over Distillery Lane, and the Town Clerk stated that this work did not come within the scope of the Relief Grants as there was a special Housing Grant given for the development of the Green Street Housing site.

Alderman Walsh also referred to the over expenditure on the erection of houses some time ago at William Street and asked where did the money come from to make up for the loss.

The Mayor pointed out that a supplementary Loan had been raised and that the Corporation and tenants were each paying their share.

The Town Clerk intimated that the question of the cost of the William Street houses had been completely discussed when they were finished, and the Mayor said everybody knew that they cost more than the estimate and it was agreed to get a supplementary loan.

The discussion on this matter ended.

The next business was to consider a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health refusing to approve of the Corporation's proposal to provide a Public Park at Maudlintown out of the current year's employment schemes grant.

The Town Clerk read this letter which was dated 22nd instant, No. L.21593/5/41, and it stated the Minister noted from the Minutes of the Corporation on 1st ultimo that it was decided to provide a Park at the Maudlintown site. In this connection, the Minister referred to the report of the Corporation's Town Planning Advisor from which it appeared that of the two sites under consideration that at Thomas Street possessed many advantages over the site selected by the Corporation. It was not necessary, he said, to refer to the disadvantages

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of the Maudlintown site which were set out fully on Page 3 of Mr. Donnelly's report. The two sites had since been inspected by an Engineering Inspector of his Department who reported that the site selected was largely composed of a high outcrop of rock with some steep faces which might prove dangerous to young children. Grading and levelling would be expensive. The approaches were narrow lanes and a new entrance would have to be provided by the acquisition of the sites of two houses and a garden at the Faythe. The enclosing of the site would be very expensive and portion of it was outside the Urban Area. In these circumstances the Minister was not prepared to approve of the Corporation's proposal.

Councillor Connolly asked what about the Thomas Street site, and the Mayor pointed out that the Department could not deal with that until the Corporation decided on it.

Councillor Connolly then asked if it would be in order to propose the adoption of the Thomas Street Site now, but the Mayor pointed out that he would have to give notice of motion to rescind the previous resolution.

Councillor Connolly thereupon gave notice that he would move at next meeting the rescission of the resolution agreeing to the establishment of a public park on the Maudlintown site.

Councillor Byrne asked who requested Mr. Donnelly, the Town Planning Adviser, for his further observations on the cost of enclosing the extra area of land which the Corporation had decided on for the Maudlintown site, and the Town Clerk read the following letter from Mr. Donnelly, which was dated 17th ultimo:-

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

Re Proposed Public Park for Wexford Corporation.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my report of the 2nd August, I understand it is now proposed to include an additional acreage of 7a 3r 15p, land to the Saouth and South-West of the original site.

This addition to the site consists of uneven ground, mostly rocks, portion rising to considerable height over the general level of the site.

I must point out for your Committee's information that the fencing of this portion of the site will be, owing to the conditions, rather expensive, and I estimate that the additional cost of the fencing and of development work would be about £2250. to £2500.

Yours faithfully,

R. Donnelly."

The Meeting then went on to consider alternative proposals to a public park for the present year's relief schemes. It was explained that the Grants Committee had met on a couple of occasions recently and had given certain instructions to the Borough Surveyor, as a result of which Mr. McNally submitted the following proposals, a copy of which had been furnished to each member prior to the present meeting:-

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"Re Relief Scheme, 1941/42.

I submit below list of proposed works for the Winter Relief Scheme of 1941/42. You will note I have not included the resurfacing of the New Lane in Tarmacadam in the proposals. My reason for doing so was the fact that Winter is a very unsuitable time for this type of work. I can, however, have a fairly good job done on the Lane by using some of the excavated macadam from Lambert Place laid on and rolled in to form a base for a thorough patching with Tarred Chips in the Summer time, similar to what was carried out in Church Lane. A further reason would be the fact that it would be uneconomical to quarry and break the small quantity of stone required for such a small Tarmacadam job.

The following are the proposed works with the estimated costs worked out from detailed surveys, and including all Insurances and Clerical Assistance:-

No. 1.	Widening Mill Road at junction with Mulgannon Road and Faythe Lane, and resurfacing of Roadway in concrete----------	£3077. 0. 0.
No. 2.	Resurfacing (part of) Main Street between Gibson Street and Rowe Street in reinforced concrete-----	1870. 0. 0.
No. 3.	New concrete footpath West side of Hill Street----	150. 0. 0.
No. 4.	New concrete footpaths at Whitemill Road from Talbot Street to Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas Housing Sites----------	370. 0. 0.
No. 5.	New concrete footpaths at Maudlintown Housing Sites	915. 0. 0.
No. 6.	New concrete footpaths at Upper and Lower George Street----------	280. 0. 0.
No. 7.	Resurface in reinforced concrete junction of Ram Street and Wellington Place----------	320. 0. 0.
No. 8.	Resurface in reinforced concrete Lambert Place----	865. 0. 0.
No. 9.	Concrete footpath South side of Gibson Street-----	41. 0. 0.
No. 10.	Concrete footpath at Belvedere Road----------	222. 0. 0.
No. 11.	Concrete area in front of houses East side of Faythe----------	194. 0. 0.
No. 12.	Concrete footpath North side of Parnell Street----	145. 0. 0.
	Total Cost of Proposed Works---------	£8449. 0. 0."

In reference to the proposal to widen the Mill Road and resurface the roadway at an estimated cost of £3077, Alderman Walsh complained that it was a lot of money and they would only get 35 per cent. labour content. The Borough Surveyor pointed out, however, that the schemes were only tentative as they did not yet know what amount of money would be available from the Grant. The Borough Surveyor further pointed out that he had been considering the estimate for the widening of Mill Road and by certain economies would be able to reduce it by £130 to £2947. The meeting then went over the proposals and decided to reduce the amount for No. 6 by £130 and delete the concreting of the footpath at Upper George Street. They also reduced the amount of No.10., for

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for concrete footpath at Belvedere Road by £72 to £150, which would allow the worst portion of the footpath to be done, and deleted in its entirety No. 12, concrete footpath at Parnell Street, estimated to cost £145.
These alterations reduced the entire estimate by £477 to £7972, and as the meeting was working on the assumption that a sum of £8,000 would be available between the Grant and Local Contribution, it was thought advisable to leave the balance of £28 for contingencies, and if this £28 were saved, it was agreed that a footpath at Clifford Street should be laid.
Councillor Connolly said they might take it from the Department's letter that if they wanted a Park in Wexford only one site would be sanctioned, and from the tone of the communication he thought there would be no hesitation in sanctioning the Thomas Street site. If they could go on with the park this year it would mean that the expenditure would be practically all on labour and suggested that a Special Meeting be held to consider the matter, but it was agreed that as the ordinary Statutory Meeting would be held on the 3rd proximo, no object would be served in convening a Special Meeting.
The Mayor pointed out that the estimates for street works being considered that night were submitted by the Grants Committee as alternatives for adoption only in the event of it not being possible to go ahead with the Park this year. He thought it might not be possible considering there would have to be negotiations for land and they could not negotiate until they definitely decided where the Park was going to be.
After some discussion the adoption, or otherwise, of the alternative proposals was deferred until the Corporation had an opportunity at next meeting of again discussing the question of a park.

EMERGENCY RELIEF SCHEMES.

The next item on the agenda was to consider what steps should be taken to prepare emergency Employment Schemes. It was pointed out that under date of 25th June last the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated it was desirable that surveys should be made as early as possible for suitable public works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread at any time. It was very desirable, he stated, in present conditions that there should be advanced planning so that the utmost facilities would be available for starting as extensive a programme of works as the circumstances would require. He recommended that the suggested survey be made as soon as possible and estimates of the costs and the number of persons who could be employed with the probable duration of the works proposed.
The schemes proposed should constitute a programme of works capable of providing employment for a period of at least twelve months, and if temporary additional engineering staff was required for the survey consideration would be given to reasonable proposals for its recruitment.
This matter had also been considered by the Grants Committee on a couple of occasions when the following proposals had been provisionally selected for examination:-

1. New Road from Spawell Road to Redmond Road.
2. New road from Summerhill to Whitemill.
3. Development of the Distillery (Kirwan's) field as a Housing Site.
4. Widening of Folly and Mill Road Corners.
5. Public fresh water baths at John Street.
6. Improvement of corner at Byrne's Lane/Trinity Street and William Street.
7. New road from Davitt Road, South to Waterloo Road.
8. Improvement of corner at Abbey Street/Temperance Row.
9. Improvement of corner at Back Street/Cornmarket.
10. Improvement of corner at Grogan's Road/Waterloo Road.

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The preparation of estimates, etc. for these schemes would involve the employment of temporary additional engineering assistance, and the Grants Committee had decided before proceeding further to inquire from the Department if the cost of such assistance would be met from the Grant. The Town Clerk now read a letter from the Department under date of the 8th instant, No.RE/131, stating that the same arrangements would apply as regards the financing of such schemes as applied to schemes undertaken at present with the aid of Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote. The employment of staff would not be met out of the Grant but would be regarded as part of the expenses met out of the local contribution. The financing of the schemes would receive the fullest consideration before it was decided to carry them out.
In this connection the Mayor said that the relief of unemployment was a national concern and should not be a local concern at all. The Government had stated repeatedly that it was their job. The scheme would mean that the Corporation would have to put up another amount of money and he did not know where it was going to come from. He had pointed out previously that Government policy was responsible for about Five shillings in the Pound at the present time. He was not saying whether that was right or wrong at the moment. In regard to Air Raid Precautions, none of them knew what their commitments were going to be; they would be at least 40 per cent., and he asked were they going to submit emergency schemes, for which they would have to employ extra engineering staff, at a cost to the ratepayers. He thought it was something they should not contemplate very easily.
In reply to Councillor Gaul, the Mayor stated they were not considering the schemes that night, but there was an important matter in connection with them. The Borough Surveyor had said he could not get the schemes ready, and the employment of additional engineers would be involved and their remuneration would have to come out of the local contribution.
Councillor Byrne suggested that they write to the Government stating that they were not willing to accept the ruling as far as engineering expenses were concerned, and pointing out the effect on local revenue. It was very unfair for the Government to expect local ratepayers to shoulder responsibility that should be a national concern.
It was decided to point out to the Department that while the Corporation were prepared to assist in every way possible to deal with unemployment they felt that the entire cost of emergency schemes should be met from State Funds.

DOGS ON STREETS.

Before the meeting concluded, Councillor Connolly referred to the matter of keeping dogs under control.
On Friday night last, he stated, a woman of advanced years had got a bad fall through a dog lying on the footpath at Thomas Street, and with the present system of cowling the public lights it was practically impossible to see these animals lying around the footpaths at night.
He thought it was a matter that should be brought to the attention of the Guards and that they should ask the Superintendent to seek for a severe penalty if the Garda found dogs around the streets not under control.
The Town Clerk said he would have a talk with the Superintendent about the matter, and the Meeting terminated.

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

GULLY TRAPS.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the gully traps at St. Peter's Square and John Street, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to them.

SEWER AT REDMOND ROAD.

The Surveyor was also asked to submit an estimate to next meeting for the changing of the 6" sewer pipe across Redmond Road to a 9", where considerable flooding had taken place recently in wet weather.

PURCHASE OF FIREWOOD.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, in connection with the purchase of firewood, the Town Clerk reported that he had received no response to the advertisement issued by him inviting tenders for the supply of timber suitable for the purpose. He had also received a letter from the County Surveyor stating that he was not in a position to cut the trees at Coolree which Colonel French had given to the Corporation.
After some discussion, it was decided to write to Mr. Frank Randall, of Killurin, who had cut trees for the Corporation in the Graveyards some time ago, requesting him to submit a price for cutting the trees at Coolree as soon as possible.

LOAN OF PLANKS.

An application from Messrs. McCaffrey and O'Carroll for the loan of some planks for use in connection with their work at Coolree was agreed to, at a charge of 2/6d. per plank for a period of six weeks.

LOAN OF WATCHBOXES.

An application from the L.D.F. Boxing Committee for the loan of two Watchboxes for a Boxing Tournament to be held on the 30th instant, was granted; no charge being made.

COOLREE RESERVOIR.

It was decided that the Special Waterworks Committee should visit Coolree as soon as the Filtration House was finished on some suitable Thursday afternoon.
The Surveyor was asked to obtain from the Caretaker of the Reservoir a report on the condition of the Catchment area, and, as well, to draw up a list of duties which he considered should be carried out by the Caretaker, for submission to the Corporation.

DAMAGE TO BICYCLE.

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago when John Rossiter was backing the Morris Lorry out of the store at Trinity Street he acidentally knocked down a bicycle belonging to a Miss Lacey, and it cost 12/6 to repair it. He (Town Clerk) suggested that this sum should be paid by the Corporation rather than make a claim on the Insurance Company, when they would lose their 'No Claims' bonus. This suggestion was agreed to.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk reported that none of the tenants in the condemned houses

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at Green Street or Paradise Row would move to a vacant house at Maudlintown. He reminded the Committee that on several occasions he had asked for permission to obtain Court Orders against those people in condemned houses who had refused to go into new ones, but the Corporation had not given him authority to do this. The result now was that they had a vacant house and he could not get a tenant from one of the condemned houses to go into it, so it was agreed that the house should be advertised in the usual way by putting a Notice in the window inviting applications from persons residing in condemned houses or living in overcrowded houses where there were more than two families.

BOOTS FOR WORKMEN.

Only one tender was submitted for the supply of boots for the Scavenging Staff and this was from Messrs. Healy and Collins who quoted 19/11d per pair for nailed boots and 16/11 for plain soled boots. The Town Clerk also intimated to the meeting that the Trade List qouted for a nailed boot at 15/10 so it was decided to ascertain if the Trade List price had yet been increased, and the Town Clerk was authorised to accept the lowest tender for these boots.

OVERCOAT FOR TOWN SERGEANT.

The Town Sergeant applied for an overcoat as the last one he got was three years ago, and it was decided that tenders should be invited from local traders by next meeting.

TYRES FOR LORRY.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Morris Lorry required a new set of tyres (seven). He suggested that he should be authorised to purchase two new tyres and to have the remainder remoulded in pairs, which would only cost about half the price of new ones. This course was agreed to.

WATER SUPPLY IN HOUSE AT BRIDE ST.

Complaint was made regarding the absence of a water supply in a house at Bride Street, occupied by Miss Carty, but it was reported that the attention of the Medical Officer of Health had been drawn to this matter some two weeks ago and up to the present no report had been received from him thereon. It was decided that the Town Clerk should write to the Medical Officer requesting him to forward this report in time for next meeting.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, and Timothy Cashman.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 6th, 13th and 27th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 13th, 20th and 27th ultimo; and Grants Committee on 10th ultimo.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £10,871. 12. 4. were submitted.
Arising out of the accounts Councillor Byrne queried an amount of £72. 10. 0. due to Messrs. Healy and Collins, Wexford, for the supply of overalls and asked what they were for and if tenders had been received. The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that the overalls were in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme and that he had sent a circular to every Draper's shop in Wexford inviting tenders.
Messrs. Healy and Collins was the only Firm that replied in addition to a Dublin Firm, who had also submitted a tender, but Messrs. Healy and Collins was the cheaper of the two.
Councillor Sinnott thereupon stated that he would like such matters to be advertised, but the Town Clerk pointed out the reason he did not advertise was that he was in doubt if the Department of Defence, who would have to pay Sixty per cent. of the cost, would consider it reasonable to pay a couple of pounds for advertising when all the local traders could just as easily be contacted by way of a letter.
It was decided, however, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that for the future all goods likely to cost over £5. should be obtained by tender after public advertisement.
Councillor Byrne referred to an item of £46. 15. 10. due to Mr. Patrick Meyler for repairs to the Morris Lorry and suggested that the lorry was becoming a bit of a liability. The Borough Surveyor stated he had sent in a report some time ago pointing out that the lorry was a liability as it was over seven years old and two years over its best days.
In reply to Alderman McMahon it was stated that a new electric lorry was on order for the past sixteen months but they could not get delivery of it.
It was decided that facilities be made available for the Corporation mechanic to make a survey of the vehicle at least once a month as it was thought that this would tend to save expense to the Corporation.
The remaining accounts, having been examined and found correct, were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged, including the two in respect of which queries were raised.

SYMPATHY.

Acknowledgements of Votes of Sympathy passed at last meeting were read

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from the relatives of the late Father Martin O'Connor and from His Lordship the Bishop.
The letter from the Bishop, which it was ordered should be inserted in the Minutes was as follows:-

"Dear Mr. Byrne,

I beg to acknowledge the resolution of sympathy passed by the Corporation at the Quarterly Meeting on the loss sustained by all of us in the death of Father O'Connor. The outstanding marks of respect which the people of Wexford showed his memory during the funeral and obsequies and the constant sympathy with and prayers for him in his long illness were a great consolation to his friends. Kindly give my best thanks to the Mayor and the members of the Corporation for the respect which they showed him in word and act. With thanks for your own kind words and every good wish to all.

Yours very sincerely,

James Staunton."

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Bolger, who for many years had been an employee of the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.
The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor McGuire on the death of his daughter. Councillor Cashman seconded this motion, which was supported by all the other members present and adopted in respectful silence.

PUBLIC PARK.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move the rescission of a resolution agreeing to the establishment of a public park at Maudlintown on receipt of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the site, the Mayor suggested that Councillor Connolly should move that the decision of the Department be accepted and if this were carried it would automatically mean that the Corporation would fall back on the second site.
Councillor Connolly thereupon moved that the Corporation agree with the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as conveyed in his letter of the 22nd ultimo, No. L.21593/5/41.
Alderman Walsh seconded.
Councillor Sinnott stated that the reason he gave some time ago for the acquisition of the Maudlintown site was that he believed the other site could not be easily acquired in view of the number of interests involved, and he thought the Maudlintown Site was much the better from every point of view.
In reply to Councillor Connolly the Mayor stated it was questionable if they would be able to proceed with the park this Winter. They would probably have to go on with alternative schemes, and he did not think there would be any difficulty in getting a special Grant for the development of a park.
Alderman Coffey agreed that the park could afford to stand over for at least six months, and have the alternative schemes put into operation immediately.
Councillor Byrne suggested that application be made for a special Grant for the park at once and that the alternative schemes be submitted as well.
The Mayor stated they would want to make it very definite that they wished to put the alternative schemes into operation at once. No plans

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had yet been prepared for the park and they would take some time. If they applied simultaneously for the Relief Grant and a special Grant for the park, the Department might hesitate. He suggested that owing to the fact that they felt it might not be possible to proceed with the park this Winter, they should postpone the question. He did not want the Corporation blamed for holding up the work. The best scheme for the relief of unemployment and the most advantageous for the town would be a park, but no matter how they looked at it they could not get work on the park started within the next six months. They could have a decision on Councillor Connolly's motion, and whether it was passed or otherwise, they could see that it would be impossible to proceed with the provision of a park on either site until after Christmas.
On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Councillor Connolly's motion to accept the decision of the Department:- Councillors Moran, Connolly, Hayes, Atkins, Gaul, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh---------- 7.

Against: Councillors Cashman, Byrne, McMahon, Sinnott, Dunne, Aldermen McMahon, Coffey, and the Mayor---------- 8.

Councillor Connolly's motion to rescind the resolution agreeing to the establishment of a park at Maudlintown was declared lost, but in view of the fact that it would not be possible to commence work on the park this year, it was unanimously decided to adjourn further consideration of the proposal until 1942.
Councillor Cashman thereupon moved that the alternative schemes approved at last meeting be submitted to the Department immediately.
Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

EMERGENCY RELIEF SCHEMES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to point out to the Department that in the opinion of the Corporation the entire cost of Emergency Schemes should be met out of State Funds, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 31st ultimo stating that the proposal that the entire cost of Emergency Schemes should be made from State Funds could not be acceded to.
In reply to queries it was stated that it would be necessary to appoint a temporary engineer at a salary of about Five or Six Guineas per week and that the work he would be required to do would be in the nature of advanced planning, so that in the event of unemployment becoming widespread, relief schemes could be put into operation without delay.
After some discussion as to the responsibility of the State for the relief of Unemployment it was decided to refer the matter of the appointment of an engineer to the Special Grants Committee.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The next business on the agenda was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Maudlintown.
The Town Clerk intimated that he had received seven applications for the house up to 5.0. p.m., but none of the applicants was residing in a condemned house, and persons residing in condemned houses at the other side of the town had refused to go to Maudlintown.
He had only received one application in time to have it examined and see if it came within the scope of the Corporation By-laws, but it did not, and he further stated that whoever was selected as tenant would not receive the key until he was perfectly satisfied by investigation that the house in which he at present resided was within the scope of the By-laws.
In view of this the meeting decided to adjourn the selection of a tenant

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for a week and in the meantime an examination could be made of the conditions under which the applicants were residing.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th September last showed that he had examined eight samples of milk, two each of butter and margarine, and one each of sausage, pudding, Marmalade, and Whiskey.
Of the sixteen samples submitted for analyses, one sample of milk was found to be deficient of 14·11 per cent. of non-fatty solids, and one sample of whiskey was found to be 30·24 degrees under proof.
It was reported that proceedings had been taken against the vendors of the two defective samples, and in the case of the defective sample of milk the vendor was fined Sixpence with Four Shillings Court Costs, and £1. 1. 0. Analyst's Fee. In the case of the defective whiskey, the vendor was fined 10/- with £1. 10. 0. Court Costs, £1. 1. 0. Analyst's Fee and the conviction endorsed on his Licence.

DEMOLITION ORDER EXECUTED.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Furlong's Lane (off Bride Street) in the occupation of Thomas Byrne and Stephen Dunne and owned by Edward Carroll, Bride Street. Notice had been served under the Housing Act of 1931 inviting the landlord to submit any offer in respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house, but none had been received.
The Demolition Order was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

VACANT SEATS ON COUNCIL.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a motion in the name of Councillor Connolly regarding the filling of vacant seats had been adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to submit a report on the attendances, Councillor Connolly stated that as the Election of members of Local Authorities was so near he did not think it would be worth while to press his motion.
In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that Councillor James Murphy and James Billington were dead, and that Aldermen Flusk and Tobin and Councillors Martin and Hawkins were disqualified for non-attendance.
Councillor Connolly thereupon withdrew his motion and no action was taken regarding the filling of the vacant seats.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Local Government Act, 1941, together with an Order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health bringing certain Sections of it into operation as from the 1st instant, as well as an Order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health bringing into operation the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) (Amendment) Act, 1940.
The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941 which had been brought into operation, and particularly pointed out that Section 57 disqualified members of a Local Authority who owed rates at the close of any Financial Year.
At the request of some of the members the Town Clerk agreed to draft a summary of the provisions of the Act and circulate it amongst them.
The Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) (Amendment) Act excluded Nurses and Midwives from the provisions of the principal Act, and from the 1st instant appointments to these offices would be made in the ordinary way by the Local Authorities concerned.

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HOUSING INQUIRY.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 1st September last, when the Mayor submitted to the Meeting the report of the Inspector who held an Inquiry into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation, the Town Clerk now submitted to the meeting a further copy of this letter together with correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 18th and 30th ultimo, but the Mayor intimated that the Housing Committee had not yet finished the drafting of their reply in the matter, and moved that consideration of it be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on the 10th instant. Councillor Byrne seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

There was submitted to the Meeting a requisition to tax the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was agreed to appoint Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, to attend the Taxation proceedings on behalf of the Corporation.
The Requisition was also sealedand signed on the part of the Corporation.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Roche T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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.

LAND AT GREEN STREET.

With reference to previous discussions on the proposal to extend the Green Street Housing Site by the acquisition of two parcels of land from Mr. Phillip Hall and Mr. James Browne, the Town Clerk reported that last week he had been interviewed by an Inspector of the Department who urged him to acquire this land as soon as possible so that the houses might be erected while the Contractor had his plant on the site. After consultation with the Mayor and Borough Surveyor he had written to the owners of the land offering Hall the sum of £30 and Browne the sum of £100 for their respective properties.
He now read a letter from Hall intimating that he was prepared to accept £40 for the site in question, and from Browne asking £210.
It was decided to accept Hall's offer and to offer Browne £150.

HOUSE AT DAVITT ROAD - STAUNTON.

Messrs. T. & R. Walsh, Solicitors, intimated that Inspector Staunton had disposed of his interest in the house at Davitt Road, North, which he was acquiring from the Corporation on the Tenant-purchase system, to Miss M.J. Boyle, of William Street, and asked the approval of the Corporation to the transfer.
It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to agree to the transfer to Miss Boyle.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM ST. - DEVEREUX.

A lengthy letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor regarding the position of the occupier of a house at William Street, which had been sold on the tenant-purchase system to a man named Devereux who had since been found dead in the Tipperary Mountains.
Briefly, the position was that Mrs. Devereux, who had no means, was

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prepared to hand back the house to the Corporation on condition that the deposit of £30 made by her late husband was returned to her, and that the arrears of Tent-charge due on the house would be remitted. The Corporation Solicitor pointed out that the only alternative would be to take proceedings against Mrs. Devereux for possession and as she had no means he did not see how they would be able to get any rent from her.
It was decided to submit all the facts of this case to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to enquire of they would be prepared to approve of the Corporation handing back the deposit in the special circumstances of the case.

HOUSE AT BRIDE STREET - CARTY.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected the premises of Miss Carty, Bride Street and found no water supply, and it was decided that notice be served on the owner requiring the provision of a water supply within one month.

OVERCOAT FOR TOWN SERGEANT.

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of an overcoat for the Town Sergeant. They were from Messrs. Healy and Collins who quoted £4. 12. 6 and £4. 19. 6; Mr. Patrick Breen who quoted £5. 5. 0.; and Messrs. W. & G. Hadden who quoted £4. 15. 0., £6. 5. 0. and £6. 10. 0. It was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Healy and Collins at £4. 12. 6. on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

TYRES FOR LORRY.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was decided to invite tenders for the supply of four new tyres for the Morris Lorry, and for the remoulding of other tyres.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillors Hayes, Connolly and Byrne.
The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME.

Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme, intimated that they would have seven of the houses ready for occupation on the 17th instant, and requested the Corporation to have the residents transferred from the houses on the front so that they could put in hands the balance of the houses to complete the scheme.
In this connection the Town Clerk reported that there were seven persons occupying condemned houses, the property of the Corporation there, and it was unanimously decided that these should be transferred to the new houses as soon as they were available.
It was pointed out, however, that a Mrs. Kehoe and a Mrs. Reddy were carrying on shops in these houses for some years past and it was unanimously agreed that they be given permission to carry on shops in the new houses for their own lifetime, and that they be transferred back to the front of the street when all the houses were finished.
The Town Clerk also reported that there were six persons in condemned houses at Paradise Row, and from a perusal of the list of these it was obvious to the members that the persons concerned would not be in a position to pay the rent which it would be necessary to charge for the Green Street houses, and it was decided that the Rent Collectors should be instructed to ascertain if there were any people in other Corporation Schemes who would be willing to pay the higher rent for these houses, and thus leave cheaper houses available for the poorer persons at present in condemned houses.

LAND AT GREEN STREET.

With reference to Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 3rd instant, when the question of the acquisition of further land for the Green Street Scheme was under consideration, the Borough Surveyor now reported that he had now checked up on the frontage and found that the land was divided into three portions and not two as was formerly understood. The ground was divided as follows:-

Mr. Phillip Hall, Carrigeen Street:	Approximate Area 30 sq. Perches. Value------	£40. 0. 0.
Mr. James Browne, Bishops-Water:	Approximate Area 1 Rood 19 sq. perches. Value--	105. 0. 0.
Mr. James Browne, Green Street:	Approximate Area 39 sq. perches. Value--------	50. 0. 0.

Mr. Phillip Hall had agreed to sell his piece of ground for £40 and it was decided to offer Mr. James Browne, Bishopswater, £105 for the portion he owned, and Mr. James Browne, Green Street, £50 for his portion.
In this connection it was suggested that portion of this site on which the Corporation could not build was required by the Christian Brothers to square off their new school grounds, and

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the Committee agreed that the small piece required should be given to them on condition that they erected a wall around it.

LAND AT BISHOPSWATER.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on an offer of a piece of ground at Bishopswater by Mr. James Browne, which he said would be suitable as a Housing Site.

DISTILLERY LANE.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the acquisition of property at Distillery Lane owned by Mr. John Kirwan, Mr. Kirwan, under date of the 26th ultimo, stated that his price for the land and the property thereon was £8,000, plus an Annual Rent of £60, and it was decided to offer Mr. Kirwan a sum of £2,000 for all the property in Fee Simple.

GREEN STREET SCHEME.

It was agreed that the Housing Committee should inspect the houses at Green Street before they were taken over, and that the Borough Surveyor should ask Messrs. Kenny and Sons for a price for the extra five houses it was now proposed to erect on this site.

Richard Corish, T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey and James McMahon.

Councillors: James Crosbie, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman and Nicholas Connolly.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, Alderman Coffey proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Richard Redmond, a former Postmaster at Wexford, on the death of his son. Councillor Buckland seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.
Alderman McMahon moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Captain Boyle, a member of the Harbour Commissioners. Alderman Coffey seconded this motion which was also supported by those present and adopted in silence.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the filling of a vacant house at Maudlintown was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had had the accommodation of the three

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applicants, who had appeared to come within the scope of the By-laws dealing with houses let into separate tenements, examined.
He found that Mrs. Annie Duggan was living in a house at No. 12, Barrack Street occupied by Thomas Howlin, which contained four rooms.
Mrs. Duggan had four in family, including herself, and occupied two rooms; Thomas Howlin had three in family, including himself, and occupied one room as a sleeping and living room; Nellie and Annie Walsh occupied one room.
This showed a total of eleven persons residing in this house.
In connection with this application the Town Clerk pointed out that some years ago Mrs. Duggan had been a tenant of a Corporation house and had left it owing some Six Pounds rent which could not be recovered. In addition, when she left the house there was a lodger in residence and he (Town Clerk) had to take legal proceedings to obtain possession of the dwelling.
In the case of William Duggan, who resided in a house in the Faythe containing five rooms, the tenant of which was Kathleen Goggins, Mrs. Goggins occupied two rooms with a family of three; Martin Furlong occupied two rooms with a family of four; and William Duggan occupied one room with a family of four.
This made the total number of inhabitants eleven.
The third applicant was Michael Lacey, who resided in a house at William Street containing four rooms, and tenanted by Joseph Ruttledge.
Joseph Ruttledge, with six in family, occupied one room as a sleeping apartment; Michael Lacey, with three in family, occupied two rooms; and Mary Duggan occupied another room as a sleeping and living apartment.
The total number of occupants in this house was ten.
In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that from the information at his disposal, which had been obtained for him by the Sanitary Inspector, all three houses were lodging-houses within the meaning of the By-laws as each of them was occupied by three families, but in the case of the house at William Street, occupied by Joseph Ruttledge, he thought it might be regarded as a border-line case as Mary Duggan had no one but herself.
A poll was then taken on the three applicants, when there voted:-

For Michael Lacey:	Councillors Connolly, Hayes, Sinnott, Dunne, Byrne, McMahon, and Aldermen McMahon-and Coffey--	8
For William Duggan:	Councillors Cashman, Crosbie, and the Mayor------	3
For Annie Duggan:	Councillor Buckland----------	1.

Michael Lacey, having a majority, was declared the tenant.
In connection with this house of Joseph Ruttledge, the Town Clerk intimated that it did not comply with the By-laws in so far as accommodation for lodgers was concerned, and he proposed informing Ruttledge that when Lacey was rehoused he should not again let the rooms occupied by him, or proceedings would be instituted without further warning.
He also intended to have the Sanitary Inspector make periodical visits to this house and report to him on the matter.

HOUSING INQUIRY.

The next business was to consider the report of the Inspector who held a Sworn Inquiry last year into the letting of certain houses provided by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and the following letter under date of 25th July last, No. H.14616/1941, addressed to the Mayor was read:-

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and

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Public Health to state that he has considered the report submitted by his Inspector, Mr. Seamus O'Murchadha, on the inquiry held by him into the lettings of certain houses provided by the Corporation of Wexford under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts to persons who are stated to have been displaced by operations under the Bye-laws made by the Corporation.

The houses involved are situated at Whitemill, Joseph Street, Hill Street, Maudlintown and Davitt Road.

Before reviewing the evidence taken at the Inquiry it is necessary to set out the circumstances under which the Bye-laws were made and confirmed. In May, 1933, the Town Clerk submitted a draft of Bye-laws "proposed to be made under the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, with respect to houses divided into separate tenements, etc." The Bye-laws were duly considered by the Minister, certain amendments were suggested and notified to the Corporation on the 22nd June, 1933, with information as to the procedure to be followed before the Bye-laws were resubmitted if the Corporation were prepared to adopt them in the form as revised by the Minister.

The most important amendment suggested by the Minister was in regard to the Application of the Bye-laws wherein it was stated:-

> "These Bye-laws shall not apply to any lodging house in which the tenant of the lodging house resides and not more than one family is lodged."

On the 22nd June, 1933, the Town Clerk informed the Department as follows:-

> "The Corporation is prepared to adopt the Code as revised by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and I enclose, herewith, copy for the provisional approval of the Minister."

On the settlement of some minor details, notified in the Department's letter of the 7th July, 1933, the Corporation, at a Special meeting on the 21st August, 1933, unanimously adopted the Bye-laws in their revised form and decided to submit them to the Minister for confirmation. The Bye-laws were duly confirmed on the 12th September, 1933. The Bye-laws, therefore, clearly did not apply to any house in which the tenant resided unless more than one family were lodged therein. Furthermore, it is fully evident that the Bye-laws are not applicable to any house let by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Although the Corporation did not see any reason to object to the adoption of the Bye-laws in the form suggested by the Minister of if, in fact they saw any objection, no notification of such objection was made to the Minister, yet at the outset of the Inquiry the validity of the Bye-laws was contested by the legal representatives of the Corporation and the Town Clerk. It is not clear why the Corporation should have endeavoured to repudiate their own Bye-laws at a time when an inquiry was being conducted into grave irregularities in connection with action purported to be taken in pursuance of the Bye-laws.

An analysis of the evidence concerning the tenants of Corporation houses in the various schemes reveals that, in all, there are about 195 cases of persons who are stated to have been displaced by operations of the Corporation under their Bye-laws. 128 of these were tenants of houses in which there were two families

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only and to which the Bye-laws do not apply. Included in the latter number are thirteen persons who, prior to their removal, were lodgers of Corporation houses.

The following cases in the Whitemill Road (62 houses) scheme called for special comment:-

Tenant.	Present Residence	Residence from which transferred.
Patrick Clowery,	38 Whiterock View	14, Wolfe Tone Villas
Edward Carroll,	40 " "	16, " " "
John Byrne,	42 " "	22, Antelope Road.
John King,	44 " "	12, " "
Randall McDonald,	46 " "	18, " "
William Crean,	48 " "	24, " "
John Underwood,	49 " "	14, " "
Thomas Murphy,	50 " "	16, " "

The certificate in respect of the above scheme as signed, on behalf of the Corporation, by the Mayor and Town Clerk on 17th July, 1939, stated that all of these persons were displaced by operations under the Bye-laws and that notices were served. Moreover, the names of Patrick Clowery and John Carroll are included, in a list furnished by the Town Clerk on 16th October, 1934, as persons removed from rooms and the names of the six other persons are entered on the Town Clerk's certificate for Maudlintown 154 house scheme as transferees to the Corporation houses above referred to in Antelope Road. The Mayor and the Town Clerk must have been aware that all of these tenants were already in occupation of Corporation houses at the time when it was certified, under seal, that they were removed by operations under the Bye-laws. It is also to be noted that the certificates of lettings are necessary to enable the Minister to determine the appropriate percentage of contribution to annual loan charges. In the cases in question 66 2/3rd per cent. contributions were claimed and paid firstly in respect of tenancies at Wolfe Tone Villas and Antelope Road and secondly in respect of Whiterock View. It is noteworthy that the names of the eight persons referred to above are omitted from the schedule submitted by the Town Clerk at the inquiry and that the matters referred to were discovered only after the inquiry had concluded.

Attention is also directed to the following further examples of transfers from existing Corporation houses to other Corporation houses:-

Tenant.	Present Address.	Address from which transferred.
Joseph Bergin,	27, Wolfe Tone Villas	Father's house in Harper's Lane.
Thomas Gaul,	15, " " "	Father-in-law's (Peter Nolan) house in Distillery Road.
Thomas Walsh,	45, " " "	14, Distillery Road.
Thomas Edmonds,	12, Dolphin Road	16, Distillery Road.
Thomas Browne,	6, Edenvale Avenue	James O'Neill, 15 Distillery Road.
Ed. Grace,	9, Gulbar Road.	Thomas Hayden, Distillery Road.

In the following instances, certified as displacements under the Bye-laws, houses were actually allotted to the persons named although they were tenants - not lodgers:-

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Myles Doyle,	5 Columba Villas.
T. Nolan,	5 Dolphin Road.
P.J. Nolan,	31 Hantoon Road.
Francis Kehoe,	12 Whiterock View.
John Finn,	39 Whiterock View.
Thomas Crosbie,	Grogan's Road.

In each of the above cases one family only was in occupation of the house from which displaced and the house from which Mr. Crosbie was removed was, in fact, the property of the Corporation.

The following cases of irregular lettings also came under the notice of the Inspector:-

(1) Lodging House of Wm. Curtis, Parnell Street.

John O'Neill displaced and given house at 8 Dolphin Road in September, 1936.

Patrick Roche moved in and got a house in December, 1936, at 8 Harbour View.

Patrick Duffin then moved in and subsequently got a house at 3 Whiterock View.

In other words one tenant was first removed under the Bye-laws because of alleged overcrowding and given a Corporation house; another lodger moved in and he subsequently was also displaced and got a house. Again the rooms were let and this tenant was also displaced and got a house.

(2) House of Mr. Traynor at the Folly.

The house is stated to be in a very good condition and commodious, containing four bedrooms, large dining room, large sitting room and kitchen. House certified to be overcrowded although the only lodgers were Mrs. Traynor's father and mother. The displaced lodger got a Corporation house.

It is clear that contribution to annual loan charges in respect of the 128 houses referred to were claimed by the Corporation on an improper basis over a period of years. It was always open to the Corporation to submit a proposal for the amendment of the Bye-laws by the deletion of Article 2 thereof, but even if this course had been adopted, a claim to payment of subsidy at the higher rate could not be admitted in the circumstances in which removals had been effected.

The Corporation cannot be acquited of blame for the gross irregularities which took place and which resulted in unwarranted demands being made upon the Department for contributions to loan charges. The Town Clerk's action in submitting misleading certificates in regard to displacements purporting to come within the Corporation's Bye-laws particularly as regards persons removed from existing Corporation dwellings has been specially noted against him in the records of the Department.

The Minister has directed that the excess payments made to the Corporation in respect of contributions to housing loan charges be recovered from the Corporation.

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This letter had been submitted to the Corporation in September last, and had been referred to the Housing Committee to examine the report and to assist the Mayor in framing a reply.

The Housing Committee had met on a couple of occasions and the members had inspected the various houses from which tenants had been taken, and which were the subject of the inquiry.

The Mayor then read the following draft of a reply he proposed to send to the Department:-

"A Chara,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th July last, No. H.14616/1941, on the subject of the report of your Inspector on the Inquiry held by him into the letting of certain houses provided by the Corporation of Wexford under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and I purpose dealing with the communication seriatim by way of numbered paragraphs.

As regards paragraphs 3 to 7 on Page 1 dealing with the adoption of the Bye-laws, may I say that the adoption of these Bye-laws was suggested to me in 1933 by the then Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and I asked the Corporation to adopt them. At the request of the Town Clerk, I inquired at your Department if Model Bye-laws were available or alternatively if the Department officials were aware of any other Local Authority in the country where such Bye-laws were in operation. To both these queries the answer was "No".

The Corporation were then obliged to draft these Bye-laws themselves, and the draft Code was submitted to the Minister for provisional approval in 1933, when they certainly did not contain the application clause, which was added by the Minister. If the Corporation had desired such a clause they would have provided for it in the interpretation sections, and I must say I feel it is in these sections that the Minister should have made such an important amendment. Instead of doing this the interpretation clauses were left unaltered and the application clause, around which the inquiry hinged, was inserted. As well, I am of opinion that the insertion of this clause should have been specifically mentioned by the Department in their letter returning the draft Bye-laws. As a result of the Department's failure to do this the amended draft as submitted to the members was approved without the application clause being noted.

As to paragraph 7 on Page 1, the Corporation had no occasion between the adoption of the Bye-laws and the time of the Inquiry to consult their legal Adviser as to the validity of them and consequently were not in a position to say until then whether or not the interpretation clauses were at variance with the application clause. At no time did they or the Town Clerk consider that they were acting irregularily, more especially having regard to the lengthy correspondence which took place on the letting of the first (Whitemill) scheme, during which very detailed particulars were asked for and submitted regarding the lettings.

As regards paragraphs 8/10 on Page 2 dealing with eight lettings at Whitemill Road (62 houses) I think it is absolutely unfair that these should be mentioned in such a manner for the reason that Nos. 2,3,4,5,6,7, and 8 were originally removed from condemned houses. In the case of No. 2 - Edward Carroll - this man was originally removed from a Clearance Area into a three-room house, and as he had a family of 13 the Corporation transferred him to a four-room house at Whitemill. Nos. 3 to 8 were also removed from condemned houses at Corry's Terrace to Antelope Road and at their request the Corporation transferred them to Whitemill

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which is in the locality from which they were originally removed. All the facts of these cases were clearly stated at the Inquiry. As regards the signing of the certificates by the Town Clerk and I, we regarded these seven lettings as being from condemned houses and anything which may have appeared on the Certificate to the contrary was undoubtedly a clerical error. The reason why Patrick Clowery was not included in the evidence submitted at the inquiry was that the letting was regarded as a transfer from Wolfe Tone Villas where he was occupying a three-room house with a family of eleven. As far as I can recollect, an explanation of these transfers was given at the Inquiry.

As regards the list of houses affected, these have been visited by members of the Housing Committee since the date of the Report, and the position so far as could be ascertained is shown on the attached Schedule.

As regards the case of Joseph Bergin, of Harpur's Lane, mentioned at the end of Page 2 of your letter, I may say that the house of his father is not, nor never was, a Corporation house.

As to Thomas Crosbie, of Grogan's Road, mentioned on Page 3, this man's case was specifically mentioned in a letter sent to the Department on 13th September, 1939, and he is occupying a house at Davitt Road in respect of which onely one-third subsidy has been agreed on.

As to Lodging-house supervision, it was not possible for the Corporation to keep a strict watch on re-lettings after tenants had been removed as their Sanitary Sub-Officer was a very old man and mentally incapable of looking after the matter. In fact, he has since been removed to the Mental Hospital.

Generally speaking, the Housing situation in Wexford is mostly affected by two families living in one house, and the Corporation were alive to this fact when they drafted the original Bye-laws, but it now appears lodgers in houses with no more than two families cannot be re-housed unless they can pay a rent regulated on the basis of one-third subsidy, and as the majority of these people would be unable to do this, they are condemned to remain in rooms for all time.

As regards the evidence taken by your Inspector after the Inquiry, I do not think that this can be relied on for the following reasons:-

(1) The persons concerned were not on Oath and were not under cross-examination; and

(2) A number of the occupiers of houses from where the Corporation removed lodgers bitterly resented their removal, and in consequence would not be inclined to give very accurate information especially after the lapse of a few years.

In conclusion, may I say that at no time did the Corporation or its Officials set themselves out to deliberately deceive the Department, and they acted in genuine good faith that what they were doing was correct."

Regarding Clause 2 of the Bye-laws, the Mayor stated that in his opinion it was a most important amendment, and their particular attention should have been drawn to it by the Department.

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Referring to the tenants who were transferred from Antelope Road to Whiterock View, the Mayor stated it would be within the memory of the Corporation that when the Corry's Terrace houses were condemned, a promise was given to the tenants who were being transferred to Maudlintown that they would be sent back to Whiterock when the houses there were completed. He did not think it was fair to suggest that this transaction was against the Regulations as it was only a question of conveniencing the people and returning them to the area in which most of them had been for years.
At the Inquiry, stated the Mayor, anything the Inspector asked for was given, and he thought the Inspector had no right to take evidence after the close of the Inquiry without their being a representative of the Corporation with him to explain things.
He also pointed out that there were a number of people in Wexford who did not like the idea of the Corporation removing their lodgers, and these people would not be inclined to give any help to the Corporation when the Inspector called on them.
Referring to the case of Thomas Walsh, 45, Wolfe Tone Villas, the Mayor said that Thomas Walsh had a large family and lived in an old thatched house at the Rock of Maudlintown which was falling in.
At that time the man went to live with his brother at Distillery Road so that when he got the house at Wolfe Tone Villas he was virtually transferred from the house in the Faythe which was collapsing.
Referring to Thomas Gaul, 15, Wolfe Tone Villas, the Mayor said the man and his family suffered from Tuberculosis, and the same thing applied to another of these cases.
With reference to the case of Myles Doyle, 5, Columba Villas, the Mayor pointed out that when his case came before the Corporation there was a sharp division as to whether or not he was eligible.
The application was adjourned to enable more information to be obtained, and it was found that he lived over a shop on the Quays.
Some contended that when it was a lock-up shop the other part of the house could be taken as a dwellinghouse.
Councillor Dunne stated that he had voted for the man, who had no yard, no back door and only a wooden partition between two rooms.
Referring to the case of a man transferred from over a shop at Main Street, the Mayor thought it was a border-line case as there were only a couple of rooms and Sanitary convenience only for one part of the house. It was never intended for two or three families.
Referring to the second last paragraph on Page 3 of the report, the Mayor said it was a paragraph he found it very difficult to understand as it was contradictory in itself. They were told they could make application for amendment of the Bye-laws, but if amended they would not get any subsidy. He did not see what purpose could be served in applying for an amendment if they were going to lose something.
The whole thing was a question of interpretation of the Bye-laws, and at no time did the Corporation set themselves up against the Government.
As regards the reply, the Mayor stated he proposed to send a detailed report on all the cases mentioned.
Referring to a case in which a transfer from a three-room to a four-room house was questioned, the Mayor pointed out that the family consisted of thirteen persons and he thought it was a Christian thing to do.
Dealing with the matter generally, the Mayor said that almost twelve months ago they received an intimation from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that he proposed to hold this Inquiry, and they were at a loss to know why.
Some people resented the fact that the Report had been held for three months. He thought that was absolutely necessary so that they could get all the information possible to enable them to make a case on behalf of the ratepayers, and if the Department having held the Inquiry twelve months ago could hold up the report for nine months, there was nothing unreasonable in the Corporation holding it for three so as to examine the matter in detail.

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Continuing, he said the Wolfe Tone Scheme was the first in respect of which subsidies were paid, and in the letting of these houses all precautions were taken by the Corporation to see that the regulations were observed. Lengthy correspondence had taken place between the Department and the Corporation regarding the tenants who were stated to have been displaced by operations under the Bye-laws, and all the information asked for by the Department had been supplied regarding the conditions under which these persons lived.
As no objection had been raised by the Department, the Corporation naturally assumed that they had done everything in accordance with the regulations, and they proceeded to deal with subsequent schemes in the same manner.
The Mayor then reviewed the Housing legislation which had led up to the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, and sais he had pressed hard to have this latter Act deal with overcrowding.
To his mind the view taken by the Department on the question of houses containing two families brought them to a very serious position and place a premium on two families living in every house. It was tantamount to encouraging any man to bring in another family no matter what the size of the house was nor how many rooms were in it. They all knew that there were numbers of houses in Wexford not capable of accommodating one family let alone two, and if a house though comparatively good was overcrowded there was no remedy other than condemning it and throwing it down.
As regards the condemnation of houses he pointed out that the members, from time to time, had been hesitant in the condemnation of houses and had endeavoured to relieve the position gradually rather than condemn houses wholesale and have people waiting for accommodation. When they had not the houses ready, they took out a few families and built a few more houses. They then proceeded with the condemnation of the houses. That might be wrong from the point of view of the Department, but there was a certain amount of right in it.
There were approximately 2,000 houses in Wexford and a population of about 13,000, which meant there were about six persons to each house, but he thought if they were to have the whole situation examined they would find that the average number of people per house would be nearer to eight, and the present housing accommodation was not equal to accommodating them especially if the Department were going to persist in the attitude they were taking up now.
With reference to the Fire Brigade houses at Davitt Road, North, allusion was made in the report to Thomas Crosbie.
It would be remembered, he stated, that there was a house idle at Grogan's Road some time prior to the finishing of the Fire Brigade houses, and as Thomas Crosbie was living in rooms over a shop the Corporation had given him the house at Grogan's Road, which was close to the then Fire Station, but it was clearly understood that it was only a temporary letting until the Fire Brigade houses were ready; Mr. Crosbie being the Captain of the Fire Brigade.
All the facts in connection with the letting of the Fire Brigade houses were placed before the Department both by letter and by himself (Mayor) at a Conference in the Department; nothing was hidden, and they agreed with what the Corporation proposed to do, and decided on a one-third subsidy.
Councillor Byrne suggested that in these cases the Government were exposing the youth of the country to grave danger as no one could bring up children under such conditions. He thought that little could be added to the case put forward by the Mayor and the Housing Committee.
Councillor Dunne said he was a member of the Housing Committee since 1934, and in selecting tenants for houses they commenced with applicants who had a wife and ten children. In one case they were surprised to find there were fourteen children, and he only wished that the Inspector had been with them to see the position of these people.

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Councillor Connolly said he thought no fair-minded man could see any fault with what the Corporation had done in the letting of houses, and suggested it was up to the Corporation to take steps to amend the law as it had been interpreted.
Councillor Sinnott said that so far as the Officials and the Mayor were concerned, he did not see anything done underhand in the matter. Everything was fully above-board and the Corporation let the houses in all good faith.
Councillor Cashman said he was afraid the Inspector did not ask the question which was needed most in a lot of these cases, whether or not Tuberculosis was present. One case mentioned by the Mayor that night was not alone a case of three in family, he stated, but also a Tuberculosis case.
Alderman Coffey said he complimented the Mayor on his review of the Report. It was very good, and he thought the report would do them all good, officials and everybody. For a long time he believed that lodgers were entitled to a house, and of course it now appeared that they had been interpreting the regulations wrongly.
The discussion on this matter terminated.

EMERGENCY SCHEMES - TEMPORARY ENGINEER.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the preparation of Employment Emergency Schemes was under consideration, the Town Clerk read a further letter from the Department under date of the 7th instant, No. R.E/131, enquiring what steps had been taken by the Corporation to prepare the necessary plans. The letter further stated that no objection would be raised to the employment of temporary engineering assistance if such were required and the name of the person so appointed should be notified to the Department.
The Town Clerk suggested that as the Borough Surveyor had not the necessary time to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the Emergency Schemes suggested by the Corporation that an advertisement should be issued inviting applications from qualified engineers for temporary employment with remuneration at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per week.
Councillor Connolly, however, suggested that Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works on the Green Street Housing Scheme, should be employed but it was pointed out to him that the temporary engineer it was now proposed to employ would only be engaged for a short period, and that Mr. Millar would possibly not give up his job as Clerk of Works to take up this one.
Alderman Coffey thereupon proposed that the suggestion of the Town Clerk be adopted, namely, that applications be invited for the post of temporary engineer at £5. 5. 0. per week. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion which was unanimously agree to.

HOUSING BYE-LAWS.

Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move a resolution in the New Year to delete Article 2 of the Bye-laws dealing with houses let in separate tenements.

The Meeting then terminated.

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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 Special Meeting; the same members being in attendance.

FLOODING AT REDMOND ROAD.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to relieve the flooding at Redmond Road, a new sewer pipe would require to be laid at a cost of £13, and it was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

FELLING OF TREES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a tender from Mr. Frank Randall, of Killurin, offering to fell and cut into seven foot lengths six trees at Coolree for the sum of £8., but as the trees were small this price was considered high, and it was decided to enquire from a man named Browne, of Kyle, what price he would cut the trees for.

TYRES FOR MORRIS LORRY.

The tender of Messrs. Stathams, and the only one received, for the supply of four covers and four tubes for the Morris Lorry at a cost of £38. 12. 0. together with their tender for remoulding covers at £3. 8. 9. each was accepted.

REFUND OF RATES.

An application from Messrs. N. Furlong and Sons, Bullring, for a refund of rates paid in error on a vacant premises at Rowe Street was agreed to.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

A letter was read from a man named James North, of South Main Street, complaining that the Sign outside his Hairdressing Saloon there had been damaged on a couple of occasions and claiming compensation for Malicious Injury, but it was pointed out by the Town Clerk that as far as he was aware the Corporation had no authority to pay for malicious damage without an order of the Court.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Sanitary Inspector on the condition of a house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Mrs. Browne, which, he stated, was in a filthy condition, and it was decided to serve notice on Mrs. Browne requiring the house to be cleaned up within three days, or the Corporation would proceed against her for abatement of the nuisance and possession of the dwelling.

ANALYST'S SALARY.

A letter from Mr. B. G. Fagan, Borough Analyst, on the subject of his salary was submitted. This matter had been before the Corporation for a considerable time, and the new scale of fees drawn up by the Analyst's Association was a retaining fee of £50 for the examination of 100 samples, together with 7/6d. each for the second hundred. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that they were at present paying Mr. Fagan 5/- per sample, and submitted the amounts paid him for the years 1936 to 1940.

In 1936 -	92	samples	had	been	submitted	at	a	cost	of	£23. 0. 0.
" 1937 -	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	25. 0. 0.
" 1938	114	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	28.10. 0.
" 1939	96	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	24. 0. 0.
" 1940	76	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	19. 0. 0.

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For the year 1941, he stated, 51 samples had been submitted for the first nine months, and if the average for the last quarter were the same, the total cost to the Corporation would be £17.
If the new scale had been in operation over this period, the cost to the Corporation would be £50 per annum except in 1938 when it would have been £55. 5. 0.
It was seen from this report that the new scale in so far as the Corporation were concerned meant an increase of from 5/- to 10/- per sample, and it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to a leter date.

EAVE SHOOTS AND DOWN PIPES.

The Turncock was to be asked to make a report on the Down pipe from the roof of the premises at South Main Street, formerly occupied by Mr. Whelan, Dentist, and as well, to submit a report on the eave gutters generally on the Main Street.

RATES - COUNCILLOR DUNNE.

In reply to a query as to how a sum of £13. 19. 1. due for rates by Councillor Dunne out of a premises in Clifford Street was made up the Town Clerk gave details showing that the balance of rates due was £7. 6. 4. and the sum for costs and legal proceedings £6. 12. 9., and he was asked to submit a copy of this to Councillor Dunne for his consideration.

RATE COLLECTORS OFFICES.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to expedite the completion of the Rate Collectors offices and to examine a dangerous wall at the junction of Parnell Street and Barrack street.

CEMETERY CARETAKER'S HOUSE.

The Surveyor was also asked to make a report on the condition of the Caretaker's house at Crosstown Cemetery.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the close of the above Meeting; the members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hayes, Byrne, Dunne, Connolly, Buckland and Crosbie.

COST OF GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Town Clerk submitted the following Estimate of the cost of the Green Street Houses, together with the Economic Rents:-

The Total amount of the accepted Tender for 34 houses was £12,160.

The tendered price per house----------		£358
Cost of original site and development	£3,000	
Estimated cost of extra land	200	
Total for 39 houses	£3,200.per house------	82
Clerk of Works per house----------		7
		£447

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Forward---------£447.	
Law Costs per house----------	5
Add for estimated increase under War Clause per house---------	25.
Total estimated all-in cost per house----------	£477.
Repayment of £477 @ £6. 5. 6 per cent.----------	£29. 18. 8.
Less subsidy on £350 at two-thirds----------	14. 12.10.
	15. 5.10.
Administration charges at one per. cent. on building costs----------	4. 0. 0.
Rates at 25/4 on P.L.V. (Estimated) of £5.----------	6. 6. 8.
Total annual charges on above estimated cost--------	£25. 12. 6.

Weekly Economic Rent 9/10d.

In accordance with your wishes, I give, hereunder, the economic rent if the development costs are excluded and only the £450 paid for the original land included instead of £3,000 for land and development:-

Tendered price per house----------	£358.
Land for 39 houses £650 ---per house----------	17
Clerk of Works----------	7
Law Costs----------	5
Increases under War Clause----------	25.
	£412.

Repay £412 @ £6. 5. 6 per cent.----------	£25. 17. 0.
Less subsidy as above----------	14. 12.10.
	£11. 4. 2
Rates----------	6. 6. 8.
Administration----------	4. 0. 0.
Total annual charges----------	21. 10.10.

Weekly economic rent 8/4.

The Housing Committee, after some discussion, unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to fix a rent of 6/6 each per week for these houses.

Richard Pearse TD
Mayor of Wexford

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Stephen McMahon, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Buckland, and James Crosbie.

The Meeting had been convened to dispose of the following business:-

(1) To consider a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the rent of the Green Street houses be fixed at Six Shillings and Sixpence each per week, inclusive of current rates; and

(2) To fix a name for the Scheme.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Richard Goold, N.T., who for over fifty years had been an outstanding figure in the life of the town.
Alderman McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

Alderman Coffey asked the permission of the Chair to refer to the increase of Ten per cent. in Electricity Charges made by the Electricity Supply Board.
Last year, the Alderman stated, the Electricity Supply Board made a profit of £500,000, and he thought it was most unreasonable of them to increase their charges by Ten per cent., which was also to be added to the fixed Valuation Charge, and he moved the following Resolution:-

> "That we, the Corporation of Wexford, emphatically protest against the proposal of the Electricity Supply Board to increase the charges for electricity by ten per cent., as having regard to the profits made by the Board during the past few years we consider the proposed increase unjustified; and we call on the Board and the Minister for Industry and Commerce not to proceed with the increase which if persisted in will be an intolerable burden on the poor as well as on industry."

Councillor Hayes seconded the motion and stated he did not think it was a time for an increase in the charge for Electric light and that the Board in the last two years had made a profit of over a Million Pounds. He thought the time had come when there should be a reduction instead of an increase. People could not get any increase in wages, and he did not know where they could find the money for the extra Ten per cent. All the other members present supported the Resolution which was unanimously agreed to, and the Town Clerk was directed to send a copy to the Electricity Supply Board and to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

RENTS OF GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Meeting then proceeded to consider the recommendation to fix the

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rents of the Green Street houses.
Each member had been furnished with a copy of the following statement prior to the Meeting:-

"ESTIMATED ALL-IN-COST AND RENTS OF GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The total amount of the accepted tender for 34houses was----£12,160.

The tendered price per house---------- £358.

Cost of original site and development £3,000
Estimated cost of extra land--------- 200
Total for 39 houses---------- £3,200. Per House----- 82

Clerk of Works per house---------- 7

Law Costs per house---------- 5
Add for estimated increase under War Clause per house-------- 25
Total estimated all-in cost per house ---------- £477.

Repayment of £477 @ £6. 5. 6 per cent----------£29. 18. 8.
Less subsidy on £350 at two-thirds---------- 14. 12.10.
15. 5.10.

Administration charges @ 1% on Building Costs------ 4. 0. 0.
Rates at 25/4 on P.L.V. (Estimated) of £5.--------- 6. 6. 8.

Total annual charges on above Estimated Cost-------£25. 12. 6.

Weekly economic rent 9/10d.

The Housing Committee consider that the full £3,000 shown above for land and development should not be charged in the rents but only the cost of the land which amounted to £450. The costs on this basis would amount to:-

Tendered price per house----------£358.
Land for 39 Houses £650 - per house---------- 17
Clerk of Works---------- 7
Law Costs---------- 5
Increases under War Clause---------- 25.
£412.

Repay £412 @ £6. 5. 6 per cent.----------£25. 17. 0.
Less subsidy as above---------- 14. 12.10.
£11. 4. 2.
Rates---------- 6. 6. 8.
Administration---------- 4. 0. 0.

Total Annual Charges---------- £21. 10.10.

Weekly Economic Rent 8/4d.

The Housing Committee recommend the letting of the houses at 6/6 per week."

The Mayor said it was obvious to everybody that the fact that building materials had increased in price very considerably in recent years was the reason for the increase in the price of the houses. Labour could not be blamed for this increase because wages had not increased. Councillor Cashman asked if any good purpose would be served by asking the Government to pay subsidy on an additional £50, but it was pointed

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out by the Mayor that this matter had been raised by the Association of Municipal Authorities with the Department on several occasions but the Department would not agree to increase the capital sum on which they would pay subsidy above £350.
Alderman Coffey referred to the cost of the site and development and asked where the balance of £2550, which was excluded from the second rent calculation shown, would come from.
The Mayor, in reply, stated that the money had been included in the Loan for the houses, but in the opinion of the Committee the development of the site should not be charged to the houses for the reason that if a private citizen building a house say in the Faythe or any other street in Wexford, he would already have concrete roads, sewers, water-mains and all the things that were necessary for a house. The Committee felt that it would be unreasonable to ask the tenants of houses built for the working classes out of Slum Areas to pay for the full development of the area in which the houses were built, because they would have to pay rates the same as any person who built a house in any other part of the town.
In reply to a further query by Alderman Coffey, the Mayor pointed out that the economic rent was 8/4d and the Ratepayers would have to pay 1/10d. of that.
Some members thought that the rent proposed was too high, but no means could be seen of reducing it.
The Mayor pointed out that they were all very glad to have a scheme going at the beginning and giving a certain amount of employment, but anybody at all could get up at the end of a scheme and condemn it because certain rents were proposed. They all knew when this scheme was initiated that the rents would be higher that those charged for previous schemes for Slum Areas.
The Housing Committee had given the matter very careful consideration and felt themselves up against a formidable problem and could not recommend that the rents be any lower.
The Corporation were at present talking about sites for other houses and the time for protests against rents was when proposals were put before them in connection with their erection. The Housing Committee were also considering the rent of these houses and would probably have certain proposals to put before the Corporation in the near future.
Councillor Dunne thereupon proposed the adoption of the Housing Committee recommendation, that the rent of the houses be fixed at 6/6d each per week, inclusive of current rates, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
Councillor Byrne seconded the proposition which was unanimously agreed to.

NAME FOR GREEN STREET SCHEME.

As regards the fixing of a name for the houses, the Mayor proposed that they be known as Ignatius Rice Villas, as a tribute to the founder of the Christian Brothers whose schools were in the vicinity. Councillor Cashman seconded.
Councillor Moran proposed that they be called St. Aidan's Villas, and Councillor Connolly seconded.
Councillor Hayes proposed that they be called Devereux Villas, and said that the Devereux family was a great Wexford one and gave a lot of charity in the town. Alderman Coffey seconded.
Councillor Dunne proposed that they be known as Liam Mellowes Villas, and Councillor Atkins seconded.
After some discussion, Councillor Dunne withdrew his proposition and on a show of hands nine members voted for Devereux Villas and two for St. Aidan's Villas.
As there were only fifteen members present, it was not considered necessary to take a vote as to those in favour of Ignatius Rice Villas as the motion to call the scheme Devereux Villas had a clear majority.

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Councillor Byrne asked what steps had been taken to ensure that Gas or Electric Light would be installed for the people to be rehoused. He understood that seven tenants would be taking up occupation shortly, and enquired if the Gas Company were prepared to instal gas.
The Borough Surveyor replied that before the Assistant Manager of the Gas Company left Wexford he, with Mr. Saville, Manager, marked for him (Borough Surveyor) on a plan where they were going to put their mains. Councillor Byrne asked if that held at present, and the Borough Surveyor replied that it was a question which would have to be asked to Mr. Saville owing to altered circumstances.
It was decided that the Borough Surveyor should get in touch with the Gas Company immediately and see if they were prepared to instal gas.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Reid T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

The following matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor for his attention:- The condition of the steps leading to the premises of Mr. Patrick Heffernan, Gibson Street; the flooding of certain houses at Antelope Road; defective windows in houses at William Street; the condition of 41, Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by a man named Martin, in respect of which the Surveyor was asked to submit a report on the cost of the necessary repairs; and the condition of a house at No. 15, Whiterock View.

PIPES FOR WATERWORKS SCHEME.

With reference to minutes of 20th ultimo, when the Town Clerk had made a report on the efforts made by the Contractors for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme and himself to procure the necessary pipes, he stated that so far nothing concrete had materialised from his conversations and correspondence with the Asbestos Cement Company. He stated that the position, briefly, was that on the 16th ultimo he wired the Company at the request of the Contractors asking them when they could deliver to the order of the Corporation all the pipes on order for the scheme, and on the 17th idem they had replied by telegram that they could supply a certain quantity instantly and the remainder at various periods up to eight weeks. As a result of this reply, he had telephoned the Sales Manager of the Company at Manchester and had asked him to deliver at once the pipes the Company stated they were in a position to despatch immediately, and had received a verbal promise from the Sales Manager to despatch the balance of the pipes in fortnightly consignments.
On the same day, he stated, he had confirmed the telegram and conversation by letter and made it perfectly clear that the goods were to be sent to the order of the Corporation. The Company, under date of the 17th ultimo had also confirmed the telegram and set out the dates on which they were prepared to despatch the various Classes of pipes, but despite this confirmation they had not sent as much as one pipe. On the 20th ultimo the Company had further confirmed the verbal conversation with their Mr. Walker and asked for an official order for the pipes and an official cancellation from Messrs. McCaffrey and O'Carroll of their order and on 27th idem he (Town Clerk) had sent an official order

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for the pipes that were necessary.
On the 4th instant the Company had acknowledged receipt of the official order but intimated that an Export Licence was necessary although when speaking to them on the 17th ultimo he (Town Clerk) was then definitely informed that an Export Licence was not meeded.
Since then he had heard nothing further about the order until he wired them on the 15th instant asking for immediate delivery of 4", 5" and 6" pipes for the town work as he was aware that the Corporation were anxious that some employment should be given in the town prior to Christmas, but the Company had replied that an Export Licence was necessary before they could export the joints for the pipes.
Generally speaking, stated the Town Clerk, the position was most unsatisfactory from the point of view of the Corporation and he was personally of the opinion that the firm were not in a position to supply the pipes as there had been nothing but procrastination from the beginning. He therefore intended to definitely ask the Company if they could deliver the pipes and if so to state the dates on which they proposed to despatch them.
The members agreed with the Town Clerk's view that there appeared to be very little hope of getting these pipes from the Asbestos Cement Company and thought that when writing to them he should express in very strong terms the dissatisfaction of the Corporation at the manner in which they were being treated.
The Town Clerk then read a copy of a letter under date of the 15th instant, which had been addressed by the Contractors to the Consulting Engineers, in the course of which they stated, inter alia, that they had in stock seven to eight hundred yards of 4" and five to six hundred yards of 5" metric spun pipes which they had recently been able to procure and asked for the consent of the Engineers to use these pipes for the town work.
The Town Clerk stated that on receipt of this communication he had telephoned Mr. Maconchy, of Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, asking him if he would recommend the Corporation to use these Metric pipes as suggested by the Contractors, but the difficulty the Engineer was in was that he could not state what the extra cost of these pipes would be over the sum quoted in the Bill of Quantities and he (Town Clerk) had asked him to 'phone the Contractors to ascertain this figure and let him have a reply in time for the present meeting.
The Engineer had just sent him a telegram stating that the extra cost would be approximately £262 for the same length of pipes as was quoted for at £420 in the Bill of Quantities.
It was now up to the Corporation to decide whether or not they should use these pipes for the town work. If these pipes were renewed in the near future it would enable them to proceed with the concreting of certain streets which it was proposed to do under the Relief Schemes Vote for 1941/42.
This matter was discussed at length when it was seen that from the explanation given by the Town Clerk regarding the Asbestos pipes there was little hope of procuring them in the near future and it would possible be necessary eventually to use the cast iron pipes (if they could be got) when the price would possibly be even higher, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman McMahon, that the Corporation agree to the use of Metric Spun Pipes subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health..

PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL.

Alderman McMahon asked when it was proposed to pay Patrick Malone for some 35 tons of gravel which had been deducted from him early this year when there was a dispute between the Borough Surveyor and Foreman regarding Returns for this material, and it was decided to refer this matter to the Special Rates Committee for consideration.

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MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

There was submitted to the meeting notice of intention to apply for compensation to the amount of £50 for the alleged malicious injury to a Film at Wexford recently.
The matter was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to defend the Claim when it came before the Courts.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE - MURPHY.

It was decided to serve notice on the owner of a house at Faythe, occupied by Charles Murphy, which the Medical Officer considered unfit for human habitation, fixing a day and hour when any offer with regard to its future user would be considered by the Corporation.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Town Clerk submitted to the meeting a request from the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Return of the Fire Brigade equipment in the possession of the Corporation. He stated that he had completed the Return, but there was one query asking if the Corporation were satisfied that reasonable provision had been made, and the Meeting declared that in their opinion ample provision had been made to deal with Fire Fighting.

HIRE OF PLANT - SCALE OF CHARGES.

A suggested Scale of Charges for hiring of Corporation equipment was submitted to the meeting and was referred to the Rates Committee for consideration.

House at Wolfe Tone Villas - Browne.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the condition of the house at 50 Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by Gregory Browne, was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had served notice on the occupier requiring the house to be cleaned up and the accumulation of refuse and ashes removed within three days, and he now submitted a report from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that the nuisance set out in his report of the 29th ultimo had been abated.
This was considered satisfactory but it was decided to instruct the Sanitary Inspector to keep a watch on the premises.

VETERINARY SURGEON'S REPORTS.

Reports were submitted, and considered satisfactory, from the Veterinary Surgeon in respect of Meat and Milk inspections carried out during the month of October.

13 HANTOON ROAD -LAYNE.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected a house at No. 13, Hantoon Road, occupied by John Layne, and found the walls in a very bad condition. In the case of the room on the ground floor the finishing coat of plaster was almost entirely torn off and in the hall and staircase the mortar was badly pitted and rough attempts made at cutting designs therein. The walls were also in a filthy condition.
It was decided to inform the occupiers of the premises that unless the damage was repaired to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the Corporation would seek possession of the house.
Arising out of this, it was decided to instruct the Rent Collectors to submit reports without delay on the condition of all the Artisans Dwellings in their Collection Area.

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FELLING OF TREES:

The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with directions received at last meeting he had written to Mr. George Browne, Kyle, for a quotation for cutting six trees at Coolree, but up to the present he had not received a reply, so it was decided to communicate with him again and request a quotation by next meeting, but if in the meantime he considered any quotation reasonable he was authorised to accept it and have the trees cut as soon as possible.

EAVE SHOOTS.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of eave shoots on the Main Street and the Turncock was directed to supply a list of the defective ones to the Town Clerk immediately.

KEEPING OF PIGS.

Complaint was also made regarding the keeping of pigs in some of the Corporation houses, and the Rent Collector was to be asked for a report.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Complaint was further made that a tree at the cross of Summerhill was obscuring the public light there and the attention of the Electricity Supply Board was to be drawn to this.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.
The members present being Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Byrne, Connolly, Atkins, Dunne, Hayes, Moran and Sinnott.

FURTHER HOUSES AT GREEN ST.

With reference to the proposal to erect five further houses at Green Street, a report was read from the Borough Surveyor that he had had a long conversation with the Contractors, Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, regarding the erection of these houses and they could not agree on a price which he would feel justified in recommending the Corporation to accept. He therefore recommended that the five houses be advertised for contract.
It was decided to adjourn this matter until next meeting to enable the Borough Surveyor to have a further conversation with Mr. Kenny.
As regards the purchase of the necessary land for these houses, Mr. James Browne, of Bishopswater, intimated that he was prepared to accept £120 for the piece of ground, his property, but the Committee decided that £105, which was the value placed on the land by the Borough Surveyor, was the maximum they could pay and Browne was to be so informed.
The Town Clerk reported that he had offered Mr. James Browne, Green Street, a sum of £50 for the 39 sq. perches of land at Green Street owned by him but had not yet received a reply, and he was requested to write to Browne again asking for a reply by next meeting.
In connection with this piece of ground the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would not be advisable to erect a house on the East end of it as it would be directly in front of portion of the Christian Brothers new schools.
As the Christian Brothers required a small portion of this ground to square off the playground attached to their schools, it was decided that

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as soon as the purchase was completed to recommend the Corporation to grant them this piece on condition that they erected the necessary boundary wall, which the Surveyor stated would cost about £60.

It was decided that the Housing Committee should inspect the seven completed houses at Green Street on Thursday next, the 20th instant, at 3.0. p.m. if they were ready by that time.

The Town Clerk directed attention to the fact that these houses were being erected for the re-housing of Slum Dwellers, and asked what houses it was proposed to make Demolition Orders in respect of, but this matter was adjourned for the present.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

24th November, 1941.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, Stephen McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, and Robert Moran.

The Meeting had been convened to consider applications for the post of temporary Engineer, with remuneration at £5. 5. 0. per week, to prepare Plans, Estimates, Specifications, Etc. in connection with Emergency Employment Schemes.

FOOD AND FUEL FUND.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, Councillor Connolly asked how many members of the Corporation were on the Executive Committee of the Wexford Fuel and Food Fund, and the Town Clerk replied that there were two.
Continuing, the Councillor stated that glaring cases of abuses in the distribution of fuel had been brought to his notice that day. There were people in town who had got fuel and who were not entitled to it, and if a meeting were called he would be prepared to go before it and give the names of the people with the amount of money going into their houses.
The Town Clerk stated that no fuel had been distributed by the Food and Fuel Committee. He was the Secretary of the Committee on which the Corporation were represented by Alderman Walsh and Councillor Hayes. At a meeting of the Committee on Friday last the distribution of fuel was only authorised, and no distribution would take place until after the meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society this night, who were arranging the distribution.
Councillor Byrne pointed out that the members of the Committee, who were also members of the Corporation, would attend to the most needy cases. The discussion ended.

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APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER.

Eleven applications were submitted for the post of temporary Engineer. They were from the following:- Peter Doran, 73, Main Street, Gorey; Gerard Hosty, Abbey Street, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo; John Doherty, Roshine Lodge, Burtonport, Donegal; Patrick Joseph O'Donnell, Gilbertstown, Bruckless, Donegal; Louis Rhatigan, Clonbanny House, Lanesboro' Longford; Maurice O'Connell, 19, Vicar Street, Kilkenny; John Ryan, 16, The Quay, New Ross; John White, Gasworks, Youghal, County Cork; P. Heffernan, Prospect Park, Kilkenny; A.C. Brennan Craddock, Bansha, Tipperary; and Patrick McD. Ledwith, 8, Rushbrooke Terrace, Cobh.
In reply to Alderman Walsh, the Town Clerk stated that all the applicants were qualified Engineers.
A poll was then taken on the applicants, when there voted:-

For John Ryan, 16, The Quay, New Ross, who was aged twenty-four years, and was a graduate in engineering of the National University in the present year and had been employed for a couple of months as assistant to the Area Engineer at Bawn James Camp, New Ross:-

Councillors Crosbie, Hayes, Byrne, Cashman, McMahon, Dunne, Atkins, Sinnott, Connolly, Buckland, Aldermen Walsh, McMahon, Coffey, and the Mayor---------- 14.

For Peter Doran, 73, Main Street, Gorey, a graduate in Engineering of University College, Dublin, in 1940, aged twenty-two years, and employed for seven months with Wicklow Board of Health as Clerk of Works on a Sewerage Scheme:-

Councillor Moran---------- 1.

As Ryan had a clear majority, he was declared elected to the post, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

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.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Arising out of the reading of the expenditure of the Corporation for the week ended 19th instant, Councillor Byrne asked what was the position regarding the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and the Town Clerk replied that he was not able to deal adequately with this scheme inside his normal working hours. For the past twelve months he had been working considerable overtime trying to organise this scheme, and it was now suggested that he should take on the organisation and administration of the Control Centre, and as well be responsible for the organisation, etc. of the Food and Rest centres. This meant that all his spare time after working hours would be taken up with Air Raid Precautions work and he was not prepared to work this overtime indefinitely unless he was adequately remunerated for it. When the Corporation had originally considered Air Raid Precautions they had made a suggestion to the Department of Defence that the Town Clerk should receive extra remuneration, but the Department had turned that suggestion down on the grounds that the A.R.P. work necessary in Wexford would be very small. On the contrary the work had become voluminous and the Town Clerk stated that he had applied to the Department of Defence for extra remuneration at

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the rate of £150 per annum with effect as from 1st January last, and if they were prepared to grant this he had no objection to working overtime to carry out the scheme. As an alternative, he suggested that a whole-time A.R.P. Officer should be appointed as had been done in the Borough of Drogheda.
The members considered that the Town Clerk's statement was reasonable and expressed themselves as being aware that he could not carry out very much A.R.P. work during his normal working hours, and if he had to work at night he should receive extra remuneration. They also considered that the sum asked for by the Town Clerk was reasonable considering the amount of extra work involved, and agreed that if the Department of Defence sanctioned the proposal, that the extra remuneration should be paid. It was also agreed that as the application had been before the Department of Defence since September last that the Town Clerk should get in touch with them immediately and ask them what they proposed to do about it.

WATERWORKS SCHEME - BILL OF COSTS.

There was submitted to the meeting a Bill of Costs from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, in connection with the title of Mrs. Lennon's property at Edenvale which had been acquired by a Provisional Order in connection with the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, a requisition was signed authorising the Corporation Solicitor to have the account taxed.

PROVISION OF FIREWOOD.

In connection with the provision of firewood under Emergency Powers (No.108) Order, 1941, the Town Clerk reported that he had received a tender from Mr. George Browne, of Kyle, for the felling and cutting into six and seven foot lengths six trees at Coolree for the sum of £3. and as he had considered the tender reasonable in comparison with the one for £8. submitted to the last meeting, he had accepted it, and this action was approved on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.
The Town Clerk was also directed to write to Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, and to any other persons whom he considered desirable enquiring if they had any timber for sale.

ADDITION TO SHAMROCK BAR.

There was submitted to the meeting a plan of an addition proposed to be made to the Shamrock Bar at Anne Street for Mr. Patrick Moyler, for approval. The plan had been examined by the Borough Surveyor who saw no objection to it, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman McMahon it was approved.

DEFECTIVE EAVE SHOOTS.

A report was submitted regarding a number of defective eave shoots in the town, and the Town Clerk was directed to serve notice on the owners requesting them to carry out the necessary repairs despite the fact that he had pointed out that, in law, it was the occupier who was responsible for the maintenance of eave shoots.

CONFERENCE - WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme he had been requested to attend a Conference to be held in Dublin on the 28th instant with the Consulting Engineers, the Contractors and the representative of the pipe manufacturers with a view to trying to expedite delivery of the necessary pipes, and it was unanimously agreed that he should attend this conference.

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KEEPING OF PIGS.

The Town Clerk stated that at last meeting a complaint was made to him that one of the tenants at St. Magdalen's Terrace was keeping pigs contrary to the letting agreement, and he had asked the Rent Collector for a report.
The Collector had reported to him that Mr. William Howlin, of No. 5, was keeping pigs, and he now read a letter from Mr. Howlin apologising for the breach of agreement and undertaking that if the Corporation would allow him a period of three months in which to fatten and sell the pigs he would not keep them again, and his request was agreed to.

41, WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a complaint was made regarding the house at No. 41, Wolfe Tone Villas, the Borough Surveyor reported that the necessary repairs would cost a sum of £10, and this was agreed to.

58, WHITEROCK VIEW.

In the case of the complaint regarding No. 58, Whiterock View, the Borough Surveyor stated that it was probable relief would be given by readjusting the drop weather-board and he was making experiments with this.

WINDOWS & DOORS AT WILLIAM STREET.

Regarding complaints made at last meeting about the condition of the windows and doors in the William Street houses, the Town Clerk stated that since then he had received further reports from the tenants, and the Borough Surveyor was requested to examine the houses and make a report as soon as possible.

13, HANTOON ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a report was made by the Borough Surveyor regarding damage to a house at No. 13, Hantoon Road, occupied by a man named Layne, the Town Clerk stated that he had communicated with the occupier and informed him that the Corporation insisted on the repairs being carried out to the walls otherwise they would proceed for possession of the dwelling. He now submitted a letter from the occupier intimating that he would be willing to pay 1/- per week towards the cost of the repairs if the Corporation would carry them out. This was referred to the Borough Surveyor to make an estimate of the cost of repairing the damage.

WATER SUPPLY TO BRIDE STREET HOUSE.

The Town Clerk stated that notice had been served on Mr. Samuel Wethereld, Coolcotts, requiring him to provide a water supply for a house at Bride Street, occupied by Miss Carty, but up to the present nothing had been done. This case only required to have the tap soldered on to the main pipe but Mr. Wethereld was loath to do it as he stated it had been deliberately broken by the tenant, and it was decided to write to Mr. Wethereld and ask him if he would give the Corporation an undertaking to refund them the cost of the work if they carried it out.

COAT & BOOTS FOR RESERVOIR CARETAKER.

An application from the Caretaker of the Reservoir for an overcoat and pair of boots was granted.

W.C. AT FRANCIS STREET.

As requested at last meeting the Town Clerk submitted the papers in

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connection with the provision of a Water Closet in a house at Francis Street occupied by Mrs. Mythen and owned by the Munster & Leinster Bank as Mortgagees.
In this connection he produced a letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for the Bank, requesting the Corporation to give them an undertaking that no Clearance Order was in contemplation for the area and that it was not likely to be made the subject of a Clearance Order in the near future.
It was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation could not give an unqualified undertaking in this connection, and to ask them what period they had in mind when asking for it.

NOTICES TO QUIT.

Complaint was made regarding a number of Notices to Quit which had been suggested by the Town Clerk in connection with sub-letting and arrears of rent. The majority of the Notices were in respect of sub-letting, and the Town Clerk pointed out that this matter had been left in his hands by a resolution of the Corporation some time ago, and there was no use in members asking him to discriminate or withdraw notices as he had no intention whatever of doing this.
After some discussion it was agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of the Town Clerk, but that any Notices pending should be adjourned until after Christmas.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting. The members present being His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Sinnott, Connolly, Dunne, Byrne, Hayes and Buckland.

GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made a careful inspection of seven houses in the Green Street Scheme, which the Contractors had notified him as completed and fit for occupation. Apart from some minor defects the seven houses, Nos. 21 to 27 inclusive, as shown on the lay-out plan, were fit for occupation.
Subsequent to his inspection, members of the Housing Committee, namely, the Mayor with Councillors, Hayes, Connolly and Crosbie, inspected the scheme and were satisfied with the work carried out.
The Town Clerk also submitted a letter which he had received from the Contractors handing over the keys of these houses to him and asking that the tenants in the Green Street houses be removed immediately so as to enable them to proceed with the demolition of the houses.
In connection with the transfer of tenants it was unanimously agreed that the seven persons being transferred be given an undertaking that if they so desired they would be moved back to the houses fronting on Green Street when these were completed.
Complaint was made that labourers from outside the town were employed on the scheme and as this was contrary to the terms of the Specification the Borough Surveyor was asked to direct the attention of the Contractors to it.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AT GREEN STREET.

In connection with previous discussions on the acquisition of further land at Green Street on which it was proposed to erect five extra houses, the Town Clerk reported that the title to this property appeared to be very involved. Since he had commenced to negotiate for the property he had received claims from two people to the ground which Mr. James

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Browne of Bishopswater had offered as being his property. He therefore recommended the Committee to request the Corporation to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the ground proposed to be acquired, and this would throw the onus on the persons claiming ownership to prove their title.
On the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided that the Corporation be recommended to make a Compulsory Purchase Order.

TENANTS FOR GREEN STREET HOUSES.

In connection with this scheme, the Town Clerk again directed the attention of the Committee to the fact that the resolution approving of the erection of these houses clearly stated that the dwellings would be for the rehousing of persons in condemned houses, and again asked the Corporation to take early steps to see that the houses in respect of which they had reports stating that they were unfit for human habitation should be condemned, so that there would be no delay when the houses were finished.
This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, but it was eventually agreed that Notices should be served on the owners of houses at Well Lane, Rielly's Lane/John Street, in which areas the officers of the Corporation considered the houses unfit for human habitation.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

It was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should get in touch with the Electricity Supply Board immediately regarding the provision of a public light on the Green Street Housing Site.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh and James McMahon.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran and Timothy Cashman.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc., Committees on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th ultimo; Housing Committee on the 5th, 10th, and 24th ultimo. Councillor Crosbie moved that the minutes as submitted be taken as read and approved. Councillor Connolly seconded this motion.
Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Byrne asked why the minutes of meetings of the Housing Committee had not been circulated, and the Town Clerk replied that the minutes of the 5th and 10th had been embodied in a report already submitted to the Corporation in connection with the cost of the Green Street Housing Scheme and that the minutes of the 24th, which had not been circulated through an oversite, merely dealt with the acquisition of land for extra houses at Green Street and were embodied in a recommendation to the present meeting to make a Compulsory Purchase Order. In addition to this the Minutes contained an instruction that notice be served on the owners of certain houses in respect of which reports had been received that they were unfit for human habitation.
The Minutes were thereupon approved and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4,662. 4. 11. were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Councillor McGuire, Mr. R. P. Redmond, and the relatives of the late Richard Goold.

An acknowledgement of a resolution adopted in October last relative to the provision of doors for Air Raid Shelters was read from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence which stated "that he was not prepared to approve of the provision of doors for the shelters at Wexford as they were not an essential part of the Shelters."

PUBLIC LIGHTING

With reference to minutes of the 17th ultimo when a resolution was adopted protesting against the proposed increase in the charges for electricity, a letter was read from the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, stating that owing to the increase in the price of coal the Board regretted that it had been necessary to apply the additional charges referred to. The Secretary also quoted an extract from the Annual Report of the Board which foreshadowed such an increase. The Mayor stated that this matter had been raised by Councillor Hayes last week at a meeting of the Executive of the

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Association of Irish Municipal Authorities when Councillor Hayes pointed out that it would be enough to talk about the increase in the price of coal if they were increasing the price per unit only but the 10% had also gone on the Valuation Charge. It was all very well he stated, to say that the increase had been foreshadowed but a lot of poor working men foreshadowed an increase in wages when the spectre of high prices was before them but the Government prevented them from having wages increased but had not prevented the Electricity Supply Board from charging extra to the unfortunate men. He thought they should write again to the Board and tell them that whatever excuse there was for an increase in the cost per unit owing to the increase in the price of coal there was no justification for the increase in the Valuation Charge. Councillor Byrne suggested that the Corporation should immediately start a campaign against the use of electricity in the town because nobody could see any justification for the increase in the Valuation Charge. It was also pointed out by the Mayor that the Executive of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities had appointed a deputation to wait on the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Electricity Supply Board in connection with this matter. The Mayor's suggestion that the matter be taken up again with the Board was agreed to.

Councillor Connolly asked if arrangements would be made to have the public lights lighting all night on Xmas Eve for the convenience of people coming from Midnight Mass and people going to the very early Masses, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would take up the matter with the Representative of the Electricity Supply Board.

Councillor Connolly and other members also referred to the defective lights at points in the Town and the Town Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the Electricity Supply Board.

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk stated that he had written some time ago to the Minister for Defence requesting him to agree to the removal of cowls from the public lights but the Minister had refused.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Connolly moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Cardiff, one of the Press representatives, who reported the proceedings of the Corporation, on the death of his sister. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by a number of members present and adopted in respectful silence.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

The Housing Committee recommended that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of a small piece of land at Green Street which they had decided to acquire in order to complete the Green Street Scheme. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that when he first opened negotiations for the acquisition of this land he found that there were two owners, namely, Mr. Philip Hall, Carrigeen Street, and Mr. James Browne, Bishopswater. When they proceeded to measure the ground on the site it was pointed out to them by a resident there also named James Browne, that he owned a portion of it consisting of 39 square perches, and since then a man named Edward Daly of Whiterock View, who formerly resided at Green Street, had intimated that he was the owner of another strip of this land. Both pieces of land claimed by James Browne, Green Street, and Edward Daly were included in the site originally proposed to be sold by James Browne of Bishopswater, and in view of the difficulty of establishing proper title he had thought it advisable to suspend negotiations for its purchase by agreement and had suggested to the Housing Committee that the Compulsory Purchase Order be made and that each person who claimed ownership prove their title. The Housing Committee had agreed with the Town Clerk's suggestion and as a result

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they now recommended the Corporation to make a Compulsory Purchase Order. The Order together with the map referred to therein was then submitted to the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Byrne the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Wexford (Green Street) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1941, together with the map referred to therein, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to confirm the Order."

REPORT - M.O.H.

There was submitted to the meeting a report from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, on Form P. showing that there were 24 vaccination defaulters in the Borough in respect of the Quarter ended on 30th September last. Alderman Coffey stated they knew his views about vaccination and he had not changed them. He was satisfied that the Irish Authorities and the Authorities in Wexford too knew their job and the Corporation would be well advised to see that all children should be vaccinated. He, therefore, proposed that the vaccination laws be put in force.
There was no seconder for Alderman Coffey's proposition. Councillors Byrne, Connolly, Alderman McMahon, and the Mayor all spoke against enforcing the Vaccination Acts and Councillor Byrne moved that the matter be adjourned. Councillor Connolly seconded this motion which was adopted but Alderman Coffey dissented.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1941-42.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th ultimo, No. R.U./208/131 intimating that he had approved of a total expenditure of £7,500 in respect of Works proposed by the Corporation under the Employment Schemes Vote 1941-42. The amount of £7,500 would be made up of a Grant of £6,560 together with a local contribution of £940. The letter stated that the work should be put in hands immediately and completed before the 31st March, 1942, but it should be understood that it may be suspended at any time by the Minister.
It was explained to the meeting that the Works proposed by the Corporation totalled £8,000 and it was now necessary to delete proposals totalling in the aggregate £500. On receipt of this communication the Town Clerk explained that he had consulted with the Borough Surveyor as to what proposals should be deleted and now submitted the following report from the Borough Surveyor:-

"I set out below the Schemes, as forwarded to the Local Government Department, the estimated cost of which was £8,000.

No. 1. Widening Mill Road and surfacing in reinforced concrete ..£2892.

No. 2. Surfacing in reinforced concrete part of Main Street from Gibson Street to Rowe Street.....£1870.

No. 3. New concrete footpath in Hill Street (West Side).....£150.

No. 4. Concrete footpaths at Whitemill Road and Wolfe Tone Villas.....£370.

No. 5. Concrete footpaths at Maudlintown Housing Site.....£915.

No. 6. Concrete footpaths at Lower George Street.....£73.

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No. 7. Reinforcement concrete surface at Ram Street.....£320.

No. 8. Surface in reinforced concrete Lambert Place.....£865.

No. 9. Concrete footpath at Gibson Street.....£41.

No. 10. Concrete footpath and channel at Belvedere Road.....£270.

No. 11. Concrete area in front of houses at Faythe (East Side).....£194.

No. 12. Concrete footpath in Clifford Street.....£40.

Total Estimate.....£8,000.

Sanction has been received for a total expenditure of £7,500, so accordingly it will be necessary to amend above estimate. I suggest that Nos. 3, 6, 9, 11, and 12, a total expenditure of £498 be deducted or Numbers 3, 7 and 12, making a total of £510 be deducted. I would like to point out that the following works cannot be started immediately; numbers 1, 2 and 7, owing to difficulties such as the near approach of Christmas and the nature of the work and in the case of number two the laying of a watermain."

Councillor Byrne thereupon moved that Nos. 3, 7 and 12 be deleted and Councillor Hayes seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. It was pointed out to the members that most of the men would be employed on the Schemes for 4 or 5 days per week and that work would be commenced on the 9th instant.
Councillor Cashman suggested to the Borough Surveyor that as far as possible he should try and keep the men on jobs within a reasonable distance of their residence.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

In connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme the Town Clerk read a letter from Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll stating that as they were unable to obtain delivery of pipes for the rising main they regretted that all the men employed on the Scheme would have to be put off during the present week. They hoped it would have been possible to avoid this by transferring the men to work on the pipe-laying in the Town but as no sanction had been received to the proposal to substitute the metric pipes for those originally agreed to this could not be done. In this connection the Town Clerk referred to previous representations he had made to the Corporation on his efforts to secure the pipes for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. The last time he spoke to the Consulting Engineers about the unsatisfactory position regarding the pipes he had suggested that a Conference should be arranged between the Contractors, the Consulting Engineers, a representative of the Turners Asbestos Cement Company and himself. As reported to the Committee on the 24th ultimo such a Conference was arranged for Friday the 28th November and as instructed at last meeting he had attended the meeting. In addition Mr. McCaffrey of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Contractors, Messrs. Maconchy and Delap, representing the Consulting Engineers and Mr. Walker, Sales Manager of the Asbestos Cement Company with Mr. Prescott their Irish Representative also were in attendance. They had discussed the whole position at length and it appeared that the delay in forwarding the pipes was due to the fact that an Export Licence was necessary from the British Board of Trade for the detachable joints before the pipes could leave a British Port.
Mr. Walker informed the meeting that he had got a definite assurance the previous week from the British Board of Trade that a Licence would be issued to enable the joints for the Wexford Scheme to be exported and he expected that such a Licence would be available immediately he got back to Manchester. The meeting had also dealt with the question of finance as between the Contractors and Messrs. Turners and this had also been satisfactorily disposed of.
The Town Clerk also reported that when in Dublin he had interviewed an Officer of the Engineering Staff of the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the proposal to substitute metric pipes on the job but the Officer pointed out that the proposed pipes would cost an extra £270 on goods which had been priced in the original Bill of Quantities at £400. This was such a large increase that the Department were loath to sanction it until they had received a report from the Department of Supplies on the position regarding the importation of pipes into Eire. If there was a possibility that the Asbestos pipes would be available in the near future the present meeting decided to take no further action on the question of the metric pipes.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was submitted from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had inspected a house at High Street tenanted by Mrs. Lacey, where he found a defective bell trap from which sewer gas emanated, probably due to the said trap being out of plum and he recommended that the owner be required to remove the present trap and replace same by a modern type. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring the work to be carried out within seven days.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the house at William Street acquired by the late Michael Devereux under the tenant

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purchase system, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that if the Corporation were so advised by their Solicitor he would raise no objection to their proposal to accept a surrender of the house and waive their claim to the arrears of Rent Charge.
As it was understood that negotiations were proceeding for the sale of this house the matter was adjourned until next meeting.

DANCE

An application from the Wexford Social and Tennis Club for permission to hold a dance in the Town Hall on Xmas Night was refused.

TRANSFER

An application was submitted to have the name of the tenant of No. 2. Wolfe Tone Villas changed from Patrick Murphy, who was dead, to the name of his son Francis Murphy.

The Borough Surveyor was requested to examine the condition of No. 90, Wolfe Tone Villas.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to examine the condition of a chimney on the Beechville Dairy at South Main Street.

LICENCES

Applications for Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, in respect of the premises of Messrs. McMullan Bros., Stonebridge, and White's Hotel were submitted, together with an application for a Slaughter Licence from Joseph Fortune of 28 North Main Street and an application for the use of premises as a slaughter house by the same man were agreed to.

HOUSE - BRIDE ST.

The Town Clerk reported that as directed at last meeting he had written to Mr. S. Weatherald of Coolcotts regarding the provision of water supply for a house at Bride Street occupied by Miss Carty, who had received no reply and the work had not yet been done, so the Borough Surveyor stated it would only cost a small sum to put back the tap, so he was directed to have the work done and Mr. Weatherald was to be proceeded against for the costs incurred.

The Rent Collectors were to be asked to make a report against next meeting on any Artisans Dwellings which were not at present occupied by tenants.

ALLOTMENTS

There was submitted to the meeting 69 applications for allotments from persons who held them last year and as all the 69 appeared to the Town Clerk to be eligible it was unanimously agreed that they be given the plots they held last year.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish 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 being:-

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Aldermen: Robert Coffey, James McMahon, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Stephen McMahon, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, and James Crosbie.

A question was asked as to when the men employed by the Corporation would be paid during the Xmas Week and the Town Clerk replied that he proposed to make arrangements to have the ordinary employees paid at midday on Wednesday and he would also make arrangements to have the men employed on the Relief Grant Works paid on the same day and up to Tuesday night.

ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk stated that in connection with the provision of Allotments for 1942 he had now prepared a Scheme in respect of the four fields held last year and he proposed to submit this to the Department of Local Government and Public Health immediately for their approval. He was in negotiations with other owners of land but he thought it advisable to have the Scheme for the 128 plots that were available approved without delay and any further land which might be acquired could be dealt with as a supplementary scheme.
Five acres of land had been acquired from Mr. Thomas Hamilton of Whitemill which would provide 36 Allotments at a cost of £26. 5. 0; 5¼ acres had been acquired from the Christian Brothers which would provide 38 allotments at a cost of £31. 10. 0; this was an increase of £5. 5. 0. on last year's price but the Christian Brothers had pointed out that the land in question was heavily rated at a Poor Law Valuation of £14 and they were not prepared to rent the field at the same price as last year; six acres had been acquired from Mr. George Rogers, Mulgannon, which would provide 42 allotments at a cost of £27; and 1¼ acres had been acquired from the representatives of James Boyle, John Street, which would provide 12 allotments at a cost of £8. 11. 0. Mr. Boyle's representatives had increased their price by 11. 0d. this year to cover the increase in rates and taxes.
This meant that 128 Allotments (the same as in 1941) could be provided out of the 17½ acres of land at a cost of £93. 6. 0. for the year 1942.
In addition to the cost of the land advertising was estimated at £17. 10. 0.

Fencing.....	10. 0. 0.
Engineer's Fees at 2/6d per plot.....	16. 0. 0.
Town Clerk's Fees at 2/6d per plot.....	16. 0. 0.
Making the Total Estimated Expenditure on the Scheme.....	£142. 16. 0.

as against £149 for the year 1941.
The Economic Rent of the plots for 1942 would amount to £1. 2. 4. per plot but the Corporation were empowered under the Act to reduce this rent to a nominal one of 1/- which would leave the loss at £1. 1. 4.d. per plot.
Last year the Town Clerk stated the loss was £1. 2. 4. per plot.
The Scheme was carefully examined and it was unanimously decided that it should be adopted and submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconde d by Councillor Byrne.
As regards the fees to be paid to the Town Clerk he pointed out that by the terms of his appointment he was required to lodge all fees received to the credit of the Corporation, but as the administration of this scheme was

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extra work since that agreement was entered into he felt that he should be allowed to retain them for his own use; and as a similar decision had been come to regarding this for the 1940 and 1941 Schemes it was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Town Clerk be not required to lodge these fees to the credit of the Corporation.
Arising out of the question of allotments it was stated that land was available at Holbrooks of Roxboro, and the Town Clerk was instructed to get in touch with the owner and ascertain if she would be prepared to let it.

PROVISION OF FIREWOOD

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the provision of firewood under the Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, the Town Clerk reported that some time ago he had received a letter from a Mr. Hayes of Hayestown offering him a number of trees at £1 each. He had had the trees examined but they would not be worth anything like a £1 each and he had so informed Mr. Hayes.
He now submitted to the meeting a letter from a Mr. P. M. Murphy, Cullenstown, Bannow, stating he was in a position to offer approximately 300 tons of fire blocks at 36/- per ton delivered at Wexford on condition that the Corporation would make available for him 400 gallons of kerosene and 150 gallons of petrol.
The meeting considered that this would be about the best offer they would get for timber and unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to accept Mr. Murphy's tender for fire blocks at 36/- per ton delivered in Wexford, and the Town Clerk was asked to write to the Department of Supplies and ask them to make available for Mr. Murphy the quantities of kerosene and petrol considered necessary for this work.
With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 13th October last when it was decided to pay Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery the sum of £5 per annum for cutting the grass there a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 5th instant No. P.H.2286/3/41, pointing out that it was part of his duty as Caretaker to keep the burial grounds in proper order and to comply with any direction he might receive as to the keeping in proper order of the walks, grounds, trees, fences, etc., and in the circumstances the proposal of the Corporation could not be sanctioned. It was thought that the Minister was under a misapprension regarding this proposal as it was never the duty of the caretaker to cut the grass, and the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Minister and explain the circumstances.

STREETS

A lengthy letter was read from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, complaining of the condition of the streets in Wexford and regarding the cleansing of privies and ashpits. As regards the cleansing of the streets the Borough Surveyor had replied pointing out that he was doing his utmost to have a beat system of scavenging put into operation, but up to the present had been unable to purchase the necessary carts. He was now in touch with some of the local Iron Works and he hoped that they would be able to manufacture what he required. As regards the cleansing of privies and ashpits the Town Clerk reported that the bye-laws with respect to this had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 19th June, 1940, for provisional approval, but this approval had not yet been received. It was decided to inform Dr; Daly that the Borough Surveyor was dealing with the question of street cleansing but that it seemed an impossible task to prevent waste papers from blowing about the streets.

The Sanitary Inspector was asked to keep a close watch on carts being used for the sale of fish in the town.

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PUBLIC LIGHT

A complaint was made regarding one of the public lights at Waterloo Road and the Town Clerk was directed to take up the matter with the Electricity Supply Board's Local Representative.
A complaint was also made regarding the provision of gas for the Green Street houses and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Company and ask them to expedite the work

RELIEF GRANTS

The Borough Surveyor reported that work on the Relief Grants commenced on the 9th instant and that 73 men were employed. Owing to the scarcity of petrol and paraffin he stated he was experiencing great difficulty in obtaining supplies of sand and gravel and he feared that he might not be able to continue the employment of so many men.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that he had received a request from the Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme to sub-let the supplying and erection of the Special Corax Fencing, and stated that the usual procedure was that the firm who supplied the fencing sent their own fitters to carry out the work and employed local unskilled labour. Under Clause 5 of the General Conditions of the Contract he had power to grant this permission and he saw no objection to the sub-contract.
The Borough Surveyor's action was approved of in this matter.

HOUSE - HANTOON RD.

With reference to a previous discussion on the question of damage to a house at Hantoon Road the Borough Surveyor estimated that it would cost 30/- to repair, and it was decided that the work should be done and the actual cost charged to the tenant and collected at 1/- per week.

DANCE

The Secretary of the Wexford Social and Tennis Club asked the Corporation to reconsider their decision refusing to give the Town Hall for a dance on Xmas Night, and it was decided to inform him that if he got the permission of the local clergy to the holding of a dance on Xmas Night the Corporation would then withdraw their objection.

HOUSE - PATRICK SQ.

The Co. Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at Patrick Square occupied by William O'Connor and in his opinion it was unfit for human habitation and the occupants should be provided with suitable housing accommodation at the earliest possible opportunity.
It was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day when any offer with respect to the future user of the house would be considered.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been served on the owner of a house occupied by Charles Murphy, 123, Faythe, fixing this night as the day on which any offer with respect to the future user of the house would be considered . No such offer had been received and as the house was considered to be unfit for human habitation it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

M.O.H.

The Town Clerk reported that on the 23rd November Dr. Sinnott, one of the

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Medical Officers of Health had sent a child named Gallagher to the Fever Hospital, New Ross, suffering from Scarlet Fever and it was not until the 2nd instant that he sent an official notification to the Public Health Office, and he had asked Dr. Sinnott for an explanation of the delay in reporting this matter. He now read a lengthy letter from the doctor stating that he had phoned the County Medical Officer of Health on the Monday morning following the sending of the child to New Ross and was informed that he had gone to New Ross. He wrote out a notification on the 24th but through pressure of work overlooked posting it. The doctor also stated that he considered the present method of disinfection unsatisfactory and suggested that the Corporation should provide a proper place with all necessary apparatus for the disinfection of bedding and clothing or other articles which might become infected.
The meeting considered that Dr. Sinnott's explanation was most unsatisfactory and decided to send copies of the correspondence to the County Medical Officer of Health for his observations.

VACANCY - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that there was a vacancy on the Committee owing to the death of Miss Alice Fennell, and it was decided that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the January Statutory Meeting.

HOUSE - COMMON QUAY ST.

The Town Clerk reported that in consequence of a complaint he had received regarding a house at Common Quay Street occupied by Mrs. Lewis and owned by Miss Meyler that he had had an inspection made by the Sanitary Inspector. This report showed that there were no less than eight different families residing in the house consisting of 28 persons, and he was directed to point out to the occupier and owner that the house did not comply with the Corporation Bye-laws dealing with a house let into separate tenaments and that the number of people residing in the house would have to be drastically reduced.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that he would raise no objection to the Corporation taking possession of the house at William Street being acquired by the late Michael Devereux under the Tenant Purchase System. As the members were aware a considerable amount of Rent-Charge had accumulated on the house and it was suggested that as Mrs. Devereux had no means there was no possibility of recovering the arrears and if she gave up vacant possession the Corporation would be saved law costs and they could forego their claim to the arrears. The Minister's letter stated that if the Corporation were so advised by their Solicitor he would not raise any objection to this proposal. The Town Clerk reported that as far as he could ascertain the negotiations which were going on some time ago for the purchase of this house from Mrs. Devereux had fallen through, and he informed the Corporation that in his opinion, they should now take the necessary steps to get possession of the dwelling as the arrears of rent could not be allowed to accumulate indefinitely. It was decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to take immediate steps to obtain possession of the house.

LIGHTING

A letter from the Gas Company relative to the lighting at Whiterock View was referred to the Statutory Meeting.

A complaint was made that large quantities of coke were being sent out of the town by the Gas Company, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate

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with the Manager and request him to do his best to keep as much coke for the use of the Town people as possible.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of linoleum for the Rate Collector's Office, and it was decided to accept that of Messrs. Healy & Collins for the sum of £16. 5. 0. for the supplying and laying of the linoleum.

HOLIDAYS

The Town Clerk applied for and was granted permission to take the remainder of his annual holidays of one week during the Xmas period.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to make a report on the condition of Trinity Place and Emmet Place.

R. Corish T.D.
Mayor

17th December, 1941.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Byrne, Connolly, Sinnott and Dunne.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened at the request of a few of the members and it was stated that a man had been taken from employment with the Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme and put to work as a ganger on the Relief Schemes, but the Borough Surveyor stated that this man had been unemployed for more than a week prior to him giving him employment as a ganger on the Relief Schemes.
The Borough Surveyor also reported that the work in progress was up to the present all being carried out inside the estimate.

Reference was made by Councillor Dunne to the employment of Miss Phillips as temporary typist in connection with Relief Grants and asked by whose authority she had been employed. The Town Clerk stated that he had employed Miss Phillips as there was a considerable quantity of work to be done immediately notification was given that the Grants were available so that there would be no delay in commencing the Works. He had applied to the Minister for sanction to Miss Phillip's appointment and he was awaiting for that sanction to have the appointment formally ratified by the Corporation. Councillor Dunne's complaint was that the last time Miss Phillips was being employed it was understood that when it came up for renewal again that the appointment should be re-advertised, but it was now decided that the present employment of Miss Phillips be approved by the Committee.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, James McMahon, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie and Thomas Byrne.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 1st ultimo; Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 1st and 15th ultimo; Special Grants Committee on 17th ultimo.
On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman McMahon, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due to date amounting in the aggregate to £3,491. 14. 8. were submitted for examination and approval. Arising out of the Accounts Councillor Sinnott raised the question of an amount for repairs to a lorry. It was pointed out to him, however, that tenders had been invited for the supply of a re-conditioned engine for the lorry, and the amount of £11 over and above the tender was in respect of the renewal of parts which it was not possible to say needed replacement until the lorry was taken down, and that every part replaced had been approved as necessary by the Corporation mechanic who was in the garage while the overhaul was being carried out. Alderman Walsh also questioned this amount and both members appeared to be under the impression that tenders should have been invited for the supply of each spare part, but it was again pointed out that it was the usual procedure in repairing mechanical vehicles that when the machine was taken down and examined that worn parts should be renewed. After some further discussion the matter dropped.

DANCES

Alderman Coffey asked the Town Clerk to prepare for him a report of the number of dances held in the Town Hall during the four months ended December last.
The remaining accounts having been examined, all were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

In reply to Alderman Coffey it was stated that the second lorry driver when not employed driving was employed on sweeping the streets.

PUBLIC LIGHTS

Councillor Connolly referred to a matter he had raised at a previous meeting regarding a light at Waterloo Road. It had been attended to since he stated but what the men were able to do to it did not make it any better, the only remedy in his opinion was to have the present 100 watt lamp replaced by a 200 watt lamp. Councillor Connolly said the same thing applied to the light in Francis Street and at Mary Street adjoining the Franciscan Church, and he suggested that these three lights should be

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removed and replaced by 200 watt lamps. After some discussion it was agreed to change the lights at Mary Street and Francis Street from 100 to 200 watt so that the entrance to the Franciscan Church might be properly lighted. The meeting would not agree however to the replacement of the light at Waterloo Road.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Flusk in his bereavement occasioned by the death of his mother, who was a widely known and respected lady. Councillor Moran seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late Captain Boyle and John Cardiff.

E.S.B. CHARGES

With reference to a previous discussion regarding the increase in the charges for electricity the Secretary to the Board stated that in coming to a decision on the matter of the rate of increase the Board had given their fullest consideration to all the factors pertaining to the position.

BUS SERVICE.

The General Manager of the Great Southern Railways (Omnibus Department) referred to the resolution of the Corporation in October last requesting the Company to change the hour of departure of the evening bus from Wexford to Dublin from 3.0.p.m. to 5.0.p.m. and stated it was proposed from the 12th instant to revert to a 3.0.p.m. departure from Wexford on weekdays. Much dissatisfaction was expressed at the decision of the Railway Company to make this change, and the Town Clerk was directed to point out to them that departure at 3.0.p.m. would inflict considerable hardship on traders in the Town and on the shopping public from the north side of Wexford as they would only have from 1½ to 2 hours to carry out their shopping if they arrived on the midday bus which reached Wexford at approximately 1.0.p.m and had to leave again at 3.0.p.m.

VACANCY

The next business was to fill a vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee occasioned by the death of Miss Alice Fennell, but it was decided to adjourn this matter until next meeting so as to give members an opportunity, if possible, of finding a lady to fill the vacancy.

DEMOLITION ORDER

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Faythe occupied by Charles Murphy.
Notice had been served on the owner of the property in pursuance of Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1921, fixing a day and hour when any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling or the carrying out of works would be considered, but no representations had been made. It was therefore, agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the recommendation be adopted, and the Corporate

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Seal was affixed thereto and the Order signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

TENDER

The Finance Committee also recommended that the tender of Mr. P. M. Murphy, of Cullenstown, Bannow, for the supply of approximately 300 tons of fire blocks which the Corporation were authorised to purchase under the Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order, 1941, at 35/- per ton delivered to Wexford be accepted. Councillor Dunne proposed the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and unanimously agreed to. Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk in reply to Alderman Coffey said the Corporation would sell the blocks and that they were not for free distribution. They would be sold at a price which would realise the full expenditure incurred by the Corporation.

Under date of the 29th ultimo by letter No. C.L.157/1941, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested Local Authorities to give close attention to all branches of administration in which economy could be affected, and stated the main constructive efforts to this end would be in the conservation of existing resources and the elimination of waste. The Town Clerk pointed out that in his report to the Corporation on the 7th April last with the Estimates for 1941-42 he had suggested the appointment of a small Committee to examine the question of Municipal Receipts and Expenditure but no action was then taken. It was now decided to authorise the Rates Committee to deal with the matter and to consider what economies could be made in the public services.

STREET LIGHTS

A letter was read from the Wexford Gas Company referring to a complaint made by the Corporation regarding the lights at Whiterock View which stated they had questioned the person responsible for looking after the street lamps and were informed that it was next to impossible to keep them in order on account of interference by young boys in the locality. On several occasions recently the clockwork controls had been tampered with and broken, the bowls were also repeatedly broken by stones. The lamps were visited every evening and put right, and if some were afterwards found to be not lighting they could only put it down to the interference mentioned above. The Mayor said the letter was in answer to one from the Town Clerk in consequence of complaints from Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas. He thought the people complaining should co-operate with the Company and the Corporation in preventing children from using lamp posts for swings. A gas mantle was very delicate and any little vibration was able to break it. He would like through the medium of the Press to draw the attention of the neighbours in the locality to the complaint made by the Gas Company. It was very hard to keep gas light going if that kind of conduct went on in the area and he was sorry to say there were a great many adult people in the Town who stood idly by looking at children at mischief. He asked the Town Clerk to write to each of the Schools asking the Principals to say a few words to the pupils on this matter. It was also decided to request the Garda to pay attention to the outlying suburbs.

A motion in the name of Councillor Byrne to delete Article 2 of the Bye-laws made by the Corporation dealing with houses let in separate tenements was adjourned until next meeting.

A.R.P.

At the request of the Town Clerk the Mayor made an appeal to the citizens of Wexford to come forward and volunteer their services to bring the A.R.P. Organisation up to full strength. He and other members and officials had had meetings in different parts of the town with a view to obtaining recruits for the service. It was hoped that the service would never be

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required but at the same time all the Towns on the East Coast were in jeopardy so long as the war continued. He had to say that the people on the outskirts of the town had responded pretty well and these people were regularly attending the lectures. He was sorry that the people who should be concerned mostly were the people who were very disinterested and he now appealed to the people in the Main Street to answer the call that had been made to come forward and join the A.R.P. Service.

The Mayor also referred to the salvage of waste paper and pointed out that as a result of the shortage of newsprint some of the operatives of the Local Newspaper Offices were at present only employed half time, and he made a strong appeal to the citizens to save waste paper and pointed out to them the amount of unemployment which could be avoided if the appeal was taken seriously.
It was also pointed out to the meeting that in the absence of an organised system of collection the people would not retain waste paper and it was stated that the local printing offices were prepared to collect this waste paper and forward it to the mills if thy were permitted to do so by the Department of Supplies. Application had been made by the Offices to the Department for this permission, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the Minister for Supplies be requested to permit the local Printing Offices to collect waste paper from the citizens.

KEROSENE

Alderman McMahon referred to the distribution of kerosene and stated that numbers of fishing boats were unable to go to sea as a result of the shortage of this commodity, but the Mayor pointed out that if fishermen completed the proper Returns for the Department of Supplies he knew that a supplementary allowance of kerosene would be made available.
Reference was also made to the shortage of kerosene and petrol for the transport of sand and gravel by barges and lorries, and a letter was read from the Borough Surveyor stating that he had experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining supplies of sand and gravel for Works under the Employment Schemes Vote. The quantity he required was approximately 1500 tons and at the commencement he had been in touch with the suppliers and could only obtain two tenders. So far he had only been able to procure 248 tons and had found it necessary to curtail different work.
The only course now left open to him was to acquire a gravel pit and have the gravel raised by local labour and the haulage done by the Wexford Steamships Company. He estimated that this method would be approximately 33 and one-third per cent dearer than the tenders he had received from local suppliers.
After some discussion it was decided to write to the Department of Supplies requesting them to make available supplies of kerosene and petrol for the haulage of sand and gravel in connection with these Works.

ORDER

There was submitted to the meeting for execution the following Order under Section 21 of the Air-Raid Precautions Act, 1939,designating certain premises as Food and Rest Centres in the event of an emergency:-

"WE, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, Acting by the Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 21 of the Air-Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and every other power in this behalf enabling us, do hereby designate the following premises as Food and Rest Centres for the purposes of our Air-Raid Precautions Scheme, that is to say -

1. The Convent of Mercy National School, George Street, Wexford.

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2. The Christian Brothers National School, George Street, Wexford.

3. The Christian Brothers National and Secondary Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford.

4. The Presentation Convent National School, Francis Street, Wexford.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, this Fifth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two, and signed on their behalf."

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Order was unanimously agreed to and the Corporation Seal affixed thereto which was authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Councillor Hayes referred to the question of the releasing of agricultural machinery from this country in return for certain raw materials by which it could be manufactured, and the Mayor informed him that this matter was at present under consideration by the Department of Supplies.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that the Administrator and six members of the Corporation who were on the Food and Fuel Committee in the Town had recently been examining the position of the boys attending the St. Bridget's National School, and ascertained that the meal of bread and cocoa supplied by the Corporation under the School Meals Scheme was the principal one they received each day. Having regard to the present emergency and the conditions prevailing they had considered that it would be a good idea if the boys were permitted to attend at the centre where Penny Dinners were being supplied and the Corporation to pay the penny for them in lieu of providing bread and cocoa. At the request of these members the Town Clerk had taken up the matter with the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and under date of the 24th ultimo, by letter No. P.H. 28355, the Minister had approved of the proposed arrangement. It was now up to the Corporation to deal with the matter, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed that arrangements should be made to provide the boys attending St. Bridget's National School, who were really the poorest in the Town, to attend at the Penny Dinner Centre and that the pennies be paid to the Treasurer of the Dinner Fund by the Corporation in lieu of the provision of bread and cocoa.

ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the provision of Allotments for unemployed during the coming year he had made arrangements with the Wexford Bacon Factory, which had been approved by the Minister for Agriculture, that manure from the factory should be purchased at 1/- per cart load for the use of persons working allotments and this arrangement was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

GREEN ST. HOUSES

The Town Clerk read a letter from Messrs. John Kenny & Sons intimating

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that they would have a further seven houses completed at Green Street on the 10th and requesting the Corporation to make arrangements to take them over on the 12th instant.
It was agreed to do this but at the same time the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and point out to him that it would be very difficult to get people from condemned houses to pay a rent of 6/6d per week and ask him if he would be prepared to allow the Corporation to transfer people from lower priced houses, who would be in a position to pay 6/6d, and to allocate the houses they vacated to the people at present living in condemned houses.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The Town Clerk also reported that there was a house vacant at William Street and Councillor Dunne who was residing in the same block requested a transfer to the vacant house, which it was unanimously agreed should be granted, and his house was to be advertised for letting at a meeting to be held on the 12th instant.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - WELL LANE & REILLY'S LANE

In connection with the decision of the Corporation some time ago to serve notice regarding the making of Demolition Orders on the occupants of houses at Well Lane and Reilly's Lane the County Medical Officer of Health intimated that the two areas formed parts of unhealthy areas and should be dealt with under the Clearance Order. In view of this letter the Town Clerk had served the necessary notices under Section 23 of the Act, 1931, and now asked for a decision from the Corporation as to the manner in which he should deal with these houses, but it was decided to adjourn the matter until a reply was received from the Department regarding the proposal to allow transfers.

RETENTION MONEY

Under date of the 3rd instant Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., asked the Corporation to reduce the retention money on their Contract from 20 to 10%, and as the Borough Surveyor thought that having regard to the circumstances prevailing at the present time that 10% would be ample retention money it was unanimously agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to agree to the reduction in the retention money.

M.O.H.

With reference to a previous discussion on the failure of Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, to report a case of infectious disease a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 31st ultimo, No. P.H. 28113, asking if Dr. Sinnott had submitted any explanation of his failure to comply with the provisions of the Act and calling attention to the terms of Section 3 of the Statute. In this case it was decided to forward a copy of the letter written by the Town Clerk to Dr. Sinnott together with a copy of his reply, and to inform the Minister that in the opinion of the Corporation it was a genuine over on Dr. Sinnott's part not to send the report immediately.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Timothy Cashman, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, and James Sinnott.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The meeting had been convened to select a tenant for a house vacant at No. 7, Upper William Street, and three applications were submitted. They were from Henry Carpendale, George's Street; Nicholas O'Neill, North Main Street; and Captain Roche, Military Barracks.
On a poll being taken there voted for:-

Carpendale - Councillors Hayes, Sinnott, Byrne, McMahon, Cashman, Atkins, Connolly, Crosbie, Aldermen McMahon, Coffey, and the Mayor.(11)

Roche - Councillors Moran and Dunne. (2)

Carpendale having a clear majority was declared the tenant.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his mother. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Crosbie returned thanks to the meeting.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish T.D.
mayor.

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

WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk referred to previous discussions on the subject of pipes for the Waterworks Scheme, and stated that practically all the pipes with the exception of some 9" had been obtained for the rising main from Edenvale to Coolree, and on the 18th December he had sent a telegram to the Cement Asbestos Company inquiring if they could deliver 4", 5" and 6" pipes for the Town work within two weeks, to which they had replied that having obtained the necessary Export Licence they would be able to do so subject to suitable shipping facilities. He had received a telegram, however, on Thursday last intimating that owing to an embargo on the exportation of rubber rings from Great Britain that the Company were unable to

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ship these pipes and asking him if the rings could be obtained in Eire. To this he had replied that the rings could not be obtained here and asked Turners to try and procure an Export Licence. Up to the present he had not received a reply to this telegram.
As the 4", 5", and 6" pipes were required for work in the Town and particularly on the Main Street where it was proposed to renew the surface the meeting thought that the Department should be asked immediately to sanction the use of metric pipes, which the Contractor had on hands, and which the Corporation had approved of last year.
If this was not possible the Mayor and Town Clerk were authorised to take whatever steps they thought desirable to secure pipes to permit of the work being carried out.

COMPLAINT - FIRES

Complaint was made regarding the absence of fires for the watchmen on street work at night, but it was pointed out that it was impossible to obtain supplies of coke so it was agreed that if turf could be procured it should be done so immediately, and if not, a licence obtained to purchase coal.

REPORT

A letter was read from the Secretary, Transport Union, pointing out that Richard Lane was no longer a member having failed to pay his contributions, and it was decided that Lane be given notice that unless he became a member of the Union within a week that his services would be dispensed with.

ALLOTMENTS TENDER

The Town Clerk reported that he had sent a query to all the Hardware and Seed Merchants in the Town asking a quotation for seeds for Allotments, and the only one received was from Messrs. Traynors (Wexford) Ltd., who quoted 29/9d for the seeds necessary but were unable to quote for fertiliser at the present time, and it was unanimously decided to accept this tender.

REPAIRS - HOUSE - HANTOON RD.

With reference to previous discussions on damage to a house at Hantoon Road occupied by John Lane, the Town Clerk reported that the cost of repairs had amounted to £2. 1. 0. and it was decided that this should be charged against the tenant and collected at the rate of 1/- per week.

RATE COLLECTION

The Town Clerk reported that the Rate Collection at the 31st December was Town Rates 55·5% and Poor Rate 44·6%. The position about the Poor Rate he stated was very serious as a payment of £1,000 had been passed to the County Council at the December Finance Meeting, and owing to the absence of the necessary funds to meet the Paying Order he had been unable to lodge it to the credit of the County Council. The Collector had collected less than £200 during the month of December and he felt that strong action should be taken against him. It was not the first time he stated that he had had to call the attention of the Corporation to the backward state of the Poor Rate Collection, and he felt that Collector O'Leary was not sufficiently energetic in the discharge of his duties.
The members agreed that Collector O'Leary should be much more diligent and directed the Town Clerk to write him a strong letter intimating that unless there was a vast improvement in his collection they would be compelled to take very serious disciplinary action.

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5 HOUSES - GREEN ST.

The Town Clerk asked what steps the Corporation proposed to take with regard to the 5 extra houses which it was intended to build at Green Street, and it was decided that they should be advertised for tender as soon as possible on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

A.R.P. HANDBOOK

A letter was read from a Mr. Charles E. O'Neill, Advertising Contractor, Dublin, asking for the permission of the Corporation to issue an A.R.P. Handbook, but before considering the matter the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the Dublin City Manager asking his opinion on the publicati of the Handbook this man had produced for the Dublin Corporation.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was submitted from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, that he had examined the house at John Street occupied by John Malone and found it unfit for human habitation, so it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day when any offer with regard to the future user of the house would be considered.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the house at William Street formerly occupied by the late Michael Devereux, a letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor stating that Mrs. Devereux, her father, and her Solicitor had been with him and stated they were prepared to give up peaceable possession of the house if the Corporation refunded to her the deposit of £30 made by her late husband and asking if they were prepared to do this.
It was explained to the meeting that the Corporation had already agreed if Mrs. Devereux gave up peaceable possession of the house to waive their claim to the arrears of rent-charge, and the Town Clerk further explained that in his opinion they had no power whatever to refund the deposit. He had already instructed the Corporation Solicitor on the 22nd ultimo to institute legal proceedings for possession of this dwelling and the Solicitor's letter was in reply to this instruction. The meeting decided that they could not agree to the refund of the deposit and unless possession of the house was surrendered on the terms already agreed to by the Corporation legal proceedings would have to be taken to obtain possession.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of December showed that he had examined 137 cattle, 427 sheep and 32 swine. Of the cattle, 17 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis; of the sheep, 16 organs for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine one organ for a disease other than tuberculosis.

HOUSE - BRIDE ST.

With reference to notice served on the owner of a house at Bride Street requiring water supply to be provided it was stated that it was only necessary to replace the tap as the pipes were there, and as the owner had refused to carry out this work the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have it done and the owner was to be sent an account for the cost.

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ALLOTMENTS

With reference to minutes of the 15th December last when a Scheme for the provision of 128 Allotments during the Season 1942 was approved, the Town Clerk intimated that the proposed increase in rent by the Christian Bros., and the representatives of the late Mr. James Boyle had been referred by the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Department of Agriculture, and during the past week an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture had been to Wexford and consulted with Reverend Brother Dooley of the Christian Brothers and Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Agent for the Boyle Estate. In the case of the Christian Brothers the Inspector had been able to persuade Brother Dooley to let the land at the same figure as last year and in the case of the Boyle Estate Mr. O'Brien had agreed to accept a rent of £8. 5. 0. instead of £8. 11. 0. This had made a slight difference in the total cost of the scheme and the estimated expenditure now worked out at £137. 5. 0. and the estimated receipts £6. 8. 0. The economic rent of each plot was £1. 1. 5. and the reduced rent as agreed to on 15th December 1/-.
The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that in view of this alteration in the estimate he proposed to submit a fresh Form E. to the Local Government Department, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the changes in the estimate from that adopted on the 15th December last were unanimously agreed to.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey and Councillors Moran, Crosbie, Cashman, Byrne, and Sinnott.

The Town Clerk intimated that it was necessary for the Committee to appoint a person to organise and supervise Food and Rest Centres which should be established as part of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. It was also necessary he stated to appoint a person to organise and take charge of the Control Centre under the Scheme.
The members discussed this matter at length and could not fix on any person suitable for either of these two jobs with the exception of the Town Clerk, who stated he was not prepared to undertake this work which would involve a considerable amount of overtime unless the Department of Defence were prepared to pay him extra remuneration for such overtime. He had been working a lot of overtime for the past two years in connection with Air Raid Precautions and had made an application to the Department in September last, which application had been approved by the Finance Committee, for an allowance in respect of this overtime but up to the present had merely received a formal acknowledgement.
The meeting decided that the Town Clerk should again write to the Department of Defence and ask them for a reply to this application, and as well, he should write to the Town Clerks of the other scheduled Urban Areas asking them what officials of their Councils were in charge of the various branches of the A.R.P. Services and what extra remuneration, if any, they were receiving for this work. Pending a reply to these queries the question of the appointment of persons to deal with Food and Rest and Control Centres was adjourned and the Committee was to be convened again as soon as replies were received.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish TD
mayor

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19th January, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Robert Coffey.

Councillors Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, James Gaul, and James Crosbie.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Alderman James McMahon, who for the past 40 years had been identified with the public life of Wexford, and that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. Alderman Coffey seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; by the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Arthur J. Daly, Borough Surveyor of Drogheda and a former Borough Surveyor of Wexford. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, together with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Meetings of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees together with the Air Raid Precautions Committee convened for this day were also adjourned.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

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

REPAIRS TO STREETS

In connection with repairs to streets for which work the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was unable to obtain the necessary supplies of tar it was stated that the Gas Company were in a position to supply common tar for this work, but Mr. McNally stated that common tar would be most unsuitable for anything but very deep potholes so it was agreed that he should keep in touch with the Company and as soon as they were in a position to supply dehydrated tar that he should purchase same.

FIRE BLOCKS

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the purchase of fire blocks, the Town Clerk reported that he had recently been in touch with Mr. P. Murphy, who had tendered to supply approximately 300 tons of blocks at 36/- per ton and stated, that Mr. Murphy informed him that he would be in a position to commence delivery of the blocks during the coming week.
He (Town Clerk) now asked what arrangements the Corporation proposed to make for the disposal of these blocks, and it was decided that the first 50 tons delivered should be sold to the Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the poor through the medium of the Wexford Food and Fuel Fund Committee. When further supplies were available the question of their disposal was to be again considered by the Committee, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to go into the question of the handling and selling of these blocks in small quantities.

TRANSFER OF TENANTS

The Town Clerk intimated that in connection with the proposal of the Housing Committee to transfer certain tenants from cheaper houses to the Green Street Housing Scheme he had received a memo from the Housing Section of the Local Government Department asking for certain particulars of the persons proposed to be transferred. He proposed to convene a meeting of the Housing Committee for the 30th instant, but in the meantime would be glad if the members of the Housing Committee would consider whom they proposed to transfer so that the necessary particulars could be submitted to the Department without delay.

TEMPORARY ENGINEER

The Town Clerk further reported that under date of the 16th instant by letter No. R.E./131, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. John Ryan, B.E., as temporary Engineer to assist the Borough Surveyor in the preparation of Emergency Employment Schemes with remuneration at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per week, and stated that Mr. McNally, Borough Surveyor, was at present engaged on preparing Schemes which would keep Mr. Ryan employed, and as soon as sufficient of these schemes were ready Mr. Ryan would be put to work.

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A.R.P. HANDBOOK

With reference to Minutes of the 12th instant when an application was submitted from Mr. Charles E. O'Neill, Advertising Contractor, for permission to prepare and publish an A.R.P. Handbook for the Borough, and when it had been decided to ask the City Manager if Mr. O'Neill had given satisfaction in the preparation of such a handbook for Dublin, a letter was read from the Secretary to the City Manager stating that such approval had been given to Mr. O'Neill on condition that all expenses in this connection were borne by him and that the booklet would be submitted for examination and approval by the Department of Defence before publication. It was further stated that as Mr. O'Neill had accepted these conditions he had been authorised to proceed with the publication, and so far he saw no reason to believe but that it would be satisfactory.
It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that permission be given to Mr. O'Neill to publish a similar handbook for Wexford on condition that all expenses in connection with the publication be borne by him; that the subject matter be submitted for examination and approval by the Department of Defence and the Corporation; and that the book be printed in Wexford Town.

PIPES - WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with his recent report on the position of the pipes for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme the Department of Local Government and Public Health had now approved of the use of metric spun pipes for the Town work but that since the proposal of the Corporation had been submitted on the 19th November last to use these pipes that the Contractor had disposed of a large quantity of them. It would now be only possible to use these pipes on the Main Street Scheme of the town renewals, and the Committee unanimously decided that arrangements should be made as soon as possible with the Contractor to have the Main Street pipe renewed so that the resurfacing work under the Employment Schemes Vote could be carried out forthwith.
In this connection reference was made to the fact that the Contractor had agreed to employ local plumbers to do the work in the Town and it was decided to remind him of this promise when he was in Wexford on the 29th instant. As well, it was decided that in order to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the occupants of houses on the Main Street that as far as possible night work should be carried out to enable these mains to be relayed with as little delay as possible, and the Town Clerk was authorised if necessary to arrange with the Electricity Supply Board to have the public lights on the Main Street lighting all night while this work was in progress.

HOUSE - FURLONG'S LANE

Complaint was made regarding a Demolition Order executed at the last meeting of the Corporation in respect of a house at Furlong's Lane occupied by Byrne and Dunne, and a suggestion was made that Byrne might possibly reoccupy this house, so the Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the owner of the dwelling and urge him to demolish it immediately to prevent such re-occupation.

SCHOOL MEALS

Complaint was made regarding the provision of School Meals under the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, and it was stated that at the present time children in some of the schools were compelled to eat dry bread with cocoa as golden syrup was not available, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should invite tenders from local merchants for the provision of jam for these meals.

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HOUSE - BRIDE ST.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, was to be asked to report on the house at Bride Street occupied by a man named Davis.

COMPLAINT

A Complaint regarding the condition of a flat over the shop at John Street occupied by Murtagh Meyler was referred to the Sanitary Inspector to obtain a report from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the sanitary condition under which the occupants of the flat reside.

HOUSE - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

Complaint was also made that a man named Lacey of Wolfe Tone Villas had sublet the house occupied by him to a lady named Mrs. Murphy, and it was decided to write to Lacey pointing out to him that some time ago he had agreed to dispense with this lady but as it appeared from the reports now received that he had not done this the Corporation would be obliged to obtain possession of the dwelling for overholding unless she was removed forthwith.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of some houses at Wolfe Tone Villas and a suggestion was made that a Committee should be appointed to examine them, but before doing this it was decided to obtain a report from the Rent Collectors on the condition of all houses in their collection area after which the Committee would meet and check up on the report of the Collectors.

It was decided that the Sanitary Inspector should inspect the house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by a man named Roche.

HOUSE - ROCHE'S TERRACE

Complaint regarding the damp condition of the house at Roche's Terrace was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

A meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Coffey and Walsh. Councillors Crosbie, Sinnott and Dunne.
This meeting had been adjourned from the 19th instant in order to allow the Town Clerk to ascertain from other Towns what officials were carrying out the various branches of the service and whether or not they were being remunerated for their services above their ordinary salary. In addition the Town Clerk had been directed at last meeting to request the Department of Defence to reply to the application made by him on the 23rd September last for an allowance of £150 per annum with effect as from 1st January, 1941, in respect of his services under this scheme for the past two years. This matter of the Town Clerk's remuneration had been approved by the Finance Committee on the 24th November last but up to last meeting no approval had been received from the Department of Defence to the proposal. A letter was now read from the Department intimating that owing to the unsatisfactory state of the organisation in Wexford the Parliamentary Secretary could not see his way to approve of this proposal at the present.

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The Town Clerk also read letters from other local authorities which intimated that in Drogheda a Special Air Raid Precautions Officer had been appointed at a salary of £330 per annum; in Dundalk the Borough Surveyor was Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer; in Bray the Accountant to the Urban Council was Chief A.R.P. Officer, and in Cobh, Co. Cork, the Town Clerk was Chief A.R.P. Officer for which he was receiving extra remuneration at the rate of £30 per annum.
The Mayor intimated to the meeting that both he and the Town Clerk had been in telephonic communication with the Department of Defence this afternoon and it appeared that the outstanding appointments to be made were:-
(1) An Officer to organise and administer the Control Centre; (2) An Officer to organise and administer Food and Rest Centres; (3) An Officer to be responsible for supplies.
The first two appointments to his(Mayor's) mind were the most important and he suggested that as regards Food and Rest Centres that Mr. Joseph Scallen, of St. Magdalen's, Wexford, should be asked to take over this work in conjunction with the Town Clerk. In this connection it was stated that the Christian Brothers Schools, Joseph Street, the Presentation Convent Schools, Francis Street, the Sisters of Mercy Schools, George's Street, and the Christian Brothers Schools, George's Street, had been approved as Food and Rest Centres but that the Faythe School had been turned down on these grounds by Officers from the Department of Defence. The members thought and the Town Clerk agreed with them that the Faythe School should be used as a Food and Rest Centre more especially as it was doubtful if the Convent of Mercy Schools, Georges Street, would be available for this purpose owing to reconstruction work being about to commence there, and it was decided that the Department of Defence should be asked the reasons for which they disapproved of the Faythe School.
In connection with Food and Rest Centres the Town Clerk intimated that the biggest task in connection with them,apart from the recruitment of the necessary personnel to man in the event of it being necessary to use them, was the storage of the necessary food and equipment, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to request the representative of Mr. George Stafford, in connection with the George's Street premises; the St. Vincent de Paul Society in connection with the Francis Street premises; Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co., Ltd., in connection with the premises of the Christian Brothers, Joseph Street, and Messrs O'Keeffe & Sons, Faythe, in connection with the Faythe premises, to make available storage accommodation for the necessary food and equipment. If this were done it would obviate the need of storing all the equipment in the Foresters' Hall, Main Street, which the members considered would be a very vulnerable spot in the event of an Air Raid, and this suggestion was unanimously agreed to.
As regards the question of a person to organise and administer the Control Centre in the event of an emergency the members thought that this was one of the most important jobs in the whole A.R.P. Organisation, and felt that it should not, and could not, be divorced from the office of Chief A.R.P. Officer, but that the person holding the two posts should be remunerated for the work involved. The meeting was also of opinion that the only person to undertake these tasks was the Town Clerk, as he had been in touch with the matter for the past couple of years and had made himself familiar with every aspect of the A.R.P. Work. To bring in a new man at the present stage would mean that the whole matter of A.R.P. in Wexford would again be in the melting pot, but at the same time the meeting considered that the past services of the Town Clerk in connection with the Scheme should be suitably recognised before he was asked to undertake this task.
The meeting further decided to request the Mayor to communicate with the Parliamentary Secretary and request him to be so good as to approve of the proposal contained in the Town Clerk's letter of the 23rd September last, that he be paid extra remuneration at the rate of £150 per annum with effect as from 1st January, 1941, and if this was agreed to they would be

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prepared to request the Town Clerk to undertake the work of Controller in addition to his work as Chief A.R.P. Officer. The Committee further decided that they would be satisfied if the approval of the Parliamentary Secretary was given up to the 31st March next when the position might be reviewed in the light of the then state of the Scheme, but they were definitely of opinion that the Town Clerk should be remunerated for his work over the past few years before he was asked to undertake this new work as during these past few years he had been engaged at the work night and day which was absolutely necessary in order to get the scheme established.

The meeting also requested the Mayor to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to give them a reply before the 2nd proximo when they would again meet to consider this matter further.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Reed TD
mayor

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Connolly, Dunne, Crosbie, Byrne, Moran and Hayes.

TRANSFERS

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to transfer tenants from cheaper slum clearance houses to the dearer houses at present in course of construction at Green Street and to re-house in these cheaper houses persons proposed to be displaced by operations of the Corporation under the Housing Acts, a memo was read from the Housing Section of the Local Government Department asking to be furnished with the incomes of the persons proposed to be displaced and full information as to the names, etc. of the persons proposed to be transferred.
The Town Clerk also read a list of names which had been given to him by the Rent Collectors of persons who were anxious for these transfers, but before coming to a decision on them it was decided that he should obtain particulars of their incomes etc. and submit a list to the members for consideration at their next meeting.
The Town Clerk reported that there was a house vacant at Whiterock View and it was decided to have this house advertised in the usual way for letting on the 9th prox.

The Town Clerk was also directed to instruct the Sanitary Inspector to obtain particulars of the present occupants of Paradise Row.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

The Sanitary Inspector was also to be asked to make a report on the condition of the house at Distillery Road, occupied by James Murphy.

CLEARANCE AREAS

With reference to a recent letter from the County Medical Officer of Health regarding the treatment of Well Lane and Reilly's Lane areas in which the Medical Officer recommended that Clearance Orders should be made it was now decided, after some discussion, to make a Clearance Order in respect of the Well Lane and Temperance Row areas and to proceed by Demolition Order in respect of the Reilly's Lane area.

HOUSE - SWAN VIEW

The Sanitary Inspector was also to be asked to make a report on the house at Swan View occupied by a man named Barry , and the County Medical Officer of Health was to be asked for reports on the houses at Upper Green Street owned by a man named Bailey.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish

Chairman

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Gaul, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, and Thomas Dunne.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 5th, 12th, and 19th ultimo; Finance and Works Committee on 5th, 12th and 26th ultimo; Air Raid Precautions Committee on 12th and 26th ultimo; on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4,076. 11. 9. were submitted.
Arising out of the Accounts Councillor Hayes inquired if tenders had been received from local traders for the supply of enamel mugs under the School Meals Scheme, and the Town Clerk replied that he had ordered direct from the Official Contractor as the price quoted was very reasonable and he did not think he could obtain a lower tender locally.
A question was also raised regarding a payment to the Wexford Steamship Company Ltd., for the haulage of sand and gravel, and it was pointed out that this was in connection with Relief Grant Works from a pit a few miles outside the Town which the Borough Surveyor had been obliged to take over and work himself in order to keep the men on the Grant Works employed.
The accounts as submitted having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Sinnott on the death of his nephew. The motion was seconded by Councillor Dunne, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.
Councillor Sinnott thanked the members for their sympathetic remarks.
Councillor Connolly moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Deputy William Norton, Leader of the Labour Party in An Dail, on the death of his father. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was also supported by those present and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late Alderman McMahon and the late Arthur J. Daly, former Borough Surveyor.

BUS SERVICE

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the decision of the Great Southern Railways, Omnibus Department, to alter the time of departure of the evening bus from Wexford to Dublin from 5.0.p.m. to 3.0.p.m.

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a letter was read from the Manager stating that when it was decided in October last to have a 5.0.p.m. departure they were inundated with protests and as a result of the decision to revert to the previous departure time of 3.0.p.m. they had received quite a number of letters from regular travellers and from at least one representative body expressing gratification at the change. As well, their experience was that the service was not so well patronised when the departure time was 5.0.p.m. The members considered that the Company were treating the traders and shopping public from the North side of Wexford most unfairly as it left them at the most only 2 hours in which to carry out their shopping to arrive on the bus at approximately, 1.0.p.m., if it was on time, and leave again at 3.0.p.m. It was also pointed out that the Wexford Co. Council had expressed dissatisfaction at the 3.0.p.m. departure, and it was decided to again write to the Company requesting them to revert to a departure at 5.0.p.m.

WASTE PAPER

With reference to previous discussions on the question of the supplies of waste paper the Minister of Supplies stated that the matter had been discussed with representatives of the Irish Master Printers' Association when the Association had decided to form a Company to engage in the collection of waste paper and as soon as this company was formed the Minister proposed to grant them the necessary licence.

REPORT - BOROUGH ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December last showed that he had examined seven samples of milk, eight of butter, two of buttermilk, and one each of cheese, flour, marmalade, dripping, semolina, sherry and sugar.
All the samples submitted were found to be genuine.

VACCINATION DEFAULTERS

Under date of the 17th ultimo the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded an extract from the Return Form "L" for the half-year ended 30th September last which showed that there were 103 vaccination defaulters in that half year, and requested that the necessary action be taken by the Corporation.

~~REPORT - MEDICAL OFFICER~~

The Town Clerk also submitted a report from the Medical Officer for the Quarter ended 31st December last, which showed that there were 29 children born in the Dispensary District and over three months of age who did not appear to have been vaccinated.
Alderman Coffey moved that the necessary action be taken by the Corporation to enforce the law, but there was no seconder for his motion and no action was taken on the Minister's letter.

VACANCY

The next business was to fill a vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Miss Alice M. Fennell, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, of South Main Street, Wexford, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation take steps to fill the vacancies at present existing on the Council.

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A motion in the name of Councillor Byrne to delete Article 2 of the Bye-Laws dealing with houses let in separate tenements was adjourned until next meeting to enable the Housing Committee to consider a further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to the Inquiry held in 1940 into the letting of certain houses provided by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution from Sinn Fein on the subject of Emergency Powers (No. 139) Order, 1941, was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the printing requirements of the Corporation for the ensuing twelve months, and on being opened and compared the lowest price quoted for each item was accepted.

The meeting then t erminated.

Richard Cosgrave

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

PETROL PUMPS

There was submitted to the meeting a preliminary notice of intention to apply for compensation in respect of malicious damage to four petrol pumps at Redmond Road, the property of Mr. Patrick Meyler, North End Garage. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that it would appear that an attempt had been made to get at a quantity of petrol stored there by the Corporation under seal to be used only in the event of an emergency when certified as such by the Minister for Defence, but an examination of the pumps and tanks showed that the seals placed on them by the Town Clerk had not been broken and the recording of the meter showed that nothing had passed through the pump since the petrol was installed, but as an additional precaution he had now removed the handle from the pump and had it in his own charge.
It was decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to defend the case when it came before the Circuit Court.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the house at William Street which had been sold on the Tenant Purchase System to the late Michael Devereux and in respect of which a considerable sum in arrears of rent had accrued, a letter was now read from Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, intimating that Mrs. Devereux had disposed of her interest in this house to a Mr. Matthew Hannon of South Main Street, and asking for the consent of the Corporation to the proposed transfer. It was pointed out to the Corporation that it would be impossible to recover the arrears of Rent Charge in this case as Mrs. Devereux was absolutely destitute, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had already intimated that he would not raise any objection to the Corporation waiving their claim to the arrears if they got peaceful possession of the house without having recourse to the Courts.
It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve of the transfer and to write off the arrears of Rent Charge as irrecoverable.

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FUEL DISTRIBUTION

In connection with previous discussions regarding the distribution of Fuel under the Emergency Powers Order (No. 108) 1941, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had gone into the question of distribution and intimated that it would be necessary to employ a reliable storeman at say, 50/- per week; it would also be necessary to provide a carter for distribution and a certain number of sacks. The members considered, however, that it would not be necessary to provide for distribution and to employ any other person except a storekeeper. As regards the provision of a store it was thought that the Corporation Store at Gibson Street would be suitable for this purpose and that any firewood which would be sent in could be stored there for the present. It was also agreed however, that the first 50 tons delivered by the Contractor should be sold to the Wexford Food and Fuel Committee at cost price for distribution to the poor through the medium of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

HOUSE - PATRICK SQUARE

In connection with a notice served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions)Act, 1931, with regard to the house at Patrick Square occupied by William O'Connor and owned by Mr. Stephen Doyle, South Main Street, a letter was read from Mr. Doyle stating that he was prepared to have the house put in repair at a reasonable outlay, but the meeting decided that it was not possible to have repairs carried out at any reasonable figure and decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the house.

HOUSE - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained a Decree for Possession against George Black, Wolfe Tone Villas, on the grounds of non-occupation of the dwelling. He now read a letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Black's mother-in-law who it appeared had the key of the house, asking the Corporation not to enforce the decree as the defendant and his wife would be returning to this country in the Spring, but it was unanimously decided that the Decree for Possession should be executed as soon as it was possible.

With reference to a discussion at last meeting on the subject of the sub-letting of house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by a man named Lacey, a letter was read from Lacey stating that the house was not sub-let but that the lady referred to was an old friend of himself and his late wife and she was only engaged in cleaning up for himself and his children.
It was decided to inform Lacey that the information of the Corporation was that this lady was lodging in his house and that unless she was removed forthwith they would be obliged to seek possession.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was submitted from Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, on the condition of the house at Bride Street occupied by Mrs. Davis, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day and hour when any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling would be considered.

A report was submitted from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had inspected the house at John Street occupied by Joseph McEvoy, and found the roof leaking, debris dumped in the yard and a W.C. cistern defective which he considered a danger to the health of the occupants, and he recommended that the owner be required to execute the necessary repairs. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring repairs to be carried out within fourteen days.

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Dr. Pierse also reported that he had inspected the house at Abbey Street tenanted by Daniel Doyle and found a leaking roof admitting rain water and a window at the top back of the house needing repairs, which in his opinion, was a danger to the health of the occupants, and he recommended that the necessary repairs be executed by the landlord. A similar order was made in this case.

APPLICATION

An application from John MacDonald, Gravedigger, for an increase of 5/- per grave was adjourned to enable a report to be submitted on the earnings of this man for the past twelve months.

RATES

A letter was read from Mr. T. J. O'Brien asking if the Corporation would accept the sum of £18 in settlement of all Rates due out of the Gannon Estate to the 31st March, 1942. The Town Clerk reported that there was a sum of £40. 15. 0. due for Town Rates and £33. 16. 3. due for Poor Rate, making the Total £74. 11. 3. Rate Collector Curran reported that in his opinion the offer should be accepted as the property was in a bad way, but the meeting thought that £18 was not a sufficient sum to discharge the amount due and the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Agent intimating the views of the Corporation.

WATER SUPPLY

Letters from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and Mr. Laurence Kirwan regarding their Accounts for water supplied through meter during the past year were referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the resolution deciding that all houses be let at a public meeting be rescinded.

LODGING HOUSE

A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Meyler, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk dated 26th January, regarding a lodging house at Common Quay Street owned by her in which she stated that there were only 14 persons residing and that there were two rooms in the house vacant. As a previous report from the Sanitary Inspector showed that there were a considerable number of people more than stated by Mrs. Meyler residing in the house he was to be asked for a report on whether any of the occupants who were in the house when he examined it in December last had left.

COMPLAINT

Councillor Sinnott complained that during the previous week he had occasion to send for Dr. Sinnott, Dispensary Medical Officer, to attend a nephew of his who was residing with Councillor Sinnott's mother. He sent a son of his own together with another boy to Dr. Sinnott's house when Councillor Sinnott stated the Doctor used abusive language to the children. He also complained that the doctor's language when he came to the house was not what one would expect from a professional man.
In this connection it was pointed out, however, that so far as his duties as Dispensary Medical Officer were concerned Dr. Sinnott was not directly answerable to the Corporation but to the Board of Health, and it was decided to request the Secretary to the Board to be so good as to ask Dr. Sinnott for an explanation.

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A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie, and Byrne.

The Mayor read a letter he had sent to the Department of Defence regarding the proposal of the Corporation to remunerate the Chief A.R.P. Officer and had asked for a reply in time for the present meeting but had not received it.
In these circumstances the Committee were not in a position to delegate the duty of Controller to any person and adjourned the matter again pending a reply to the Mayor's letter from the Department.

As regards a discussion at last meeting on the subject of a person to organise and control Food and Rest Centres the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Joseph Scallan was prepared to undertake the task subject to the Town Clerk being responsible, and as the Town Clerk was not prepared to accept responsibility for this work without extra remuneration this matter was also adjourned pending a reply from the Department of Defence.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish

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9th February, 1942.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Walsh,

Councillors James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, and James Sinnott.

TENDERS - GREEN STREET

The first business was to receive tenders for the erection of five houses at Green Street.
Three tenders were submitted and on being opened they were found to be from:-
Messrs. John Kenny & Sons,LTD., Harcourt Road, Dublin, who quoted £2,597. 16. 8. for all the works specified. The tender was subject to a War Clause and they would be prepared to carry out the work within a period of 3½ months.
Messrs. Nolan Brothers, Tullow, County Carlow, who quoted a sum of £2,800 for all the works specified. Their tender was not subject to a War Clause
form/ nor did they specify a period on the tender/for completion of the works.
Messrs. Larkin Brothers, Wexford, who quoted £3,510 for all the works specified. Their tender was subject to a War Clause and stated they would carry out the work within seven months.
It was seen that the lowest tender was approximately £520 per house, which was considerably in excess of the price at which the present Contractors quoted for the original scheme of 24 houses.
The members considered that all the tenders submitted were far too high, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to reject all three tenders and to request the Housing Committee to consider the matter further.

HOUSE - WHITEROCK VIEW

The next business was to consider applications for a vacant house at Whiterock View, and on a poll being taken there voted for:-
Michael Fitzgerald, Ram Street, - Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh. (3).
For Thomas Sparrow, Common Quay St., - Councillors Moran, Connolly. (2)
For John Murphy, 31, High Street, - Councillors Atkins, Dunne, Byrne, Hayes, and the Mayor. (5)
For Martin Tyghe, High Street, - Councillor Gaul. (1)
Tyghe was then eliminated and Councillor Gaul transferred his vote to Sparrow giving him 3 votes and it was decided to take a poll as to whether Sparrow or Fitzgerald should be eliminated. On a poll being taken as to which of the two should stay in the election there voted for Sparrow Councillors Moran, Connolly, Dunne, Byrne, Gaul and the Mayor.(6).
For Fitzgerald - Councillors Sinnott, Atkins, Hayes, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh. (5)
Fitggerald was then eliminated and a final poll was taken as between Sparrow and Murphy when there voted for Murphy - Councillors Sinnott, Atkins, Byrne, Dunne,Hayes, Crosbie, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.(8)
For Sparrow - Councillors Moran, Connolly and Gaul. (3).
Murphy was declared the tenant.

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HOUSE - ANTELOPE RD.

For a vacant house at Antelope Road there voted for:-
William Duggan, Faythe,- Councillors Sinnott and Dunne. (2)
For Michael Fitzgerald, Ram Street, - Councillors Moran, Atkins, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh. (4)
For Martin Tyghe, High Street, - Councillors Connolly, Byrne, Hayes, Gaul, and the Mayor. (5).
As no candidate had a clear majority Duggan was eliminated and Councillors Sinnott and Dunne transferred their votes to Tyghe giving him 7 votes as against 4 for Fitzgerald.
Tyghe was declared the tenant.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

The next business was to consider the acquisition of land otherwise than by agreement for the provision of allotments for unemployed persons during the current year.
The Town Clerk reported that he had filled the 128 allotments provided last year but he still had 80 applicants to provide for.
He had been able to secure approximately 3 acres of land from Mr. James Furlong at Coolcots which he was prepared to rent at the rate of £5. 10. 0. per acre. He had also secured 4½ acres of land from Mr. James Browne of Bishopswater who was prepared to rent it at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per acre. His difficulty however, was to deal with applicants from the south end of the town, and after making exhaustive enquiries the only land he could get near this area was a field containing 3·438 acres, owned by a Mrs. Holbrook of Rocksborough and at present tenanted by a Mr. John Radford, South Main Street, Wexford, for grazing purposes.
As far as he could ascertain Mrs. Holbrook had 15 acres of land at Rocksborough all of which was used for grazing purposes, and she had further land at Whitestown which of course would be too far away for allotments and was at present let for tillage. Mr. Radford, in addition to this field which he had rented from Mrs. Holbrook, had also rented 15 acres of land within a few yards of the field considered suitable for allotments. Mrs. Holbrook was a very difficult lady to do business with but he had interviewed her on the 5th instant when she appeared to be prepared to let the land at £5 per acre if Mr. Radford was satisfied. He had also interviewed Mr. Radford but he was not prepared to agree to release the land.
All the lands had been inspected by Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and found to be suitable for the purpose, so it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, "That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, after making exhaustive enquiries, have failed to acquire by agreement sufficient land to meet the demand for allotments in the year 1942, do hereby resolve to acquire by compulsion, the field at Rocksborough, Wexford, containing 3·438 acres; owned by Mrs. Holbrook of Rocksborough, Wexford, and at present tenanted by Mr. John Radford, of South Main Street, Wexford, for grazing purposes. And we further request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have this land made available for the purpose of providing allotments under the powers conferred on him by the Emergency Powers Order, 1939."
In connection with the provision of allotments the Mayor referred to the position of a number of people in poor circumstances and who had gardens of their own but were unable to purchase the necessary seeds to till them. He had raised this matter with the Minister for Agriculture at a recent meeting addressed by the Minister in Wexford who promised to have the matter examined but he thought that a resolution from the Corporation might have some effect as well, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne to request the Minister for Agriculture to make available a Grant for the provision of seeds to persons in needy circumstances with gardens of their own.
The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

REFUND OF RATES

An application from Mrs. E. Gordon, of Parnell Street, for a refund of rates for the first quarter of 1941-42 when the premises were unoccupied was referred to the Rate Collectors for a report as to whether or not these premises were occupied during the period stated.

ALLOWANCE - CEMETERY CARETAKER

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 3rd February, 1942, with reference to the proposal of the Corporation to grant an annual allowance of £5 to the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery for cutting the grass twice a year and stated there appeared to be a contract of service between the Caretaker and the Corporation for the performance of certain duties and the cutting of the grass when necessary would be included in the Caretaker's duties as being part of the duty to keep the grounds in proper order.
Members expressed dissatisfaction at the attitude adopted by the Ministry in this matter as the Caretaker of the Cemetery had never been asked to cut the grass and the Corporation never considered it part of his duties to do so. It was decided to request the Mayor to interview the Minister in connection with this matter, and ask him to sanction this allowance which the Corporation considered only equitable.

HOUSE - JOHN ST.

The Town Clerk reported that he had served notice on the owner of a house at John Street formerly occupied by the late John Malone, which the Medical Officer of Health had reported as being unfit for human habitation, but it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter for the present.

FIRE BRIGADE AGREEMENT

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Health regarding the proposed agreement between the Corporation and the Board for the use of the Corporation Fire Brigade in the former Wexford Rural District.
The Board had objected to certain clauses of the agreement which had been considered previously by the Corporation on an objection raised by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and the Corporation had decided that in view of the objections raised by the Ministry and the impossibility of reconciling their views with that of the Minister that it was impossible for them to enter into an agreement on the lines proposed.
It was unanimously decided to inform the Board that the views of the Corporation on this matter were fully set out in the Town Clerk's letter of the 5th March last and that they could not alter their decision. It was also decided to inform the Board that the Corporation Fire Brigade were to be instructed not to attend fires outside the Wexford Borough without first obtaining the consent of an executive officer of the Corporation.

EXTRA REMUNERATION - TOWN SERGEANT

An application from the Town Sergeant for extra remuneration for disinfecting houses in the absence of the Sanitary Inspector was adjourned for a report on the number of cases which had been done by Mr. Kehoe.

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SCHOOL MEALS

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the provision of jam for School Meals the Town Clerk intimated that he had sent a circular to all the grocers in the Town and had only received one tender. It was from Mr. Nicholas Barnwell of South Main Street, Wexford, who was prepared to supply 6 dozen 2lb jars of raspberry and apple jam at 19/6d per dozen; 6 dozen 2lb jars damson and apple at 18/6d per dozen; and 6 dozen 2lb jars blackberry and apple jam at 19/- per dozen.
Crates would be extra and returnable and an allowance of 9d per dozen would be made on all jars returned in good condition.
It was unanimously decided in view of the scarcity of jams to purchase the entire 18 dozen at the prices quoted above.

RATES

Councillor Dunne referred to a discussion which had taken place before regarding the rates due by him on the house formerly occupied by him at Clifford Street, and stated it had been agreed at the time to accept a sum of 5/- per week off the sum due. The Town Clerk stated he had no recollection of such an agreement having been made by the Corporation; he was aware that a suggestion had been made to that effect and he understood that Councillor Dunne had agreed to it but up to the present he had not paid this 5/-, so it was now agreed that if Councillor Dunne paid the arrears of 5/- per week to date and continued to do this that the Rate Collectors would be requested not to press the proceedings which had been instituted for a Committal Order.

ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted a supplementary scheme for the provision of Allotments for unemployed persons which he proposed with the consent of the Corporation to submit to the Department of Local Government and Public Health immediately for approval.
3·106 acres of land had been acquired from Mr. James Furlong at Coolcots which would provide 23 allotments at a cost of £17. 1. 0.; 4·36 acres had been acquired from Mr. James Browne, of Bishopswater, which would provide 34 allotments at a cost of £22. 15. 6. It was also proposed to acquire compulsorily 3·438 acres at Rocksborough from Mrs. Holbrook, which would provide 27 allotments at a cost of £17. 3. 6.

The cost of the above land for 84 plots was.....	£57.	0.	0.
Fencing was estimated to cost.....	10.	0.	0.
Engineers Fees at 2/6d per plot.....	10.	5.	0.
Town Clerk's Fees at 2/6d per plot.....	10.	5.	0.
Car hire for inspecting lands cost.....	1.	0.	0.
Making the Total Estimated Expenditure on the Scheme.....	£88.	10.	0.

The Economic Rent of the plots would amount to £1. 1. 0. per plot but the Corporation were empowered under the Act to reduce this rent to a nominal one of 1/- which would leave the loss at £1. 0. 0. per plot.
The supplementary scheme was carefully examined and it was unanimously decided that it should be adopted and submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul.
As regards the fees to be paid to the Town Clerk he pointed out that by the terms of his appointment he was required to lodge all fees received to the credit of the Corporation, but as the administration of this scheme was extra work since that agreement was entered into he felt that he should be allowed to retain them for his own use; and as a similar decision had been come to regarding this for the 1940 and 1941 Schemes as well as the original Scheme for 1942 it was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Town Clerk be not required to lodge fees received to the credit of the Corporation.

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Richard Carrick T.D.

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Crosbie, Hayes, Byrne, Sinnott, Dunne, Connolly, Moran.

With reference to a discussion at last meeting regarding the proposal to transfer certain persons from other Corporation houses to Whiterock View the Town Clerk submitted a list of the applicants for transfers showing their present address, occupation, where employed, weekly income, present rent and present arrears of rent. All the applicants with the exception of four had their Rent Books clear, one of them a man named Michael Goggins of Wolfe Tone Villas, owed 30/- and it was decided that his application for a transfer should not be considered. Three others owed 3/6d., 4/- and 7/6d., and their applications would not be granted until these arrears were cleared off.
Three other persons were named for transfers namely:- P. Murphy, Antelope Road, Thomas McGrath, Dolphin Road and James Turner, of Whiterock View; and the Town Clerk promised to have the Rent Collectors procure the necessary particulars in these cases.

CONDEMNED HOUSES

The Town Clerk reported that the following persons were at present residing in condemned houses at Paradise Row. These houses he stated had been condemned for some years past and the persons residing there now were Francis Carty, Sarah Hynes, Mrs. Anastatia Roche, and a lodger, Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. Whelan.
It was decided to ascertain more particulars regarding the circumstances of these people with the exception of Francis Carty, whom the members thought should be in a position to pay the rent of the Green Street houses and he was to be offered one.

CLEARANCE ORDER

With reference to a decision at last meeting to make a Clearance Order in respect of Well Lane Area it was now thought that this would be too lengthy a procedure and it was unanimously decided to instruct the Town Clerk to deal with this area by means of a Demolition Order.
As regards the houses at John Street and Reilly's Lane which the County Medical Officer of Health also considered should be dealt with as a Clearance area the meeting decided that notices should be served for Demolition Orders as some of the persons in these houses would not be able to pay the present rent of the Green Street scheme, but if the houses were condemned they could be removed as cheaper houses became available.

HOUSES - GREEN ST.

Reports on seven houses at Green Street were submitted from the Co. Medical Officer of Health who recommended that they should be dealt with as a Clearance Area, but the meeting decided to take no action for the present.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 27th ultimo, No. H. 14616/5/41, on the subject of the reply by the Mayor in connection with the Inquiry held into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, but as it was now after 10.p.m. it was agreed that the Committee meet again on Monday 16th instant at 7.30.p.m. and that the Town Clerk be instructed not to convene any of the ordinary Committee Meetings for that night as there was a number of matters to be dealt with by the Committee.

Chairman Richard Corish

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh,

Councillors Hayes, Byrne, Dunne, Atkins, Connolly, Moran, Crosbie, and Sinnott.
The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

TENDERS - GREEN ST.

With reference to minutes of Corporation on the 9th instant when three tenders for the erection of five bungalows at Green Street were rejected on the grounds that the prices quoted were too high a lengthy discussion took place on the matter.
It was seen, however, that it would be very foolish on the part of the Corporation to erect six houses at the prices quoted as being for the rehousing of slum dwellers the people proposed to be rehoused would not be in a position to pay the necessary rents.
Eventually, it was decided that the Borough Surveyor compile a schedule of the materials required for the houses, and the Mayor promised to interview the local Builders Providers and obtain from them tenders for the supply of the necessary materials after which it might be possible to fix on a price with the Contractor for their erection.

A complaint was made by Councillor Hayes regarding the condition of the wall of the Old Fever Hospital, Grogan's Road, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to examine same and see if it was dangerous.
The Councillor also complained that there was a considerable quantity of wood lice coming from the timber stored there, and the Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to examine and see if this was the case.

Regarding the re-housing of persons from Reilly's Lane and John Street at the Green Street Housing Scheme the Mayor reported that he had interviewed a number of these people and five of them were prepared to go to Green Street immediately, and he thought would be in a position to pay the rent. There were four old single people residing in some of these houses and he thought it would be advisable not to attempt to remove them at the moment but to try and obtain an undertaking from the owner that as they died or left the dwellings that they would not be re-let.
As regards the persons who were prepared to go to Green Street immediately the Town Clerk pointed out that as Demolition Orders had not yet been made in respect of these houses it would be necessary to get an undertaking from the owner that she would not re-let the houses for human habitation before the Demolition Orders became operative otherwise it would not be correct to give these people new houses, and the Mayor undertook to see the owner and ask her if she was prepared to give such an undertaking.
The Mayor mentioned that Councillor McGuire who was residing by himself at O'Connell Avenue wish to take in his sister and her husband to housekeep for him, and as the members saw no objection to this course it was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

A complaint regarding the condition of the house formerly occupied by a person named Black of Wolfe Tone Villas was referred to the Sanitary Inspector for a report.

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A complaint was also made regarding the removal of ranges from Corporation houses and the Rent Collectors were to be asked to report on any case where the ranges in the dwellings were missing. Complaint was also made that a scullery had been taken down from a house at Whitecrock View, formerly occupied by a person named Connolly and now occupied by a person named Murphy, and the Rent Collectors were also to be asked for a report on this matter.

A complaint regarding the condition of the house occupied by a man named Rock at Wolfe Tone Villas was referred to the Sanitary Inspector for a report.

RE INQUIRY

There was also submitted to the meeting for consideration a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 27th ultimo No. H.14616/5/41, in reply to a letter written by the Mayor on the 10th December last on the subject of the Inquiry held in 1940 regarding the letting of certain houses by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. In his letter the Minister referred to Article 2 which it has been stated on behalf of the Corporation at the Inquiry had been inserted by the Department and had not been noticed by the members when the Bye-Laws were being adopted. The Minister held, however, that this attention was not supported by the facts. The Minister also held that with regard to the eight persons who had been transferred from Maudlintown to Whitemill and who had been originally removed from condemned houses at Corry's Terrace had to be regarded as being removed from existing Corporation houses. The Minister also stated that the submission of the Mayor did not deal with such irregularities or explain the letting of houses to persons previously living in the house at Parnell Street from which three families were given a Corporation house over a period of two years, or the house at the Folly where the family displaced consisted of two persons who were relatives of the occupier.
As regards the Mayor's statement that evidence was taken by the Inspector after the Inquiry the Minister said that an inspection was made by the Inspector of the various types of houses which were admitted by the Corporation to be lodging houses and from which persons were removed to new houses for the purpose of verifying statements made at the Inquiry and no additional evidence was sought by him after the close of the Inquiry. The Minister finally stated that the Bye-laws did not apply to houses referred to in the enclosure which accompanied the Mayor's letter, consequently persons removed from any of these houses could not be regarded as being displaced by operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and the contribution to Loan Charges which could be authorised in respect of these houses would not exceed thirty-three and one-third per cent. Any payment made in excess of this rate would be adjusted in connection with subsequent payments in so far as such payment had not been covered by the deductions already made.

As it was now close on 10.o.p.m. and a Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was due to be held at 9.0.p.m. consideration of this letter was adjourned until next meeting.

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A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) Aldermen Coffey and Walsh.

Councillors Sinnott, Byrne, Moran and Crosbie.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. John Furlong, Chief Air Warden, had left the Town to take up a position in a prison service at Dublin, and consequently would no longer be available to act as Chief Air Warden. After some discussion on the suitability of various persons for this post it was decided to appoint Mr. Patk. Curran, Deputy Chief Air Warden, to the post.

With reference to a previous discussion on the position of Chief A.R.P. Officer, Controller and Officer in charge of Food and Rest Centres, the Mayor stated that he had written three weeks ago to the Department of Defence as requested by the Committee, but so far, had received no reply, and it was decided that he should communicate by telephone next morning with the Department and request them to give a decision on the Committee's proposals forthwith.
In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that he would like to be relieved of the post of Chief A.R.P. Officer. He again pointed out that this work could not be carried out during his normal working hours and for the past couple of years he had worked a considerable amount of overtime in organising the scheme for Wexford, for which he had received no extra remuneration, and he did not feel that he should be called on to work overtime indefinitely without some recompense.
In addition, he pointed out, that the work of organisation (especially in the case of a voluntary one) entailed an amount of pocket expenses which could not be recouped through ordinary channels.
In this connection members asked the Town Clerk not to press this until a reply had been received from the Department of Defence, and he agreed to carry on until such a reply was received, but he made it perfectly clear that it would only be in the case of absolute emergency that he would work overtime in connection with this scheme until the question of remuneration was finally settled.
The meeting then adjourned until the Mayor had received a reply to his letter from the Department of Defence.

Richard Cursh TD

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey.

Councillors Hayes, Byrne, McMahon, Connolly, Atkins, and Crosbie.

INCREASED REMUNERATION

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application was submitted from John McDonald, Gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, for an increase of 5/- per grave in his remuneration, the Town Clerk reported that during the year ended 31st January last McDonald had opened 176 graves for which he received remuneration of £132. Of this he was obliged to pay half to his assistant which left him an average of £1. 5. 0 per week for himself. In addition, he was paid remuneration at the rate of 16/6d per week which brought his average wage for the past twelve months to £2. 1. 6. per week. The members considered that if they further increased McDonald's remuneration for opening graves it would be necessary to increase the charge to the public, and it was unanimously decided that his application should be refused.
In this connection a question was raised as to what ~~was~~ would the position of the Corporation be if an accident happened to McDonald's assistant, who was directly employed by McDonald, but McDonald was acting on the direction of the Corporation who insisted on him having a second man to help him open and close graves.
The Town Clerk stated that in his opinion if an accident happened to this man the Corporation would be liable, but he was doubtful if he was covered by insurance, and on previous occasions he had pointed out to the Corporation that their action in insisting on McDonald employing an assistant was most irregular, and if they considered that an assistant was necessary they should employ him directly themselves.
The members thought, however, that if they employed an assistant directly themselves and paid him half the cost of opening graves that he would not be long there when there would be an application to have him paid a wage, and they decided to allow the position to remain as at present but directed the Town Clerk to take whatever steps were necessary to ensure that this man was properly covered by Insurance on behalf of the Corporation.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor regarding the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that some time last year when the weir was being constructed at Edenvale a Mrs. Murphy of Ballyboggan claimed that it was being constructed on portion of the river which she owned and claimed £100 compensation, which she stated unless it was paid she would seek an injunction against the Corporation. Several interviews had taken place between the Officials of the Corporation and their Solicitor with Mrs. Murphy and her advisers, when the Corporation Officials had offered a sum of £25 to cover the encroachment but up to quite recently Mrs. Murphy had insisted on £100. The Town Clerk also explained to the meeting that with the Corporation Solicitor he had discussed this matter with Mr. McAuley, the Arbitrator, who had given the awards in connection with this scheme when he was in Wexford a couple of weeks ago, and he (Mr. McAuley) had advised that if the matter could be settled for quite a reasonable sum like £30 or £40 the Corporation would be well advised to settle without recourse to legal or arbitrary proceedings.

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A letter from the Corporation Solicitor now stated that he had interviewed Mrs. Murphy on Saturday last when she lead him to understand that she would be prepared to accept £25 clear of costs in settlement of all her claims against the Corporation, and Mrs. Murphy's Solicitor had since informed him that he would be agreeable to accept any figure with which Mrs. Murphy would be satisfied. The Corporation Solicitor suggested that the approval of the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be sought to the payment of £25, and he would then endeavour to bring the matter to a close.
After some discussion it was unanimously decided that in all the circumstances of the case it would be advisable to settle for the sum of £25 plus costs, and the Town Clerk was directed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment of this sum.

TENDERS

Four tenders were submitted for the supply of spades in connection with the Allotments Scheme proposed to be carried out during the current year. They were from Messrs. Traynors (Wexford) Ltd.; who quoted 6/- each for a 12" and 6/6d each for a 13" spade; the Wexford Timber Company who quoted 6/6d for a 12" or 13" spade; Matthew Harpur & Sons who quoted 7/- each for 12 or 13" spades; and Messrs. John Sinnott & Sons who quoted 6/9d each for 12 or 13" spades.
An examination of the Local Government Trade List showed that these spades could be obtained from the Official Contractors for the sum of 49/- per dozen but it was thought that this price would have been increased since the List was issued and before coming to a decision on the matter the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Official Contractors and ascertain their present price for the 13" spades quoted on the List, and as well, for a quotation for the same spades branded with "W.C."

METERS

A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that he required 12 Planet Positive Water Meters at a total cost of £57. 10. 0. and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that these should be purchased immediately.
With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty on the subject of excessive consumption recorded on their water meter for the year ended January last a report was read from the Borough Surveyor which stated that in his opinion, the high consumption was due to leakages on the services. During the nine days ended on the 20th instant he stated the meter recorded a consumption of 6,000 gallons, which was at an annual rate of 244,444, and the proprietor had been informed by the Turncock of this abnormal consumption. It was decided to forward a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report to Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty before discussing the matter further.
A complaint from Mr. L. Kirwan, Solicitor, regarding the excessive consumption of water at his premises was also adjourned until next meeting to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a report on it also.

REGISTRATION

The Co. Medical Officer of Health recommended that the premises of Mrs. P. Finucane of 75, South Main Street, be registered in the Register of Dairymen for the Borough and it was unanimously decided that she be registered.

REFUND OF RATES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application was submitted from a Mrs. Gordon of Parnell Street, for a refund of rates paid in the current year on a house at Parnell Street which was unoccupied until the

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1st July, the Rate Collector reported that the house in question was vacant up to the 30th June last, and it was unanimously agreed that a refund of the amount of rates paid in respect of the period during which it was vacant should be made to Mrs. Gordon.

A complaint that a Mr. Cronin of William Street had offered to pay the Rate Collectors his Rates in the middle of February and before that time had expired the account had been handed to the Corporation Solicitor for collection and proceedings instituted which involved him in heavy costs was made and it was decided to ask the Rate Collectors if this statement was correct.

HOUSES - TEMPERANCE ROW

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Agent of three houses at Temperance Row offering two year's Rates in settlement of all rates due to the 31st March, 1942, ~~xxx read~~, and when it was decided to inform the Agent that as the offer only represented approximately 25% of the sum due they were unable to accept it, a further letter was read from the Agent pointing out that had based his offer on two year's rates, which would amount to £18. 1. 3. and he now offered this sum in settlement.
The Rate Collectors had recommended the acceptance of this sum and as the property was very old and likely to be the subject of a Demolition or Clearance Order in the near future it was unanimously decided to accept the offer.

PROTEST

A letter was read from the tenants of the houses at William Street and St. Brendan's Road protesting against the high Valuation of £10 placed on these dwellings and it was decided that as the Corporation considered this Valuation too high that an application be made in the usual way for a reduction in Valuation. The letter also complained about the high rates on the houses and the Town Clerk was directed to point out to the applicants that these houses were being heavily subsidised by the rate-payers and that in the opinion of the Corporation the tenants had no complaint about the rent or rates which were at present being charged for them.

BOOTS

An application from the Caretaker of the Cemetery for a pair of boots was refused.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of January showed that he had examined 138 cattle, 448 sheep and 28 swine. Of the cattle six heads and tongues together with 14 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis, and 42 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep one partial carcase to the extent of 10 cwt and 110 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis; of the swine three heads were destroyed for tuberculosis.

LODGING HOUSE

With reference to a discussion in January last on the lodging house at Common Quay Street, Wexford, owned by Mrs. Meyler of Selskar, the Sanitary Inspector now reported that there were 13 persons residing in the house so far as he could ascertain. They occupied nine rooms out of twelve in the house and as the meeting considered that this was a sufficient number to be residing in the dwelling it was decided to inform the owner that she was not to allow any further persons to occupy this dwelling,

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otherwise the Corporation would be obliged to seek a closing order against her and any spare rooms she had should be allocated amongst the present lodgers who had large families.

A complaint was made that a large quantity of rubbish had been allowed to accumulate on the premises at 58, Whiterock View by a previous tenant who had recently died, and it was decided that the Corporation should clear away this rubbish for the new tenant.

REPORT - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A report was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that he had inspected the unoccupied house at Wolfe Tone Villas lately occupied by the Black family and found two panes of glass broken in the kitchen window and the floor of the kitchen fouled. There was a quantity of old tins, pots, etc. dumped in the garden and the upper portion of the house was in fair condition. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had already given directions to the Sanitary Inspector to have this house thoroughly disinfected and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the kitchen where it was alleged a portion had been erected and taken down by the tenants to ascertain if any damage had been done to the walls or ceiling during the course of this work. In this connection it was decided to ask the Rent Collectors for a report on all the 3-roomed houses where partitions had been erected and when this information was received the meeting would consider the advisability of issuing a notice to the tenants concerned informing them that as the partitions were part of the house they could not be taken down without the written consent of the Corporation.
The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Terence Reck and found the condition of the room in which Reck lived to be rather unclean and badly in need of washing out, the remainder of the house which was occupied by a sub-tenant was satisfactorily clean throughout. The Inspector was to be directed to keep a close watch on these premises.

Richard Carrick

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 Councillors Hayes, Byrne, Connolly, Atkins and Crosbie.

The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk and himself had interviewed Miss Kinsella of John Street on whom notices in respect of 10 houses at Reilly's Lane had been served intimating that the Corporation considered they unfit for human habitation when she had given them a verbal undertaking to the effect that in the event of the Corporation re-housing any of the families occupying these dwellings prior to the Demolition Orders becoming operative she would not re-let the dwellings. It would be possible he stated for the Corporation to rehouse 7 of the persons occupying these 10 houses, the remaining 3 being old single people who would not be in a position to pay any rent which the Corporation might be able to give them a house for, and he suggested that these 3 people should be left in the dwellings for the remainder of their lifetime, which he did not think would be very long. He further intimated that the Town Clerk had written a letter to Miss Kinsella confirming the interview and asking her to confirm in writing the verbal undertakan she had given the Mayor himself. The meeting considered this very satisfactory and agreed

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with the suggestion made by the Mayor, and directed that as soon as the undertaking mentioned was received in writing that the tenants concerned should be transferred to the new houses at Green Street.
In this connection the Town Clerk stated that there were three other houses in the County Medical Officer's Report on this area which were owned by a Mr. Thomas Bent but were separate from Miss Kinsella's houses by her own dwelling which was not considered unfit, and the Committee decided to take no action in these three cases for the present.

The meeting then took up the question of reports on a number of houses at Green Street owned by a man named Bailey and after some discussion it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day and hour when any representations regarding the future user of the dwellings would be considered.

The meeting then took up for consideration the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which was submitted to the last meeting regarding the letting of certain houses by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and after considering the letter fully it was decided to adjourn the matter further to enable the Mayor to draft the heads of a reply for consideration by the Committee at their next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Parish

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2nd March, 1942.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 9.15.p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, Robert Moran and James Crosbie.

At the outset the Mayor suggested that owing to the late hour of the meeting which was due to a Retreat that only the Accounts due for payment be dealt with and that the remainder of the business be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on the 9th instant. This suggestion was agreed to.

SYMPATHY

Before the Finance business commenced the Mayor said he thought it would be their duty to pass a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late John R. and Mrs. Brennan, who lost their lives in a fire which destroyed their residence at Glena Terrace, Wexford, on Saturday morning. It was a tragedy which he did not think they had ever before experienced and he hoped they would never have such an experience again. Mr. Brennan was a distinguished member of the legal profession and Mrs. Brennan a member of a very old Wexford family. He therefore, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to their relatives in this tragic bereavement. Alderman Coffey seconded the vote of sympathy which was supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4,211. 0. 2. were submitted.
Arising out of an item of £1500 to the County Council on foot of their demand Alderman Coffey stated that according to a newspaper report there was £5667 due. That was large sum he stated and he thought some effort should be made to reduce it further. The Mayor said he agreed that they should endeavour as far as they could to secure that the money be paid to the County Council, but it should be generally known that the Corporation as such did not owe the money to the County Council; they had not the money and were not refusing to pay it. The Corporation were the collecting authority for the County Council for the Poor Rate. Alderman Coffey, he stated, had referred to the fact that the amount due in Wexford was greater than in New Ross or Enniscorthy but the amount levied against ~~these~~ Wexford was about twice the amount levied against these two towns and it was an outstanding debt for some time. The Mayor then outlined the causes which had the County Council Demand in arrear and stated that there would be a further reduction at the end of the Financial Year.
Alderman Coffey said that a couple of meetings ago he inquired as to the number of dances which had taken place in the Town Hall and stated he got no returns, but the Town Clerk pointed out to the Alderman that he had the returns on the table at the February Statutory Meeting when the Alderman told him not to bother about them that he would call and get them some time, and he could have the returns at any time he wished. Alderman Coffey stated that from what he could see and hear the dances in the Town Hall were numerous and he wanted to know how much was received out of it as at the end of the year they only showed a paltry £10. The Town Clerk

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pointed out to the Alderman that the figure of £10 was merely an estimate and not the actual. The Town Clerk also intimated that he would go into the actual figures for the Alderman and have them for him at next meeting. The Alderman thought that sufficient money could be procured from the renting of the Town Hall to have the building painted, as he said at present it was a disgrace. The matter then dropped.

Councillor Byrne referred to an item payable to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the cost of local inquiries, and the Town Clerk intimated that there were two Inquiries, one in connection with a Provisional Order for road widening which cost £27, and another in connection with the Housing Inquiry which cost £40.

Councillor Byrne stated that in his opinion, the cost of the Housing Inquiry should not be levied against the local ratepayers as it was instigated by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but the Town Clerk intimated that the payment of these expenses by the Local Authority was the usual thing and he believed a statutory liability.

Alderman Coffey also referred to an item of £24. 10. 1. for repairs to a lorry and the Town Clerk intimated that it was a balance due for new tyres. Councillor Sinnott then referred to the Repairs Account for the lorry which had been fully discussed at a previous meeting and stated that the original tender for repairs to this lorry was £76; it then went to £98 and it was now £122, but it was again pointed out to the Councillor that the difference between the £76 and £98 was for parts which it had been found necessary to replace when the engine was dismantled and that subsequently separate tenders had been invited for the supply of new tyres and the re-threading of old ones. Alderman Walsh thought that the whole amount should have been brought into the first estimate and said it made members suspicious bringing the matter on bit by bit.

The Borough Surveyor stated that in the first place he made no estimate whatever. He drew up a list of the mechanical repairs necessary for the lorry and there were two tenders and the Corporation accepted the lower. He had explained to the Corporation that there was certain items/which no price could be put until the machine was taken down. Those items were subsequently found necessary and the main part of them was labour, very few additional parts were necessary. In the meantime as the tyres were bad and having an idea that there would be a shortage of rubber he thought it would be a wise thing to get tyres. They received only one tender and that tender was given at the lowest possible price. He had seen the same tyres advertised for over £3 extra each. The matter then dropped.

Councillor Byrne referred to a payment to the Irish Tourist Association and stated that last year he raised the matter regarding the conditions under which staffs in hotels throughout the state were working, and he was given an undertaking by the Mayor that he would bring the matter before the Tourist Association. The Mayor said he had raised the matter and was told that the organiser would attend to it. He had also raised it in An Dail and he would inquire further at the next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

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9th March, 1942.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, and James Sinnott.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 2nd and 9th ultimo and 2nd instant; Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 2nd, 9th, and 23rd ultimo; Housing Committee on 30th January, 9th ultimo and 16th ultimo and 23rd ultimo; Air Raid Precautions Committee on 2nd and 16th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CO. COUNCIL DEMAND

Arising out of minutes of last meeting when Alderman Coffey raised a question regarding the indebtedness of the Corporation to the County Council in respect of Poor Rate Demands the Alderman now referred to a statement made by the Mayor at that meeting that the Enniscorthy Urban Council had discharged their arrears on foot of the County Council Demand by means of a loan, and pointed out that the Mayor's statement had since been denied on behalf of the Enniscorthy Council. The Mayor admitted that he did make the statement but that it was done in perfectly good faith and he had apologised that afternoon at a meeting of the County Council to Mr. McCarthy of the Enniscorthy Urban Council for the mistake made and had ascertained that the Enniscorthy Council had reduced their indebtedness by raising an extra amount in the Poor Rate for the past three years, and if Alderman Coffey so desired a similar course could be adopted in Wexford. In addition, the Mayor also pointed out that Wexford had to raise the equivalent of 11d in the pound to meet the demands of the Minister for Industry and Commerce under the Unemployment Assistance Acts and he did not think it would be fair to increase the present burden on the ratepayers having regard to the sums it was necessary to expend in connection with the Air Raid Precautions and other Emergency Services which the other Urban Districts in the county had not to undertake. Several other members pointed out that the indebtedness of the Corporation to the County Council had been reduced from approximately, £10,000 to £4,000 and objected to any further increase being put on the rates at the present time. The matter dropped.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Dunne proposed a vote of sympathy with Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, and Miss E. O'Rian, Chairman of the Board of Health and Vice-Chairman of the Wexford County Council on the death of their sister, the late Mother Stanislaus. Councillor Moran seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members.
Councillor Sinnott proposed a vote of sympathy with the Town Sergeant on the death of his mother-in-law, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and with which all the members associated themselves.

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Councillor Moran proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Mary McSwiney. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present.
The three votes of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A letter was read from Mr. William Norton, T.D., acknowledging with thanks the vote of sympathy passed with him at a recent meeting on the death of his father.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was received from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

> "That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mrs. Siobhan Hughes (nee Kelleher, Domestic Economy Instructress) be awarded a marriage gratuity of £34. 10. 4. in respect of her two completed years of services, from 1st September, 1939, to 31st August, 1941, the sum named being one twelfth of her total salary and emoluments, £414. 4. 4. for the period stated. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the Wexford Corporation."

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the resolution was unanimously approved by the Corporation.

HOLIDAYS - C.E. ACTS

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Dunne it was unanimously decided to fix the following holidays under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, and the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, for the ensuing year:-

St. Patrick's Day.
Ascension Thursday (in lieu of Easter Monday).
Corpus Christi (in lieu of Whit Monday).
August 15th (in lieu of August Monday).
Xmas Day.
1st January, 1943 (in lieu of St. Stephen's Day, 1942).

DEMOLITION ORDER

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in respect of a house at Patrick Square, Wexford, occupied by William O'Connor and owned by Stephen Doyle, South Main Street, Wexford.
On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the order was executed on the part of the Corporation.

LETTING OF HOUSES

The next item on the Agenda was a motion that the resolution of 6th April, 1936, requiring that all houses be let at a public meeting of the Corporation be rescinded, was withdrawn.

HOUSING INQUIRY

The following letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and

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Public Health:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 24th October last and to the statement furnished by the Mayor on the 10th ultimo relating to a reply to the findings conveyed in the Department's letter of the 25th July last on the public inquiry held in connection with the lettings of certain houses provided by the Wexford Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts to persons stated to have been displaced by operations under the bye-laws made by the Corporation under the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919.

It has been advanced by the Mayor in his letter of the 10th ultimo that Article 2 of the bye-laws was not noticed by the members of the Corporation when the bye-laws were finally approved by them. As set out in the Minister's letter of 25th July the draft bye-laws were submitted in May, 1933, and were returned to the Corporation on 22nd June, 1933, with suggestions for the making of certain amendments including the insertion of an Article in the terms of the present Article 2. On June 27th, 1933, the Town Clerk informed the Department that the Corporation was prepared to adopt the code amended as suggested by the Minister and, at the same time, he forwarded a copy of the revised draft in which was inserted by the Corporation a new article as suggested. The bye-laws were unanimously adopted by the Corporation on the 21st August 1933, received in this Department on the 23rd August and confirmed by the Minister on the 12th September, 1933. The contention, therefore, that Article 2 of the bye-laws was not noticed by the members of the Corporation is not supported by the facts.

With regard to the eight houses at White Mill Road referred to in the fifth paragraph of the Mayor's letter, I am again to point out that the certificate furnished in connection with these lettings states that all these persons were displaced by operations under the bye-laws while in fact they were removed from existing Corporation houses.

The statement submitted does not deal with such irregularities or explain the lettings of houses to persons previously living in the house in Parnell Street from which three families were given Corporation houses over a period of two years, or the house at the Folly, where the family displaced consisted of two persons who were relatives of the occupier.

In the Mayor's statement it is alleged that evidence was taken by the Inspector after the Inquiry. I am, therefore, to state for the information of the Corporation that an inspection was made by the Inspector after the Inquiry of the various types of houses which were admitted by the Corporation to be lodging-houses and from which persons were removed to new houses provided by the Corporation. These inspections were for the purpose of verifying statements made at the Inquiry and no additional evidence was sought by him after the close of the Inquiry.

The bye-laws do not apply to houses referred to in the enclosure which accompanied the Mayor's letter. Consequently persons removed from any of these houses cannot be regarded as being displaced by operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. The contribution to Loan Charges which can be authorised in respect of these houses will not exceed 33⅓% Any payment made in excess of this rate will be re-adjusted in connection with subsequent payments in so far as such payment has not been covered by the deductions already made.

Mise, le meas,

J. HERSON,

Runaí.

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As regards the penultimate paragraph of this letter in which it was stated that the Inspector had not taken evidence after the close of the Inquiry Councillor Sinnott said he did not agree, as the Inspector was at his house and from the questions he had asked he came to the conclusion that he was looking for evidence.
The members of the Housing Committee however, had agreed to accept the Minister's assurance that the Inspector did not take evidence after the Inquiry closed and it was now thought that Councillor Sinnott was probably under misapprension as to the object of the questions asked by the Inspector at this house.
There was also submitted to the meeting a draft reply on behalf of the Mayor and Housing Committee to the Minister's letter. It was as follows:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Corporation of Wexford to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th January last, No. H.14616/5/41, on the subject of the Inquiry held in connection with the letting of certain houses provided by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts which was under consideration on the 9th instant.

The Corporation again desire me to state that although the facts may appear against it, they did not notice that Article 2 had been inserted, and if they had noticed it they would never have agreed to the Bye-Laws in such form, as it was with the object of dealing with two family cases that they prepared the code. I am also to state that they still consider that the Department should have drawn specific attention to such a fundamental change in the draft code.

As regards the eight houses at Whitemill Road, I am to state that these lettings were, in the opinion of the Corporation, satisfactorily explained in the Mayor's letter of the 10th December last, when it was stated that six of the tenants were originally removed from condemned houses, and were merely transferred back to the area from which they were first removed. The remaining two were people with very large families and were transferred from three -room to four-room houses.

As regards the lettings from Parnell Street, the Corporation admit that greater supervision might have been exercised over this house, but the reason for this was given in the letter of the 10th December when the Mayor explained that the Sanitary Officer was a very old man and mentally incapable of looking after such a case.

As regards the penultimate paragraph of your letter, I am to say the Corporation accept your assurance that the Inspector did not take evidence after the Inquiry closed, but they feel certain that the Inspector must have been impressed, during the course of his inspections, by the awful conditions under which sone of the tenants had been living, and that the benefit of really bad cases should be given to the Corporation.

The Schedule which accompanied the Mayor's letter was prepared after exhaustive inquiries by members of the Corporation and it is fairly clear therefrom that a number of the cases were three-family ones in respect of which the Corporation should be paid 2/3rds subsidy.

In conclusion, I am to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to give the Corporation the benefit of any doubt in respect of the cases transferred and the cases where it is practically certain that there were three families.

Mise, le meas,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

DDR.

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The draft reply was approved and the Town Clerk directed to forward it to the Department.

HOUSING BYE-LAWS

The next business was a motion in the name of Councillor Byrne that Article 2 of the Bye-Laws made with respect to houses divided into separate tenements, etc. be rescinded, but on the suggestion of the Mayor Councillor Byrne proposed that Article 2 be only amended by the addition of the following words "except when it is certified by the Medical Officer of Health that the house is overcrowded by reason of it being occupied by two or more families." Councillor Sinnott seconded this amendment which was unanimously agreed to and it was decided to forward it to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for provisional approval.

RESIGNATION

A letter was read from Councillor Timothy Cashman intimating his wish to resign his membership of the Corporation for private reasons. Councillor Cashman expressed his appreciation at the help given to him during his term of office by the members and staff of the Corporation, and as the members were aware that Councillor Cashman was not in a position to give the necessary time to the Corporation his resignation was accepted with regret.

VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL

The next business was a motion by Councillor Dunne that steps be taken to declare vacant and to have them filled the seats on the Corporation rendered vacant by death, disqualification and resignation.
The Town Clerk intimated that this matter had been before the Corporation on a number of occasions since November, 1940, and at the present time he stated there were nine vacancies on the Council - five by disqualification owing to non-attendance; three owing to deaths and the resignation of Councillor Cashman, which had just been accepted.
Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

LICENCE

An application was submitted from Theatrical Entertainments (Wexford) Ltd. for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the premises known as the Theatre Royal, Wexford.
The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that on receipt of this application he had asked the Borough Surveyor to make a report on the premises, and Mr. McNally under date of the 2nd instant, stated he had inspected the premises accompanied by one of the Directors, the structure internally had been completely overhauled and considerable alterations in the layout of the premises had been carried out. The fixing of the seating was in hands and the completion of the Operator's Box and re-winding room had yet to be carried out. Details of the final arrangements of the seating and the arrangements for the completion of the Operator's Box and re-winding room were given to him and he was satisfied that when these arrangements were completed the premises would be a suitable place as a Cinema.
On the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Councillor Byrne, a Licence was granted.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution from the Killarney Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

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"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the Housing Grants for New Houses and reconstruction Grants to the Urban Districts which would relieve the Housing shortage and help to make many houses habitable besides helping to relieve unemployment."

DESIGNATION OF FIRST-AID POST.

The next business was to designate the premises known as the Wexford Municipal Technical Schools as a Casualty Station for the purposes of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following order was made:-

"We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, acting by the Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 21 of the Air-Raid Precautions Act, 1939, and every other power in this behalf enabling us, do hereby designate the following premises as a Casualty Station for the purposes of our Air-Raid Precautions Scheme, that is to say -

The Wexford Municipal Technical Schools,

Spawell Road, Wexford.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, this Ninth day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two, and signed on their behalf."

In this connection the Mayor stated that recently the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence had been in Wexford in connection with the Scheme but up to the present a report had not been received. The Parliamentary Secretary, however, he stated had given an interview to the Press which followed the lines of statements made from time to time by the Mayor and Town Clerk appealing for volunteers for the Air Raid Precautions Services. The Parliamentary Secretary as well as himself had deplored the lack of interest taken by the business people of the town, and it was now suggested that a full-time A.R.P. Officer should be appointed for Wexford. This matter, the Mayor stated, would come before the Corporation for discussion as soon as the report of the Parliamentary Secretary was received.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that under date of the 5th instant the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had delegated to the Corporation his functions under Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of Article 38 of the Emergency Powers Order, 1939, in so far as the said functions related to 3.438 acres of land situated at Rocksborough, Wexford, which it was proposed to acquire for the purpose of providing allotments during the 1942 season. The Town Clerk also intimated that it would be necessary for the Corporation to appoint a person to take possession of the said land and to execute a notice to the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to give up possession of the land on the 16th day of March, 1942. On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following order was made and sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation:-

"WHEREAS the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in pursuance of paragraph (4) of Article 38 of the Emergency Powers Order, 1939, (Statutory Rules and Orders No. 224 of 1939) has, by his Order dated the Fifth day of March, 1942, delegated to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses

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of Wexford (in this Notice referred to as "the Corporation") his functions under paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of the said Article in so far as the said functions relate to the land described in the said Order:

AND WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto (in this Notice referred to as "the Scheduled Land") is the land described in the said Order, and is shown coloured pink on the map referred to in the said Order as "the Deposited Map," a duplicate of which sealed with the seal of the said Minister has been deposited in the office of the Corporation:

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Corporation to be expedient for maintaining supplies essential to the life of the community to take possession of the Scheduled Land:

NOW THEREFORE, the Corporation

(a) hereby gives notice that the Corporation intends to take possession of the Scheduled Land in pursuance of the said Article 38 on the Sixteenth day of March, 1942; and

(b) hereby gives notice that a copy of the said Order of the said Minister and of the said duplicate of the said Deposited Map may be inspected at the Offices of the Corporation, during office hours, on any day before the said Sixteenth day of March, 1942, by you or any other person interested; and

(c) hereby in pursuance of the said Article 38 directs you to deliver possession of the Scheduled Land on the said Sixteenth day of March, 1942, to John J. Byrne, Town Clerk, Wexford, who has been appointed by the Corporation for that purpose.

SCHEDULE.

Description of land.

The parcel of land situate in the Townland of Roxborough Parish of Maudlintown and County of Wexford, containing 3.438 acres, (statute measure) or thereabouts bounded on the north by land owned and occupied by Mrs. Holbrook; on the south by land owned by Miss Tenant and occupied by Francis Staples; on the east by lands owned by Mrs. Holbrook and occupied by John Radford; and on the west by the Wexford-Rosslare Road."

COMPENSATION AWARD

There was submitted to the meeting the Award made by the Arbitrator in connection with the Wexford Borough (Widening and Improvement of The Folly) Order, 1941. The award showed that £70. 6. 0. was the amount of compensation payable to all the interests involved in the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Bond TD
mayor.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

AGREEMENT

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of an agreement with the County Wexford Board of Health under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a copy of the draft agreement under date of the 2nd instant from the Board's Solicitor, and the agreement showed in red ink the amendments proposed to be made by the Board. As these amendments were in direct conflict with the views expressed from time to time by the Corporation on this matter he was unable to approve of them on behalf of the Corporation.
The Town Clerk also intimated to the meeting that under date of the 2nd instant by letter No. L.4668/3/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had inquired what was the present position regarding the proposed agreement and requesting to be kept informed of any developments in the matter. The Town Clerk read the following reply which he had sent to the Minister, a copy of which he had also sent to Mr. Bolger, Solicitor to the Board of Health:-

A Chara,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant No. L.4668/3/41, on the subject of the proposed Agreement between the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance and the Wexford Corporation under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and in reply thereto wish to state that there is no change in the position as intimated to you in my letter of 5th March, 1941.

On the 3rd February, 1941, I sent you a copy of the agreement proposed to be entered into between the two Bodies, and I now enclose a further copy showing the amendments made by the Board's Solicitor in red ink.

The Wexford Corporation have given this matter very careful consideration, and as regards Clause 2 in the enclosed draft agreement The Corporation feel that in order to prevent unnecessary calls from irresponsible people it is necessary that messages for the attendance of the Brigade in the rural district should come through some responsible person, such as a member of the Garda Siochana or an official of the Board of Health, otherwise the Brigade could be brought long distances from the Town on frivolous calls. The Corporation also feel that having regard to the present world situation that they should not be obliged to send their fire engine from the Town if the responsible officials of the Corporation felt that the need for it in Wexford was likely to be imminent. They also feel that it would be an absolute waste of time and money to send a fire engine to an area where there would not be sufficient water available to enable it to be of utility.

As regards Clause 4 of the Agreement the Corporation also feel that their responsible officials should have the right to recall their Fire Brigade from the rural district if it was needed, or it was felt that its need was imminent, in the Borough.

As to Clause 5, I see no objection to its deletion as payment for the services of the Brigade outside the area contemplated by this agreement could be dealt with in accordance with the scale of charges fixed by the Corporation, and if any special circumstances arose under which it might not be equitable to charge the full scale the Corporation could deal with the case on its merits. I feel that the Corporation would have no objection to the deletion of this clause.

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Generally speaking, the Corporation have given much consideration to this matter of an agreement under the Fire Brigades Act with the Board of Health, and they feel that by the inclusion of the various clauses in the agreement to which objection is raised they are only taking reasonable steps to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of Wexford which must at all times be their first consideration, and unless these provisions are retained in the agreement they would be unable to carry out their duty to the citizens who maintain the Brigade.

Quite recently they have had under consideration this draft agreement as amended and instructed me to inform the Board of Health that they could not enter into it on the lines proposed.

As requested in your communication under reply I will keep the Minister informed of any further developments in the matter, but in the meantime, and until agreement has been reached between the two Bodies, the Minister may rest assured that any assistance the Wexford Fire Brigade can give in fighting fires in the Wexford Rural District will be given unstintingly so long as the Brigade is not required, or likely to be required, in Wexford at the same time.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Byrne,

Cleireach an Bhaile."

The meeting thoroughly approved of the letter written by the Town Clerk as expressing the views of the Corporation accurately and the Town Clerk read a further letter from the Health Board's Solicitor stating, that as there did not appear to be any prospect of the differences between the Corporation and the Board being settled by agreement he saw no alternative but to advise the Board to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Section 3 of the Act.
The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that this meant that if the Board applied to the Minister under Section 3 the Minister was empowered to order the Corporation and the Health Board within a specified time to enter into an agreement and he could specify so many of the terms and provisions to be contained in the agreement as he thought proper.
The meeting further decided that they could not enter into an agreement on the lines proposed as if they did they felt that they would be unable to carry out their duty to the citizens of Wexford, and if the Minister insisted on such an agreement being entered into they could disclaim all responsibility for it if anything occurred in Wexford during the absence of the Fire Brigade.

MEETING

The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to hold a Finance Meeting before the 31st March to discharge Accounts due under the Waterworks Improvement Scheme in respect of which a grant was being made by the Central Government, but the Mayor suggested that as the April Finance Meeting, which was due to be held on the 5th prox, which was a Bank Holiday, that the Accounts due to be paid in April be passed for payment on the 30th instant and the Advice Note could be dated to provide that these payments would not be made before the 1st prox. The Accounts in respect of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme could also be discharged at that meeting and the Advice Note dated for that day.
The Mayor also suggested that as Monday next the 16th instant was the eve of a holiday that no meeting of the Committee be held. These two suggestions were agreed to.

APPLOTMENT OF RATES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Town

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Clerk was authorised to apply for sanction to the expenditure of £50 in connection with the applotment of rates for the coming year.

SPADES - ALLOTMENTS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when tenders were submitted for the supply of spades for allotments and when a decision had been adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to communicate with the Official Contractors under the Combined Purchasing Scheme, the Town Clerk stated that he had phoned Messrs. Porteous of Cork on the 24th ultimo when he was informed that they were experiencing considerable difficulty in procuring handles for spades but they had promised him they would write to him by return and let him have a quotation for the supply of spades and an approximate date for delivery, but up to the present he had not heard from the firm. It was, therefore, decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Traynors (Wexford Ltd. for the supply of 12" spades at 6/- and 13" at 6/6d each.

GRAVEDIGGERS

With reference to a previous discussion regarding the insurance of the Gravedigger's assistant at Crosstown the Town Clerk reported that this man was covered by the Employers Liability Policy held by the Corporation and that he had inspected the mans National Health and Unemployment Insurance Cards and found them stamped to date. It was also decided that the two gravediggers should be supplied with wellington boots as their work kept them standing in very wet grounds while digging graves and sometimes they had to stand in a foot of water.

RATES

With reference to minutes of the 23rd ultimo when a complaint was made regarding legal proceedings against Mr. Danl. F. Cronin, of No. 2, St. Brendan's Road, in respect of rates unpaid, the Town Rate Collector stated that he had served 14 days notice on Mr. Cronin on the 15th January. On the 16th January Mr. Cronin called on him and said he could not pay his rates until the 1st March. He (Collector) informed Mr. Cronin that he would have to act after the expiration of the notice and Mr. Cronin stated he would pay the rates. The notice expired on the 29th January but as Mr. Cronin had not paid the amount due he was obliged to put the account into the hands of the Corporation Solicitor for proceedings on the 11th February. Mr. Cronin made no arrangement whatever with him that he would pay his rates in the middle of February. Finally, the Collector stated that he was appointed for the collection of the Town Rates and it was entirely a matter for himself as to the method he employed for the collection of the said rates. This matter gave rise to a considerable discussion during which the Town Clerk pointed out that in his opinion the Corporation had no authority whatever to interfere with the Collectors in the collection of rates and even if they had he thought it was most inadvisable for them to interfere.
The matter dropped.

BOOTS - CARETAKER RESERVOIR

An application from the Caretaker of the Reservoir for a pair of working boots was refused.

PLAN

There was submitted to the meeting a plan of a garage proposed to be erected at Redmond Road by Mr. Joseph Cunningham, and as it had already been approved by the Borough Surveyor no objection was raised by the present meeting.

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REPORT - S.S.O.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the premises of Mr. Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, under Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, and found that suitable and sufficient means of heating was not provided; suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences were not provided; and suitable and sufficient washing facilities were not provided. The Town Clerk was directed to take whatever action was necessary to enforce the provisions of the Act in this case.

REPORT

A lengthy report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the complaint by Mr. L. Kirwan, Lornville, regarding the supply of water to his house and it was decided to send a copy of the report to Mr. Kirwan.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that on Friday last a malicious injury claim by Mr. Patrick Meyler of Northend Garage, for damage to 4 petrol pumps at Redmond Road was heard by the Circuit Judge when the Borough Surveyor gave evidence that in his opinion the damage could be made good for approximately £2: 10. 0. The Town Clerk stated that at 1.p.m. the Circuit Judge had sent for him and informed him that he proposed to give a decree for £15. 1. 0. in the case which was the estimate of the two Oil Companies concerned for having the pumps repaired by their Engineers The Circuit Judge further informed the Town Clerk that he could not give this decree without bringing witnesses from the two oil companies from Dublin to Wexford to the next Circuit Court and if he adopted this course it would mean that the Corporation would be obliged to pay the expenses of these witnesses and he (Judge) thought that this would throw an unnecessary expense on the ratepayers, and he had asked him (T. Clerk) if he would be satisfied if he gave a decree for £15. 1. 0. at the present Court.
The Town Clerk stated that he had intimated to the Judge that in the circumstances he saw no option but to agree to the course proposed by his Lordship as if the case was adjourned it would possibly mean an extra £10 expenses on the Decree, so in the circumstances he had agreed with the course suggested by the Judge.
The present meeting agreed that in the circumstances the Town Clerk could not adopt any other course but the one he had.

REPORTS - RENT COLLECTORS

Reports from the two Rent Collectors regarding the houses from which ranges had been removed was adjourned for further information.
A list was also submitted from the Rent Collectors of tenants who had erected partitions in the living-room of 3-roomed houses, and it was decided to serve notice on them that these partitions were not to be removed at any time without the written consent of the Corporation.
The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 3.0.p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh,

Councillors Buckland and Moran.

The meeting had been convened to consider the draft estimates of the Town Clerk in respect of Town and Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1943. The Town Rate Estimates were first considered and showed a reduction of One shilling and twopence in the Pound on the rate ~~now~~ levied for the current year, and after carefully examining each item in the Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure the meeting came to the conclusion that they could not reduce they any more than they had been reduced by the Town Clerk without seriously impairing the Municipal Services. The Poor Rate was then taken up and it showed that the County Council Demand had been reduced by £650. The Collectors' Poundage, however, was increased by £25; printing and advertising by £25 and the Town Clerk intimated that he had included a sum of £600 to help to clear off arrears on foot of the County Council Demand which was £370 more than that provided for in the current year.
This meant that the total amount to be raised by Poor Rate was £10,077, and would require a rate of Ten Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound. The Town Clerk explained that the reason for this increase was that in previous years the Poor Rate on the Artizans Dwellings had been transferred at the close of the Financial Year from the Borough Fund to the Poor Rate Fund and would be approximately £1,000. At the last audit of the Accounts however, the Auditor had objected to this system of transferring money from the Town Rate Account to the Poor Rate Account owing to the failure of the Corporation to carry out the Provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1938, and fix a basic rent for their houses exclusive of rates so that the rates could be added to the rent each year in accordance with any rise or fall in the poundage rate. The result of this was that there was a large reduction in the Town Rate Estimate and the Poor Rate Estimate had been increased by Sixpence, which meant a net reduction in the total poundage rate in the pound of Eightpence. The members expressed themselves as satisfied with the Estimates and decided to make no change in them.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

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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) with Alderman Walsh,

Councillors Hayes, Byrne, McMahon, Moran, Connolly, McGuire, Crosbie, Sinnott and Buckland.

COMPLAINT

Councillor Hayes complained regarding the prevalence of rats in the timber stored by Fuel Importers Ltd. at the Old Fever Hospital and a Committee consisting of Alderman Walsh, Councillors Byrne and Hayes was appointed to meet Mr. Stafford, the local representative of Fuel Importers, on the site on a convenient occasion.

HOUSES - JOHN ST. & WELL LANE

The Town Clerk intimated that notices which had been served under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, in respect of houses at Well Lane and John Street expired this day, and Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Agent for the owner of some of these houses at Well Lane came before the Council and appealed to the Corporation not to demolish them as the owners were not in very good circumstances.
After Mr. O'Brien had been heard further consideration of these dwellings was referred to the Housing Committee to deal with.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

There was submitted to the meeting two claims for malicious damage to the windows of the London and Newcastle Tea Company, South Main Street, amounting to £75, and it was decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to defend the cases when they came before the Circuit Court.

An application from the Wexford Steamships Company Ltd. on behalf of Fuel Importers Limited for permission to store turf on the site of the old dumping ground at Summerhill was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

MILK TENDERS

There was submitted to the meeting six tenders for the supply of milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1943. They were from:- Patrick Wall, Knottown; John Kinsella, Killeens; Denis Shannon, Killeens; John Quirke, Hayestown; Elizabeth Cullimore, Stonebridge; and James Fenlon, Orristown.
Messrs. Wall and Kinsella quoted 1/6d per gallon; Messrs. Shannon, Quirke and Mrs. Cullimore 1/8d per gallon; and Mr. Fenlon 1/10d per gallon. The Town Clerk pointed out that only two of these tenders were the same price as last year, namely, 1/6d per gallon, and he saw no reason why the price should be increased for the coming year. The members agreed that on the suggestion of the Town Clerk they fixed the price to be paid for milk during the coming year at 1/6d per gallon and authorised the Town Clerk to approach the tenderers and if they were prepared to supply it at 1/6d he was further authorised to accept whatever tenders he required to supply the milk during the coming year.
Two tenders were submitted for the supply of milk to a depot under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme. They were from Mr. J. B. Walker, Latimerstown and Mr. John Hayes, Hayestown, who both quoted 1/6d per gallon. In this case the price last year was 1/4d and it was decided

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that if Mr. Walker, who had the Contract for this milk for a number of years and gave every satisfaction, was prepared to supply at the same price as last year namely, 1/4d per gallon, that the Town Clerk be authorised to accept his tender.
Only one tender was submitted for the supply of bread under the Schools Meals Scheme during the coming year. It was from Mrs. Annie Murphy, The Faythe, who quoted 5d per 2lb loaf and 10d per dozen for 4oz buns, and it was decided to accept this tender.

PAINTING TENDERS

Five tenders were submitted for the painting of the four Auxiliary Fire Pumps supplied by the Department of Defence. They were from:- Michael Doyle who quoted £24. 10. 0.; Laurence Breen who quoted £10. 15. 0. John O'Mahoney £9. 10. 0.; Edward Roche £9. 10. 0. and M. Furlong & Sons, £8. 0. 0. It was pointed out by several members that there was only one tender amongst the five from a coach painter namely, Mr. Edward Roche, and they considered that his tender should be accepted, so on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to accept the tender of Mr. Edward Roche, subject to the approval of the Minister for Defence.

COMPULSORY ORDER.

With reference to an Order made on the 9th instant for the compulsory acquisition of land at Rocksborough owned by Mrs. Mary Holbrook and occupied by Mr. John Radford for the purpose of providing allotments during the coming year the Town Clerk reported that after the service of the notices Mr. Radford had plowed and sown wheat in the field acquired by the Corporation. He considered this not being short of contempt of the Order made under the Emergency Powers Act and he had given Mr. Radford the option of providing alternative land to accommodate 27 allotment holders against the present meeting. Mr. Radford had offered a field at the back of the one proposed to be acquired but which would only accommodate 22 plots and he (Town Clerk) was of opinion that if a proper offer was made by Mr. Radford he should be able to provide sufficient land for the 27, and it was decided to inform him that the Corporation would be prepared to favourably consider alternative sites only if such would provide for 27 allotment holders.

POOR RATE ESTIMATE

The Town Clerk submitted the Estimate of the Poor Rate for the coming Financial Year which would require a rate of Ten Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound. This matter had been before the Special Rates Committee he stated on the 21st instant when they had examined the estimate very carefully and could not see how any reduction could be made,but the present meeting after considering the matter carefully decided to reduce the amount inserted by the Town Clerk as part payment of arrears of County Council Demand by £160, and decided to recommend the Corporation to levy a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and Fourpence in respect of the coming Financial Year.

TENDERS

Tenders were submitted from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty; Brooks, Thomas & Co.; The Wexford Timber Co.; Cork Iron and Hardware Co.; J. J. O'Hara & Co.; and Thomas Dockrell & Sons for equipment required for the Rescue Service in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and it was decided that the lowest item in each case be accepted and the lowest of accepted items be submitted to the Department of Defence for approval.

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MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of February showed that he had examined 114 cattle, 355 sheep and 17 swine. Of the cattle, 54 organs were destroyed and of the sheep 98 organs were destroyed.

HOUSE - FRANCIS ST.

The Town Clerk referred to an Order which had been made as far back as January 1941 for the installation of a water closet in a house at Francis Street occupied by Mrs. Mythen and owned by the Munster & Leinster Bank as Mortgagees. This matter he stated had been before the Corporation on a number of occasions and the Bank had asked for a guarantee that if they installed a W.C. that the houses would not be the subject of a Demolition or Clearance Order. In November last the Corporation had asked the Bank what period they had in mind when they requested such an undertaking and the Town Clerk now submitted a reply from the Bank's Solicitors to the effect that unless they were allowed to remain in receipt of the income from the premises for a period of 10 years it would be a waste of money to incur the required expenditure on sanitary matters as the average income from the house was approximately £2 per annum. The meeting carefully considered this matter and decided to inform the Bank that in their opinion there was no probability of the house being taken down within the next 10 years although the Town Clerk strenuously objected to any guarantee no matter how equivical being given in this connection.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have a water tap erected in Green Street immediately in lieu of the one which had been taken out when the old houses there were being demolished.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that up to the present he had been unable to secure wellington boots for the gravediggers at Crosstown Cemetery.

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being -

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh,

Councillors Hayes, Buckland, Connolly, Sinnott, Dunne, Moran, and Byrne.

The meeting considered the reports which had been before the Finance Committee earlier in the evening in connection with the houses at Well Lane, and after a lengthy discussion decided to appoint the following Committee namely, Alderman Walsh, Councillors Moran, Connolly, together with the Mayor to inspect this property and report to the next meeting.

JOHN ST. HOUSES.

With regard to the houses at John Street in respect of which notices had been served on the owner no representations were made on her behalf and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders immediately in connection with these houses. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that as Miss Kinsella, the owner of the houses, had given an undertaking that she would not relet any of the dwellings if the Corporation rehoused the tenants prior to the Demolition Orders becoming operative he had sent for some of the occupiers to give them houses at Green Street and they had refused to accept them, and it was decided to insist on the tenants of the houses at Reilly's Lane and John Street occupying the houses allocated to them at Green Street.

REPORTS

Reports were submitted on the condition of a house at the Faythe occupied by Patrick Barry and a house at Distillery Road occupied by James Murphy, both of which were considered unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve notice on the owners fixing a day and hour when any representations regarding their future user would be considered.

HOUSE - BRIDE ST.

With reference to a notice served regarding the condition of the house at Bride Street occupied by Mrs. Davis and owned by Mrs. Molloy of John Street Messrs. Hungard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Molloy stated she was anxious to meet the requirements of the Corporation and if they were agreeable she was prepared to repair or reconstruct where necessary the floor and later on when materials became more reasonable in cost and she was in a better financial position she would have a lavatory constructed, but it was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation insisted on a lavatory being constructed as well as the floors repaired.

The condition of a house at John Street occupied by a man named Malone was brought forward by the Town Clerk but was again adjourned.

GREEN ST. HOUSES

In connection with the proposal at a recent meeting of the Housing Committee that tenders should be invited from the Local Builders' Providers for the material necessary for the erection of five bungalows at Green Street it was stated that only one tender had been received and it was from the Wexford Timber Compnny Limited who quoted £1,275. 11. 6. for the materials they were able to supply, and the Borough Surveyor had estimated the cost of the other materials at £423, which brought the total cost of the materials to £1698. 11. 6. and the Surveyor further stated that if the cost of erecting the houses was added to this the price would be about the same as that quoted by Messrs. Kenny & Sons. After discussion it was

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decided that the Mayor, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk should interview Mr. Kenny on the following morning and see if it was possible to cut out anything in the Specification which would reduce the cost of the houses, and if they were satisfied with their interview with Mr. Kenny that the Corporation be recommended at their meeting on the 30th instant to accept Messrs. Kenny's tender for their erection. In this connection the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Kenny had approached him and asked him to intimate to the suppliers of gates and windows that the Corporation would pay their account and deduct same from any sums due to Messrs. Kenny. As the amount involved in these two transactions was approximately £1,000 and as it was essential that the goods be purchased as soon as possible he had agreed to the course suggested by Mr. Kenny, and now asked for the approval of the Corporation to his action. The Committee now approved of the action of the Town Clerk on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne.
Mr. Kenny had also asked him to give a similar guarantee in connection with the Corax Fencing which amounted to £375,but he had refused to give this without consulting the Committee as the amount available was very high and as well, he had a recollection that the Committee was not at all in favour of this type of fencing. The members carefully considered this matter and unanimously decided to delay this fencing until more normal times arrived when they believed that fencing could be carried out considerably less than the sum of £375. it was estimated to cost.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that no repairs had been carried out to the house at John Street occupied by J. McEvoy and owned by Mr. Murtagh Meyler, where the roof was leaking and the W.C. cistern defective, and the Town Clerk was instructed to take any steps necessary to enforce the carrying out of the terms of the notice served on Mr. Meyler.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor.

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30th March, 1942.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Thomas Walsh,

Councillors Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, and Nicholas Connolly.

PAYMENTS

The meeting had been convened to deal with the following matters:-

(1) To pass for payment Accounts accrued due in connection with the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme to date;

(2) Accounts accrued due to date but not payable before the 1st April, 1942;

(3) To consider the Rate Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1943, and to agree on the Rate in the Pound of such rates;

(4) To consider a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the tender of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., for the erection of five bungalows at Green Street be accepted.

Liabilities in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme amounted to £1,969. 13. 5. and it was also included on the Advice Note with these payments a sum of £431. 14. 6. payable to the Department of Industry and Commerce under the Unemployment Assistance Acts and £1,500 on foot of County Council Demand making the total payments on this Advice Note £3,901. 7. 11.
After having been examined the items were approved and the Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.
The total liabilities to the end of March but not payable before the 1st April amounted in the aggregate to £1,566. 8. 7. and after been examined these were also approved and the Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

RATE ESTIMATES

The Rate Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1943, were then taken up.
The Town Clerk's Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and Estimates of Town and Poor Rates required to be raised in the coming Financial Year, together with an explanatory memorandum were circulated amongst the members with the notice convening the meeting and copies of these documents are attached to these minutes.
The meeting examined each item in the Estimates and made some suggestions whereby the total could be reduced, notably in the amount allowed for the repairs of Artizans Dwellings and the maintenance of streets, but the Town Clerk pointed out that as regards maintenance of Artizans Dwellings the amount allowed, namely, £800, would be barely sufficient to keep the houses in reasonable repair during the 12 months and strenuously objected to any reduction. It was also pointed out that the amount allowed for repairs to streets had been reduced by £50 from the amount allowed last year and any further reduction would undoubtedly lead to the dismissal of at least one employee and would have a bad effect on the condition of the streets.

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As regards the sum allowed for the maintenance and repairs to Artisans Dwellings it was agreed on the suggestion of the Mayor that the Borough Surveyor should prepare a report on how this amount could be best expended and submit it to the Housing Committee for consideration. The total amount of the Town Rates for the coming year was estimated at Fourteen Shillings and Twopence in the Pound as against Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence for the year 1941-42 - a reduction of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound.
The meeting then took up the Poor Rate Estimate and it was seen that the County Council Demand was reduced by £600. Administrative expenses had increased by £50 and the Town Clerk had increased the sum provided to clear off the arrears of the County Council Demand by £370 to £600. Provision had also been made for the contribution payable under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933. It was also explained to the meeting that objection had been raised by the Auditor to the transfer of monies from the Borough Fund to the Poor Rate Fund in respect of Poor Rate on Artizans Dwellings owing to the failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and fix a basic rent for their houses to which could be added each year the appropriate sum for rates.
As a result a credit could no longer be taken in the Poor Rate Estimate for rates from Artizans Dwellings and the estimate for the coming year showed an increase in the rate in the pound because of this.
It was explained further that it did not in any way affect the gross total of the rate in the pound of both Town and Poor Rates.
The Town Clerk's original Estimate for the Poor Rate was a rate of Ten Shillings and Sixpence in the pound but the Finance Committee had reduced by £160 the amount included to pay off arrears of Co. Council Demand and now recommended a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and Fourpence in the pound. Efforts were also made to reduce this estimate by deleting the sum included to clear off arrears of the County Council Demand, but both the Mayor and Town Clerk strenuously objected to this course and after some discussion the meeting agreed to the estimate as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Rate Estimates were then taken up and the following four resolutions unanimously adopted:-

(1) On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that a Borough Rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Eight Shillings and Twopence for General Sanitary Purposes) be agreed to.

(2) On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that a rate in lieu of County Cess of Three Shillings in the pound be agreed to.

(3) On the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence in the pound and a Public Water Rate of Eightpence in the pound be agreed to.

(4) On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and Fourpence in the pound be agreed to.

The Total Rate in the Pound of the Town and Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1943, was Twenty-four Shillings and Sixpence in the pound as against a rate of Twenty-five Shillings and Fourpence in the pound for the year 1941-42.

TENDER

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the tender of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., of Harcourt Road, Dublin, for the erection of five bungalows at Green Street be

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accepted. The meeting was reminded that in January last a public advertisement was issued inviting tenders for the erection of these five houses, and at a meeting on the 9th February three tenders were received from Messrs. Larkin Bros. Wexford, who quoted £3,510; Messrs. Nolan Bros. Tullow, £2,800; and Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., (Contractors for the erection of the 34 houses) who quoted £2,597. 16. 8.
The present meeting was also reminded that when these tenders came before them on the 9th February they considered them altogether too high having regard to the fact that they were accompanied by a war clause which made the Corporation responsible for all increases in the cost of materials and that the tenders had been referred to the Housing Committee for consideration. The Housing Committee had very carefully considered this matter and agreed that if it was at all possible that the bungalows should be erected as if the ground was left undeveloped it would be very unsightly and a source of trespass to the other 34 houses. The Housing Committee had decided that by the elimination of back and front divisional fencing and the reinforced band at wall plate level a saving of £73 could be affected on the five houses and as well, the demolition of the derelict houses on the site could be carried out by the ordinary Corporation employees. They, therefore, recommended that having regard to these savings and to need for the erection of the houses to finish off the site that the tender of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons for the erection of the five houses at £2,597. 16. 8., subject to the elimination of the items mentioned above and to other conditions regarding the purchase of material, etc. and a reduction in the retention money endorsed on the back of Messrs. Kenny's tender, be accepted.
The meeting agreed that it was very desirable that the five bungalows should be erected, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Housing Committee recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

With reference to a previous meeting when a complaint was made by Councillor Sinnott against Dr. Sinnott, Dispensary Medical Officer of Health, and when the Town Clerk had been asked to request the Board of Health, to obtain an explanation, the Acting Secretary of the Board under date of the 25th instant forwarded a copy of the doctor's reply. A copy of this reply had been forwarded to Councillor Sinnott and as it was a very lengthy and involved statement the Rates Committee was asked to formulate a reply.

WATER ACCOUNT

A letter was read from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty regarding their water account for the year 1941 amounting to £19. 8. 7. and suggestion that the Corporation should make some reduction as the consumption was absolutely abnormal. The Borough Surveyor stated that the excessive consumption was due to a considerable wastage of water on the premises such as leakages in the service pipes. The consumer he stated was liable for the leakages and in his opinion the Corporation should not make any reduction in the account. It was decided to inform Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty that as their attention was drawn to this excessive consumption last year that the Corporation could not make any reduction in the account.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Sanitary Inspector on the condition of the house at Wygram Place occupied by Patrick Roberts, which showed that it was unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to obtain a report from the Medical Officer of Health.

It was also decided to have a report on the condition of two houses in Barrack Street at the Parnell Street end.

The Town Clerk was asked to look up the position regarding the ownership of derelict property at Keyser's Lane, and to serve notice on those responsible for making the walls safe.

With reference to an application made some time ago by the Town Sergeant for disinfecting premises during the absence on holidays, etc. of Mr. O'Loughlin, Sanitary Inspector, the Town Clerk reported that nine such cases had been carried out and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh it was unanimously decided to pay him the sum of 5/- per house disinfected.

HOUSE - JOHN ST.

With reference to a previous decision to take proceedings against the owner of a house at John Street for failure to carry out repairs specified under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, the Town Clerk reported that on looking up this matter he found that the Corporation should enter on the premises and carry out the work themselves after which they could proceed against the owner for the costs involved.
The meeting did not consider this a very good method of dealing with the matter as the principal defect was a W.C. cistern and a leaking roof, so before going further into it was decided to ask the Sanitary Inspector if there was a separate W.C. for the shop and the dwelling house in the rear.

FIRE ESCAPE

On the recommendation of the Captain of the Fire Brigade it was decided to purchase an Automatic Fire Escape for the Fire Brigade at an all-in-cost of £11. 10. 0.

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The Town Clerk reported that notices had been served on the owner of seven houses at Green Street which were considered as unfit for human habitation and this expired at the present meeting, but no appearance was made on behalf of the owner so it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
WEXFORD.
24th March, 1942.

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I attach hereto (A) Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure for, and (B) the Estimates of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess and Water Rates, together with the estimate of Poor Rate required to be raised in the Financial Year from 1st April, 1942, to 31st March, 1943, and am pleased to be able to inform the members of the Corporation that it has been found possible to reduce the total rate in the pound of the Town Rates from Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence in the year just ending to Fourteen Shillings and twopence for the coming year - a reduction of One Shilling and twopence in the Pound, but the Poor Rate has had to be increased by fourpence which leaves the net reduction Tenpence in the Pound.

The Estimates were submitted for the consideration of the Special Rates Committee who gave a considerable amount of time to examining the Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and scrutinized each item with the object of seeing if any further reductions could be made without impairing the Municipal Services.

The Committee, however, could not see how the estimates could be further reduced without impairing the various services, and the estimates as now presented are such as will enable all the services to be efficiently administered only with the wholehearted co-operation of every member and official. The Rates Committee has agreed that all expenditure must be kept strictly within the Estimates and that no expenditure not absolutely essential can be incurred in the coming year.

The year 1941-42 has been a very difficult one for Public Bodies and the Corporation were only just able to carry on by keeping expenditure at the minimum. The coming year may also prove to be

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a very difficult one, and the financial arrangements now proposed may not plan out as anticipated. Consequently, every proposal involving expenditure - whether estimated for or not - must be carefully examined before being put in hands with a view to ascertaining if it is absolutely essential and not possible of adjournment. Every saving that can be made will be required, as owing to fluctuations in prices due to the War it is very difficult to submit accurate estimates, and some essential services may require more than is estimated for.

The total Estimated Revenue Expenditure for the coming year is £30,332 and estimated receipts £15,315, leaving £15,017 to be raised by Rates. Of this latter sum, £1,770 is chargeable to Artizans Dwellings and the balance of £13,247 requires to be raised from the other ratepayers for which a total rate of 14.2d. is needed.

The following is a comparative Table of the Rate in the Pound for the different Services in respect of the current and ensuing Financial Years. The various increases or decreases and the cause of such alterations will be dealt with after the Table.

SERVICE.	RATE FOR 1941-42 PENCE IN THE £.	RATE FOR 1942-43 PENCE IN THE £.
1. Housing	26·91	15·38
2. Graveyards	2·48	2·15
3. Markets, Etc.	3·41	3·21
4. Vocational Education	8·41	8·73
5. Scavenging	27·00	26·42
6. Streets, Etc.	32·70	28·05
7. Public Health, Etc.	26·09	26·05
8. Fire Brigade	4·62	4 ·45
9. Waterworks	22·00	24·00
10. General Administration	22·38	23·20
11. Miscellaneous	8·00	8·36
TOTALS	184·00	170·00

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1. HOUSING

The estimated loss on the provision of Working Class Houses for the year 1942-43 is £1,420 as against £2,427 for the present year - a reduction of £1,007, but the expenditure shown does not include the Poor Rate for the following reason.

You will recall that every year when submitting the Estimates for your consideration, I have directed your attention to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and pointed out that a basic rent exclusive of rates should be fixed in respect of every house let to weekly tenants. The rent payable (inclusive of Rates) could then be fixed each year in accordance with the movement of Rates. The failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of this Statute has also been commented on from time to time by various Local Government Auditors.

It was the practise to charge the Poor Rate on Artizans Dwellings under this service and to transfer the sum so raised in the Town Rates to the Poor Rate Account, but you will remember, that last year the Auditor objected to this procedure owing to the failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of the above mentioned Statute and rate their property in the orthodox manner. Consequently the Poor Rate on the Artizans Dwellings for the coming year is charged in the Poor Rate Estimate instead of the Borough Rate Estimate as formerly.

If the Poor Rate on the Artizans Dwellings was charged to Housing the loss on the service would be increased by the amount of these Rates and the Rate in the Pound for the service would have shown a slight increase over the current year's figure.

The transfer of the Poor Rates, however, does not in any way affect the total rate in the Pound.

Loan repayment charges are increased by £463 due to the Green Street Housing Scheme. The Collectors' Commission is up by £25 due to new houses.

The allowance for maintenance and repair has been increased from £700 to £800. This latter figure represents an average of

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£1·33 per house. The Corporation have 593 houses let to weekly tenants the repair of which is their liability; 26 sold on the tenant-purchase system, in addition to 20 sold out-and-out, making a total of 659 houses provided. The allowance of £800 now made for maintenance will require strict watching in order to keep the houses in repair, and repairs not absolutely essential cannot be undertaken as £700 was not sufficient for the year 1941-42. No painting will be possible.

The increases in the Receipts are as follows:-
Rents are up by £400 and subsidy under the 1932 Housing Act down by £70, leaving the net increase £330.

The reduction in Subsidy is due to provision being made for decreased receipts as a result of the Inquiry held in 1940 into the letting of certain houses, and the rents at which the affected houses are let will require to be examined with a view to ascertaining how many of the occupiers could pay a rent based on 1/3rd subsidy.

Once again I respectfully suggest that the time is now overdue to examine the entire question of the rents charged for Artizans Dwellings, and, if possible, to adopt a scheme of graded-rents based on the incomes of the tenants. It does seem unfair to charge a man receiving, say, 15/- per week Unemployment Assistance the same rent as his next door neighbour with an income of, perhaps, £5 or £6. There are a great many difficulties, I admit, in the way of such a proposal as this, but with the goodwill and co-operation of the members I do not think they are insurmountable. As well, it is unfair that the occupiers of Working Class houses not owned by the Corporation should be called on to subsidise Corporation tenants more than is necessary.

No. 2. GRAVEYARDS:

Estimated Expenditure under this head is reduced by £30 due to the original loan having been paid off and the estimated receipts are the same as in the current year.

No. 3. MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY:

The sum required for this Service shows a slight decrease due to reduced loan charges, and on the receipts side an increase of £10 in respect of Town Hall lettings.

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No. 4. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: Shows a slight increase due to provision having to be made for the payment of a marriage gratuity.

No. 5. SCAVENGING:

The net cost of Scavenging for 1942-43 is estimated at £2,484, which is £50 in excess of the amount estimated for in the current year. The increase is due to the rising cost of materials, etc. Owing to the difficulty of procuring the necessary hand carts it has not yet been possible to operate the "beat" system of scavenging suggested last year.

No. 6. MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ETC.

Maintenance of streets shows a decrease of £470. Loan repayments are down by £420 and the amount allowed for repairs to streets has been reduced by £50 to £350. The sum allowed to supplement Grants is the same at £1,000. Having regard to the fact that most of the streets are now surfaced in concrete and to the decrease in heavy traffic due to petrol restrictions it is thought that £350 is sufficient for street maintenance.

No. 7. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES show a loss of £2,389 as against £2,354 in the current year, an increase of £35. Loan charges are increased due to provision having to be made to repay the loan borrowed in connection with the Summerhill Sewer. The allowance for Public Lighting has been reduced by £25.

No. 8. FIRE BRIGADE: Remains practically the same as last year.

No. 9. WATERWORKS: This estimate shows an expected increase and is due to provision being made for the Improvement Scheme being carried out at present. Loan Charges are up by £328 and new meters purchased at a cost of £50. On the Receipts side there is an increase of £100 in the Estimated Revenue and the net result is a total increase in the rate in the Pound of twopence.

No. 10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION shows an increase of £100 due to increased administration expenses.

No. 11. MISCELLANEOUS: The slight increase in this Estimate does not reflect the true position. In the current year £400 was provided for the repayment of rates to the Great Southern Railways

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and this item will not recur next year. Instead, however, £250 is provided to meet Loan Charges under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme and £200 in respect of the Loan for Emergency stocks of pipes, chlorinator, etc.

As regards the Poor Rate Estimate, the County Council Demand is down by £600. Administrative expenses are up by £50 and I increased the sum provided to clear off Arrears of County Council Demand by £370 to £600. The Finance Committee, however, decided to reduce this latter sum by £160 to £440. As already explained in the review of the Housing Estimate the Poor Rates on Artizans Dwellings can no longer be raised in the Borough Rate and the sum included in previous years as a receipt in the Poor Rate from Houses is eliminated from this Estimate.

The net result is that the Poor Rate is increased by Fourpence in the Pound.

I should like again to emphasise that the Estimated Expenditure has been reduced to the very minimum that will allow of the Municipal Services being efficiently administered during the next Twelve Months, and estimated receipts have been placed at the highest possible figure. Only Expenditure actually estimated for can be incurred during the ensuing year and the various services must be kept within the limits now set forth. If any member has any works in mind which he considers should be carried out in the Financial Period ensuing, and which are not embodied in the Estimates now presented, he should bring them forward immediately, as, after these Rates are agreed on, no proposals not included therein can be carried out.

I should like, however, at this stage to say that during the year just ending the members very wisely refrained from any expenditure not absolutely essential, and if this attitude is maintained in the coming year the financial proposals now submitted should prove adequate.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cathaoirleach an Bhaile.

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Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

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B

ESTIMATE OF TOWN RATES (OTHER THAN POOR RATE) TO BE RAISED

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1943.

A.

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

No. 1—HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loans		10410 0 0
Maintenance and Repair of Houses		800 0 0
Ground Rents		30 0 0
Rent Collectors' Commission		350 0 0
Fire Insurance		150 0 0
Rates—Town		1770 0 0
Rents (including Rates)	8300 0 0	
Grant under Housing Act, 1908	40 0 0	
,, ,, ,, ,, 1932	3750 0 0	
	£12,090 0 0	**£13,510 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 2.—GRAVEYARDS.

Wages of Caretaker		117 0 0
,, ,, Gravedigger		45 0 0
Cost of Grave Openings		100 0 0
General Maintenance		50 0 0
Rates and Taxes		7 0 0
Telephone Service		8 0 0
Cleansing of Old Graveyards		20 0 0
Sale of Grave Spaces and Burial Fees	150 0 0	
	£150 0 0	**£347 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 3—MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Repayment and Interest on Loans		420 0 0
Fee for Performing Rights Society		5 0 0
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's Salary)		31 0 0
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)		10 0 0
Insurance		35 0 0
Rent of Market Site		50 0 0
Rent of Town Hall (Cornmarket) Site		14 0 0
Repairs to Corporate Buildings		50 0 0
Market Tolls and Stalls	100 0 0	
Fees from Town Hall	20 0 0	
Rents from Corporate Estate	200 0 0	
	£320 0 0	**£615 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 4.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

Repayment of Loans		425 0 0
Contribution in aid, 1942/43		531 0 0
Marriage Gratuity		35 0 0
Recoupment of part Loan Charges	195 0 0	
	£195 0 0	**£991 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

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No. 5.—SCAVENGING—DOMESTIC & PUBLIC.

DOMESTIC:—Labour.	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
1 Lorry Driver 2 Helpers Man at Dump half time Supervision		570 0 0
Fuel		200 0 0
Insurances		40 0 0
Miscellaneous Equipment, etc.		25 0 0
PUBLIC:—Labour.		
1 Lorry Driver Labourers Man at Dump half time Supervision		1160 0 0
Repayment and Interest on Loan		250 0 0
Insurances		55 0 0
Repairs, Oil, Grease, Tyres, etc.		80 0 0
Brushes, Equipment, etc.		60 0 0
Boots and Oilcoats		25 0 0
Scavenging—Main Roads	50 0 0	
	£50 0 0	**£2465 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 6.—MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS (exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep).

Repayment of Loans		1050 0 0
Repairs to Streets and Footpaths		350 0 0
Insurances		70 0 0
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe		10 0 0
To supplement Unemployment Grants		1000 0 0
		£2480 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Rate in lieu of Co. Cess.

No. 7.—PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES.

Repayment of Loans (Sewers)		465 0 0
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers		150 0 0
Vaccination Act Expenses		20 0 0
Food and Drugs Acts Expenses		50 0 0
Salary of Sanitary Inspector		180 0 0
Superannuation of Ed. Byrne, S.S.O.		95 0 0
Salary of Medical Officers of Health		75 0 0
Do. Veterinary Inspector		150 0 0
Do. Health Visitor	100 0 0	200 0 0
Do. Inspector of Milk Shops (Town Sergeant)		31 0 0
Do. Executive Sanitary Officer		20 0 0
Administration of National Free Milk Scheme		50 0 0
Bathing Place		80 0 0
Milk (Maternity & Child Welfare)	82 0 0	165 0 0
Feeding of Necessitous School Children	125 0 0	250 0 0
Immunisation against Diphtheria		50 0 0
Public Lighting		700 0 0
Recoupment of Part of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	35 0 0	
	£342 0 0	**£2731 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 8.—FIRE BRIGADE.

Repayment and Interest on Loans		270 0 0
General Maintenance (including Men's Stipend and Subsidy towards Rents)		100 0 0
Telephone Service		16 0 0
Insurance of Fire Engine		20 0 0
		£406 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

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No. 9.—WATERWORKS.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loans		2010 0 0
Salary of Superintendent		200 0 0
Wages of Turncock		200 0 0
,, ,, Caretaker		78 0 0
New Meters		50 0 0
Collectors' Commission		80 0 0
Printing and Advertising		75 0 0
Insurances		20 0 0
Right of Way, John Street Reservoir		4 0 0
Audit Fee		20 0 0
Preparation of Rate Books		9 0 0
General Maintenance		100 0 0
Sale of Water by Meter	750 0 0	
Special Charges	50 0 0	
Special Agreements	50 0 0	
Government Rates	5 0 0	
Sale of Water to Ships	5 0 0	
Miscellaneous Receipts	25 0 0	
	£885 0 0	**£2846 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with—Water Rate.

No. 10.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries:—The Mayor		100 0 0
Town Clerk		450 0 0
Clerical Assistant		200 0 0
Town Surveyor (part of)		200 0 0
Typist		125 0 0
Town Sergeant (part of)		94 0 0
Office Cleaner		13 0 0
Printing and Advertising		300 0 0
Telephone Rents		60 0 0
Fuel and Light		75 0 0
Law Costs		120 0 0
Stationery and Office Equipment		60 0 0
Preparation of Rate Books		19 0 0
Travelling Expenses		40 0 0
Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant		10 0 0
Reports—Association Municipal Authorities		5 0 0
Audit Fee		20 0 0
Rate Collector's Commission		275 0 0
Public Liability Insurance		40 0 0
Fees Returned by Town Clerk—		
Franchise	70 0 0	
Old Age Pensions	18 0 0	
	£88 0 0	**£2206 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with:—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	**£88**	**£1706 0 0**
Co. Cess	—	**500 0 0**

No. 11.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	610 0 0	600 0 0
Insurances		75 0 0
Repayment of Loan for Emergency Pipes, etc.	50 0 0	200 0 0 — £450
Irish Tourist Association		20 0 0
Repayment of Loan for Concrete Mixer		90 0 0
Loan—A.R.P. Expenses		250 0 0 —
Cost of Living Bonus		250 0 0
Government Rates	65 0 0	
	£725 0 0	**£1485 0 0**

Rate Chargeable with:—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	**£710**	**£1285 0 0**
Co. Cess	**15**	**200 0 0**

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ESTIMATE OF RATES TO BE RAISED

BOROUGH RATE.

SERVICE.	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
No. 1. Housing of the Working Classes	12000 0 0	13510 0 0
,, 2. Burial Grounds	150 0 0	347 0 0
,, 3. Markets and other Corporate Property	320 0 0	615 0 0
,, 4. Vocational Education	195 0 0	991 0 0
,, 5. Scavenging—Domestic & Public	50 0 0	2465 0 0
,, 7. Public Health & Social Services	342 0 0	2731 0 0
,, 8. Fire Brigade	— — —	406 0 0
,, 10. General Administration	88 0 0	1706 0 0
,, 11. Miscellaneous	710 0 0	1285 0 0
Contingencies	— — —	150 0 0
Collectible Rates outstanding at 31/3/42	300 0 0	
Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be Raised by means of a Borough Rate	9961 0 0	
	£24,206 0 0	**£24,206 0 0**
Amount to be raised by Borough Rate	**£9961 0 0**	
Less Rates included in rents of Artisans' Dwellings	**1145 0 0**	
		£8816 0 0
A Borough Rate of 9/2 in the £ will produce:—		
For General Town Purposes at 1/- in the £	**£960 0 0**	
For General Sanitary Purposes at 8/2 in the £	**7840 0 0**	
		£8800 0 0

RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.

No. 6. Maintenance of Streets, Roads, and Footpaths		£2480 0 0
,, 10. General Administration		500 0 0
,, 11. Miscellaneous	15 0 0	200 0 0
Contingencies		100 0 0
Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1942	120 0 0	
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess	**3145 0 0**	
	£3280 0 0	**£3280 0 0**
Amount to be raised by Rate in lieu of County Cess	**£3145 0 0**	
Less Rates included in rents of Artisan's Dwellings	**375 0 0**	**£2770 0 0**
A Rate of 3/- in the £ will produce about		**£2772 0 0**

WATER RATES.

No. 9. Waterworks	885 0 0	2846 0 0
Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1942	50 0 0	
Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by Water Rates	1911 0 0	
	£2846 0 0	**£2846 0 0**
Amount to be raised by Water Rates	**£1911 0 0**	
Less Rates included in Rents of Artisans' Dwellings	**250 0 0**	
		£1661 0 0
A Domestic Rate of 1/4 in the £ will produce	**£1040 0 0**	
A Public Rate of 8d. in the £ will produce	**616 0 0**	
		£1656 0 0

SUMMARY OF TOWN RATES FOR 1942/43.

	s d	
Borough Rate	9 2	in the £
County Cess	3 0	,, ,, ,,
Water	2 0	,, ,, ,,
Total	14 2	,, ,, ,,

The Total of the Town Rates for 1941/42 was 15/4 in the £.

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URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD.

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, 1943.

	£ s d	£ s d
To County Council Demand:—		
In respect of Roads	1000 18 8	
In respect of County Services	2661 7 11	
In respect of Library Service	61 8 8	
In respect of Poor Relief	4195 5 4	
In respect of Board of Health Charges	293 10 11	
		8212 11 6
To Rate Collectors' Poundage	275 0 0	
Printing, Advertising, etc.	75 0 0	
Preparation of Rate Book, Receipt and Demand Notes, etc.	25 0 0	
To Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933	890 0 0	
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of) ...	440 0 0	
		1705 0 0
		9917 11 6
Total Amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1943		9917 11 6
Which will require a rate of Ten Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound to produce		£9920 0 0

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Mayor.

JOHN J. BYRNE,
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13th April, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Stephen McMahon, Philip McGuire, and James Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 9th ultimo; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 9th and 23rd ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 21st ultimo and Housing Committee on 23rd ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Dr. Hearn, owner of the Wexford Engineering Company. The motion was seconded by Councillor Moran, supported by the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at recent meetings were read from Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, Miss Ryan, Chairman, County Wexford Board of Health, the relatives of the late John R. and Mrs. Brennan, and from the Town Sergeant.

MEETING

The first business was to fix a day and hour of a Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than the 1st July, 1942, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne this meeting was fixed for Tuesday June 30th, 1942, at 8.30.p.m.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The Housing Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of 10 houses at John Street and Reilly's Lane, off John Street, owned by Miss Elizabeth Kinsella of John Street, and occupied by John Furlong, Richard O'Brien, James Murphy, William Roche, Christopher Murphy, Mary Reid, Edward Connors, John Hayden, James Murphy, and Nicholas Walsh. The necessary notice under the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions, Act 1931, had been served on the owner of the dwellings but no offer had been received regarding the future user of the houses, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon, Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

GRAVE SPACES

It was reported that all the cheap grave spaces namely, those sold at Ten Shillings each in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, had been disposed of.
It was further explained to the meeting that in 1928 the Corporation had opened one half of Section A for the purpose of providing graves at Ten Shillings each and it was now suggested in order to meet the demand for

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this price of grave that the remainder of Section A should be made available at Ten Shillings each.
This course was unanimously agreed to by the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes a new scale of charges for the Cemetery was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The following is the new scale:-

Cancelled

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925; AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941.

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this price of grave that the remainder of Section A should be made available at Ten Shillings each.
This course was unanimously agreed to by the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes a new scale of charges for the Cemetery was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. In this connection reference was made to the need for the provision of sanitary accommodation at the cemetery, and the Borough Surveyor was requested to examine and report on this matter.

VACANCIES - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMTTE.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee directing the attention of the Corporation to the existence of two vacancies on the Committee caused by the resignations of Mr. Cyril Ross and Councillor Cashman. Mr. Ross was a non-Corporate member of the committee and Councillor Cashman had represented the Corporation. It was now decided on the motion of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Hayes that Councillor Thomas Byrne of Columba Villas be appointed to the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor Cashman, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Mr. Timothy Cashman, of Francis Street, Wexford, was appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cyril Ross.
Arising out of the appointment of members on the Vocational Education Committee Councillor Hayes stated that for some time past it had been very difficult to get a full attendance of members of this committee and he asked the Corporation if they would agree not to hold a Corporation meeting on one Monday night per month so that a meeting of the Vocational Education Committee could be held on that night, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that no Corporation meeting be held on the last monday night of each month.

ANNUAL MEETING - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

The next business was to appoint a delegate to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Councillor Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at this meeting.

VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it had been decided to take steps to declare vacant six seats on the Corporation rendered vacant by death, resignation, and disqualification of the various members, the Town Clerk now reported that Alderman James McMahon, Councillor James Billington, and James Murphy had died since election; that Aldermen Flusk, Patrick Tobin, Councillors Philip McGuire, Michael Martin, John Billington, and Patrick Hawkins had absented themselves from meetings of the Corporation for over six months without approved reason and had therefore, vacated their seats under Article 12(9) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898; Councillor Timothy Cashman had resigned and Alderman Thomas Walsh and Councillor Thomas Dunne having failed to pay rates due by them to the Corporation were disqualified from being members by virtue of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941.
The Town Clerk also reported that Alderman Tobin who came within the category of members disqualified for non-attendance would also come within the category of those members disqualified for non-payment of rates.
Arising out of this matter a letter was read from Alderman Thomas Walsh intimating that owing to ill health and failing sight he had resigned his membership of the Corporation.

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The members were aware that Alderman Walsh had been in failing health for some time past, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne his resignation was accepted with regret. As regards Councillor McGuire he was in attendance at the present meeting and intimated to the members that his non-attendance was due to illness and to several deaths following long illness by members of his family. The members were aware that Councillor McGuire had met with a lot of serious illness for some time past and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to accept his explanation that his non-attendance at meetings of the Corporation was due to illness.
With the acceptance of Councillor McGuire's explanation it was seen that there were eleven seats on the Corporation vacant, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following declaration was unanimously adopted and sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925; AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941.

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE WEXFORD CORPORATION.

WHEREAS on the 26th day of June, 1934, the following persons were elected as members of the Wexford Corporation as set out after their names:-

Michael Flusk and Thomas Walsh, Aldermen for the St. Iberius Ward; Patrick Tobin an Alderman for the St. Selskar Ward; Thomas Dunne and Timothy Cashman as Councillors for the St. Iberius Ward; James Billington, Michael Martin, James Murphy, and James McMahon as Councillors for the St. Mary's Ward - (James McMahon being subsequently appointed as Alderman for the St. Mary's Ward); John Billington as Councillor for St. Selskar Ward; and Patrick Hawkins subsequently being appointed as a Councillor for St. Selskar Ward.

AND WHEREAS since the date of the said election James Billington, James McMahon and James Murphy have died;
AND WHEREAS Michael Flusk, Patrick Tobin, Michael Martin, John Billington and Patrick Hawkins, have absented themselves from meetings of the Corporation of Wexford for over six months consecutively without approved reason and have, therefore, vacated their seats as members thereof for absence within the meaning of Article 12 (9) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.
AND WHEREAS Timothy Cashman has resigned.
AND WHEREAS Thomas Walsh and Thomas Dunne, have failed to pay Rates due by them to the Corporation and are therefore disqualified from being members of the Corporation of Wexford by virtue of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941.
NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE SAID CORPORATION, in pursuance of the abovementioned statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the following offices to be vacant:-

1. Office of Alderman for St. Iberius Ward, formerly held by Michael Flusk.

2. Office of Alderman for St. Iberius Ward, formerly held by Thomas Walsh.

3. Office of Alderman for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by Patrick Tobin.

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4. Office of Alderman for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by James McMahon.

5. Office of Councillor for St. Iberius Ward, formerly held by Thomas Dunne.

6. Office of Councillor for St. Iberius Ward, formerly held by Timothy Cashman.

7. Office of Councillor for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by James Billington.

8. Office of Councillor for St; Mary's Ward, formerly held by James Murphy.

9. Office of Councillor for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by Michael Martin.

10. Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by John Billington.

11. Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by Patrick Hawkins.

AND WE FURTHER DIRECT that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancies for all purposes.

GIVEN under our hands and Corporate Seal, this 13th day of April, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two.

RICHARD CORISH, Mayor.)
) Three Members of
JAMES CROSBIE,) the said Corpor-
) ation of Wexford.
THOMAS BYRNE.)

COUNTERSIGNED JOHN J. BYRNE,

TOWN CLERK.

It was also agreed that the seats now declared vacant should be filled as soon as possible.

SCALE OF CHARGES

The Special Rates Committee recommended that the following scale of charges be fixed for the hiring of plant, scaffolding, etc., the property of the Corporation to private firms and individuals.

PROPOSED SCALE OF CHARGES FOR HIRE OF PLANT, SCAFFOLDING, ETC. TO FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS.

A. PLANT.

1. LINER CONCRETE MIXER Capacity 5/3. 20/- per week for a minimum period of one week or 5/- per day for a period of six days or less.

2. WINGET CONCRETE MIXER Capacity 5/3½. Similar Scale of Charges to 1 (a).

3. RANSOME CONCRETE MIXER Capacity 7/5. 40/- per week for a

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minimum period of one week, or 7/- per day for a period of six days or less.

4. STEELE CONCRETE MIXER Capacity 10/7. 60/- per week for a minimum period of one week, or 12/- per day for a period of six days or less.

The above charges are ex-Store. The hire period commences on day of removal of plant from store, and finishes on date of delivery of plant back to Corporation Store. The Corporation will not be responsible for the freightage or running costs, or repairs to the plant whilst same is on loan, and the plant must be handed back in proper working order.

5. CONCRETE BLOCK MAKING MACHINES. These shall be charged for at the rate of 20/- each per week or part of a week, and the pallets shall be charged for at the rate of 2d each over a maximum period of three months, after which period an additional 2d per month each will be chargeable. All missing or broken pallets shall be replaced or 8d per pallet will be charged in lieu thereof.

6. TAR SPRAYER 20/- per week or 5/- per day where the period of loan is less than one week. The person or Firm hiring same shall be responsible for all running costs and repairs, and shall hand back same in proper order.

7. TAR BOILERS OF THE STAND-BY TYPE: The charge will be 10/- per week or part of a week under conditions similar to 6 (A).

8. SEWER CANES: In all cases a Corporation employee will accompany the canes, and will be responsible for the proper use of the machine. The charge shall be 5/- to cover loan charge on the canes and 1/1d per hour for the man's time; the latter to cover full period of travelling and working.

9. 3" SEWAGE PUMP: 3/- per day or part of a day ex-Store, including all repairs, etc.

B. EQUIPMENT:

1. TALBOT UNDER PRESSURE BORING GEAR: 10/- for hire of plant and 2/- hour for Plumber's time for work other than on the Waterworks system, including cost of travelling time, freightage, etc.

2. PIPE CUTTERS: 5/- per day Ex-Store.

3. BARROWS: 6d. " " do.

4. WATCH BOXES: 1/- per day over short periods up to 5 days or 5/- per week for longer periods, ex-Store, and to be returned in proper condition.

5. STEEL WEDGES, CROWBARS, SLEDGES: 1/- each per day ex-store.

6. PICK AXES, SHOVELS & STORM LANTERNS: 6d each per day ex-Store.

7. ROAD COVERS (JUTE) 10/- per week or 2/- per day ex-store.

C. SCAFFOLDING: only to be hired to responsible firms or Contractors at the discretion of the Surveyor.

1. PLANKS: @ 2d. per foot run up to a period of two months, and 1½d. per foot for each succeeding period of two months.

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2. DEALS (6" x 3" & 7" x 3") @ 1½d per foot run for first two months and 1d per foot run per month after this period.

3. SMALL SCANTLINGS: @ 1d per ft. run per month.

4. H FRAMES AND TRESTLES: 5/- to 2/6d each per month or shorter period, depending on size.

5. POLES: 2d. per foot run per two month or shorter period, and 1½d per ft. run for each succeeding period of two months.

After the scale had been examined by the members it was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the great necessity of collecting waste paper at the present time and asked if it would be possible for the Corporation Scavenging Staff to collect waste paper from householders during their visits, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine this matter in conjunction with a committee composed of the Mayor, Councillors Hayes, Sinnott and Crosbie.

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Sinnott also referred to the Allotments Scheme in operation for the current year and stated he had been informed that some of the plots had been sub-let by the persons who had received them.
The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting thatif he could get the names of the persons alleged to have done this, or, in any way abused the scheme he would take drastic action against them, and he also informed the meeting that he would obtain a report on the work of the entire scheme from the Allotments Inspector the next day he came to Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cearns TD

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13th April, 1942.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting.

HOUSES - WELL LANE

A report was submitted from a Special Committee who had visited the houses at Well Lane and they were of the opinion that all the houses were in a very delapidated condition and could not be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense, so it was unanimously decided to convene a special meeting of the Corporation for the 20th instant and to submit a recommendation from the present meeting that Demolition Orders be made in respect of the 14 houses there.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked for a report on two houses at the top of Barrack Street.

In connection with the houses condemned at Paradise Row the Town Clerk reported that William Carty had not yet taken possession of the house allocated to him at Green Street. Carty in a letter explained that owing to unemployment he was unable to meet the high rent, and it was decided not to press him for the moment as within the next month or so work might be available for a man of Carty's trade,namely, painter, and he could then be compelled to occup the house allocated to him at Green Street.

7 HOUSES - GREEN ST.

The Town Clerk again reported that the notices which had been served under the Housing Act, 1931, in respect of 7 houses at Green Street, the property of Mr. John Bailey expired on the 13th ultimo and that no representations had been received from the owner regarding their future user but it was decided to again adjourn consideration of this matter.

Councillor Hayes referred to the employment of Michael Murphy, Carpenter, on the Relief Grant Works at the Folly and complained that he had been taken from his employment with the Housing Contractor, but the Borough Surveyor explained that he had only taken Murphy on loan while he was doing a certain job of which this man had great experience, and this explanation was accepted.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of March showed that he had examined 125 cattle, 363 sheep and 36 swine. Of the cattle, 8 heads and 10 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 36 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 55 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and the swine were all found to be in order.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to make a report on the drainage of the houses at Selskar Street occupied by Michael Murphy and at Talbot Street occupied by Michael Roche.

The County Medical Officer of Health was to be asked for a report on the present high death rate amongst children which was attributed to measles.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the condition of the house at No. 1, Roche's Terrace.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

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20th April, 1942.

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 seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Councillors: James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Philip McGuire and Robert Moran.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to District Justice Fahy in his bereavement occasioned by the death of his wife. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The business of the meeting was to make Demolition Orders in respect of 14 houses situated at Well Lane, Wexford, All these houses had been recommended for demolition as being unfit for human habitation both by the County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, and they were of opinion that the houses could not be made fit at a reasonable cost. Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed that the Demolition Orders be made. Councillor Hayes seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to and the Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Byrne referred to pilfering of vegetables from Allotments in the Town, and said he thought it was disgraceful to see people going into allotments where the unemployed had worked hard to produce food for their families and themselves. He thought the attention of the Gardai should be drawn to the matter. The Mayor said he quite agreed with Councillor Byrne and thought it highly criminal to be robbing poor people who were working hard to produce vegetables.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the present epidemic amongst children caused by measles and whooping cough and asked what steps were being taken to try and counteract it. It was pointed out that this matter had been raised at a previous meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, and the County Medical Officer of Health had been asked for a report on the matter of the number of children dying from measles and whooping cough.

The meeting then terminated.

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20th April, 1942.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

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

Councillors Hayes, Sinnott, Moran, Connolly, Byrne and Crosbie.

The Mayor explained to the Committee that as instructed at last meeting the Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and himself had interviewed Mr. Kenny who agreed to certain deductions in his tender for the erection of five bungalows at Green Street, and this matter had recently been before the Corporation when it had been agreed to accept Mr. Kenny's tender but the Department of Local Government and Public Health had refused to sanction it on the grounds that it was still too dear.
After a long discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to erect the five bungalows by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor with Mr. Thomas J. Millar as Clerk of Works; the Borough Surveyor to be given an absolutely free hand in the selection of workmen and the Corporation were not to interfere in any way whatsoever with the Borough Surveyor except in the case of a labour dispute.
It was agreed also that the Borough Surveyor should prepare a price for the erection of these houses, and the Mayor undertook to submit it to the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to having the erection of the houses by direct labour sanctioned.

Richard Corish TD

25th April, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hayes, Moran, and Buckland.

The meeting had been convened to examine the Accounts of the Collectors of Town and Poor Rates for the year ended 31st March last, and each item on the list of outstanding Rates was examined, and the Corporation were to be recommended to write off as irrecoverable certain items and the balance was to be carried into the warrants for 1942-43.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

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4th May, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey.

Councillors: James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Philip McGuire, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Buckland.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 30th March, 1942; 13th April, 1942, 20th April, 1942; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 30th March, 1942, 13th April, 1942; Housing Committee on 20th April, 1942, and Special Rates Committee on 25th April, 1942.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £11,499. 10. 2. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Alderman Coffey referred to the meeting of the Corporation on the 30th March last when the Rate Estimates were agreed to, which meeting he was unable to attend owing to illness, and called attention to the remarks of the Town Clerk regarding the question of fixing a rent for the Artizans Dwellings and adding the rates thereto each year. He also referred to the question of painting of Artizans Dwellings and to the revenue from dances held in the Town Hall during the year, but discussion on these matters was deferred until the June meeting when the Corporation would be formally making rates for the year 1942-1943.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

Councillor Byrne asked how many men were employed on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and the Town Clerk informed him that five men only were employed at the present time. Reference was also made to the fact that a large section of the pipeline from Edenvale to Coolree had had to be condemned, but the Town Clerk pointed out that this matter did not concern the Corporation because any pipes that failed under test would have to be removed. In connection with this scheme it was pointed out that considerable difficulty had been experienced in procuring the necessary licences from the British Government for the export of pipes and other machinery. There was also a considerable quantity of pipes at Waterford, which would be brought to Wexford as soon as transport facilities were available.
In connection with the Waterworks Scheme it was decided that the Clerk of Works should attend the next meeting of the Finance and Works Committee to explain the position to the members.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Councillor Byrne drew attention to the fact that street lights at present were burning from 6.30.a.m. to 8.a.m. and he did not think that this was right, and the Town Clerk informed him that he would communicate with the

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Electricity Supply Board and have the morning lighting discontinued, but he also pointed out that it would be no saving to the Corporation.

DINNER HOUR

Councillor Hayes asked if the Corporation had any powers to compel business premises to close for a dinner hour during the present emergency when gas was seriously rationed in the Town.
The Town Clerk informed the Councillor that the Corporation had no authority to compel business premises to close, but that on the previous Monday a deputation of the traders had waited on him and asked him to place before the Corporation the serious situation which had arisen through the ration of gas in the Town and pointed out that a large number of shop and office workers in Wexford would be seriously affected by this ration, as the general practise had been to "stagger" the mid-day meal hour amongst the staffs of each establishment.
As a result of this deputation he (Town Clerk) had issued a letter, on behalf of the Corporation to every business premises in the Town asking them to close their premises for a mid-day meal hour from 1.0. to 2.0.p.m. so that all the staffs could partake of a hot mid-day meal.
It had been very difficult to get unanimity amongst the proprietors of the various Firms and he submitted correspondence from some 20 firms in the town who were prepared to close for a mid-day meal if the other traders did likewise, but a number of them would not close.
In this connection it was suggested that the schools should be asked to close for an hour at mid-day to enable the children to partake of a hot meal, because if they did not arrive home until afternoon as was the usual practise most people could not keep a meal hot.
It was agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate with the School Managers and request them to close their schools for an hour each day for dinner.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from Mr. John V. Fahy, District Justice, and Mr. Denis Hearn, of the Wexford Engineering Company Ltd.

Councillor Connolly referred to the recent order increasing the retail price of butter, and pointed out that it would inflict grave hardship on the poor. Bread and butter were the principal foods of the workers and in a great many cases in Wexford people had to go a couple of weeks without tea because the traders were unable to supply them. Councillor Sinnott said his opinion was that hundreds of tons of butter were being exported from the country and the unfortunate part of it was that the staple food of the people - bread, butter, and tea - was so scarce that the poor were starving. Other members having complained of the shortage of butter and having protested against the increased price it was decided to send a communication to the Department of Agriculture protesting against the order increasing the retail price.

REPORT - CO. M.O.H.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when reference was made to the large number of deaths amongst children from Measles and Whooping Cough the following report was read from the County Medical Officer of Health on the subject. It was decided to send a copy of this report to the Press.

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"With reference to your letter under date of the 15th instant, and to the recent discussion at the Meeting of Wexford Corporation, re the present epidemic amongst children, I give you hereunder the following particulars:-

Measles and Whooping Cough are acute infectious diseases, which mainly affect children between the ages of 6 months, and 5 years. Both may be contracted by children of any age, or adults. Cases of either disease may be mild or severe. Both diseases are commonly regarded by the public with complacency, if not with contempt, and yet, both diseases are very fatal to infants and small children.

Measles itself, ordinarily does not kill, but when it is complicated by Broncho-pheumonia it is one of the most fatal of the specific acute infections of childhood, being rivalled only by Whooping Cough, similarily complicated. Both diseases are prone to light up a tuberculous focus.

It is to be noted, that in every Measles epidemic, the greatest mortality occurs at that season of the year - the early Spring, when Broncho-pneumonia, as an independent condition is also prevalent. Dangerous, as Broncho-pneumonia alone is, in young children it becomes still more so when it complicates Measles or Whooping Cough. Unfortunately, the services of a doctor are frequently not obtained, of if they are, only when the child is gravely ill from Broncho-pneumonia.

Of the triad of lethal acute specific infections of childhood - Diphtheria, Measles and Whooping Cough, - the last strikes earlier than the others. Whereas, the incidence of Diphtheria, and the number of deaths therefrom are relatively trifling in infants under one year. Whooping Cough kills the greatest number of children in this age group. Measles delays a year; it is between 1 and 2 years of age that most children die from this disease. 90% of the deaths from Whooping Cough, at all ages, occur amongst children under 5 years of age and this high fatality rate is due chiefly to associated Broncho-pneumonia. They are both really dangerous diseases,particularly amongst underfed infants, and in overcrowded dwellings of the very poor. Broncho-pneumonia which complicates either Measles or Whooping Cough is a deadly disease. Little children have not the strenght to battle with the incessant cough and accumulated secretions, and soon give up the struggle. There are several other complications, which may arise in either Measles or Whooping Cough, but for Broncho-pneumonia alone, we must reserve the title - "Captain of Death."

The chief disabling complications of Measles are diseases of the ear and eyes. When Measles is complicated by Broncho- pneumonia, and Enteritis (Diarrhoea, vomiting, etc.), the outlook is indeed very very grave. Tuberculosis may follow either Measles or Whooping Cough. It will thus be seen that no case of Measles or Whooping Cough is simple, and such cases should receive good care, and medical attention.

Under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1941, the first case of Measles or Whooping Cough occurring in any family is a notifiable disease, and any other case of Measles or Whooping Cough is not notifiable in the same family, unless it occurs after a period of two months of the first notification.

Owing to the fact that Measles is most infective before the rash appears, the rest of the children in the household, and numerous other children have been exposed to infection, before the disease is recognised by the parents. In Whooping Cough the catarrhal stage, (as shown by a simple cough, which is worse at night, and which is often followed by vomiting, and a slight temperature, together with a hoarseness, and which lasts for about two weeks) is the period of maximum infectivity. Then

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comes the period, known as the paroxysmal stage, that is the stage at which the public recognises the disease, from the characteristic paroxysms of coughing, with the terminal whoop. The convalescent stage is virtually non-infective, but infection can take place after six weeks. Whooping Cough is highly infectious; almost every child contracts the disease; any child exposed to infection is almost sure to take it.

In the recent epidemic, which occurred in Wexford Urban Area, Broncho-pneumonia accounted for a large number of the deaths. During the months of February and March, the following notifications were received:-

Measles	95
Whooping Cough	10
Measles and Whooping Cough	1
Post Measles Pneumonia	1

It would be a mistake to regard the number of notifications as being anything like a correct measure of the prevalence. As previously pointed out above, it is only the first case of either Measles or Whooping Cough occurring in a family that is notifiable, and secondly, I am quite sure that a very large number of cases occurred, and no doctor was called to see them. It is therefore, quite possible that between 500 and 800 cases of Measles occurred, during that period in the Urban Area.

It is most essential that children should be put to bed at the early stages of either disease. They should be kept warm, and in a well ventilated room and a doctor's advice should be sought. During the period of illness and convalescence great care must be exercised so as to ensure that the child will not be exposed to draughts and chills, and every precaution must be taken to prevent complications arising.

The incubation period, that is the period of time between the moment of infection and the first sign of the disease is approximately ten to twenty-one days for Measles, and seven to fourteen days for Whooping Cough. The seggregation period is for Measles - one week from the true rash and for Whooping Cough four weeks from the first whoop.

The other children of school age should, in a house, where a case of Measles has occurred, be kept from school for a period of three weeks, from the date of the occurrence of the case, and two weeks in the case of Whooping Cough. Should the children develop any sign or symptoms of either disease, even after the periods mentioned, they should be kept from school, and a doctor's advice sought. It is, of course, always advisable that parents should notify the doctor re the occurrence of either disease in the household, and should discuss with him, and act on his advice, re the return to school of the patient, and the school-going children of the household. It is, of course, very little use to keep child-contacts from school, if the parents allow them to play on the streets, and mix freely with other children, and this if allowed, to happen defeats almost entirely the object of school closure.

Before concluding this report, I would like to draw attention to the late hours that children of even very tender years may be seen roaming about the streets. Surely, fathers and mothers must realise that children particularly require a good deal of rest and sleep, and it appears to me that parents are either careless, or are not exercising sufficient control over their children in matters of this kind. I have often seen very young children playing on the streets after 9, 10, and 11 o'clock at night. These late hours, coupled with the prevalence of a bitter east wind, must, without doubt take a toll of child life."

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RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

The next business was to close the accounts of the Collector of Town and Poor Rates for the year ended 31st March last.
The following is a summary of the Town Rate Collection:-

FOR COLLECTION -- CURRENT AND ARREARS

	Borough	Co. Cess	Water	TOTALS
Current	£10258. 7. 9.	3532. 18. 1.	1799. 5. 3.	15590. 11. 1.
Arrears	1714. 8. 8½.	697. 2. 9.	289. 3. 3.	2700. 14. 8½.
TOTALS	£11972. 16. 5½.	4230. 0. 10.	2088. 8. 6.	18291. 5. 9½.

COLLECTION

Collected	£9413. 0. 0.	3321. 19. 1.	1673. 15. 4.	14408. 14. 5.
Discount	112. 17. 9.	45. 4. 4.	22. 11.10.	180. 13. 11.
Arrears	2446. 18. 8½.	862. 17. 5.	392. 1. 4.	3701. 17. 5½.
TOTALS	£11972. 16. 5½.	4230. 0. 10.	2088. 8. 6.	18291. 5. 9½.

The Collector's Accounts on Form 53 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 1942-43 WARRANT
Borough	£796. 13. 7.	£1650. 5. 1½.
Co. Cess	261. 12. 5.	601. 5. 0.
Water	129. 16. 4.	262. 5. 0.
TOTALS	£1188. 2. 4.	£2513. 15. 1½.

The Accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate were then taken up.
The Total of his Warrant (including £2713. 17. 6½. Arrears)
amounted to ---------- £12972. 3. 4½.
Of this he collected and lodged £9532. 3. 6.
He allowed Discount of ---------- 131. 6. 3.
Leaving outstanding at 31st March last 3308. 13. 7½. £12972. 3. 4½.

The Special Rates Committee had also examined Mr. O'Leary's list of outstanding Rates on Form 53, and recommended that £1086. 1. 5. be written off as irrecoverable, and that £2222. 12. 2½. be carried into the Warrant for 1942-43. Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the

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recommendations of the Special Rates Committee and complimented the Rate Collectors on their work during the year. Councillor Connolly seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT - BORO' ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st March last showed that he had examined four samples each of milk, butter, and buttermilk; two of pudding, and one each of dripping, sausage, malt coffey, marmalade, vinegar, flour, oatmeal, cheese, apple and strawberry jam, and raspberry jam. The total number of articles analysed during the quarter was 24, and all the samples had been found genuine. This report was considered satisfactory.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The next business was to execute an agreement with the Irish Tourist Association providing for a contribution to the funds of the Association by the Corporation in the year ending 31st March, 1943. Councillor Sinnott moved that the agreement be signed on the part of the Corporation and Councillor Gaul seconded.
Alderman Coffey, however, objected to the payment of this contribution and suggested that it would be much more beneficial to give it to a local charity. On the motion being put to the meeting that the agreement be signed it was adopted, but with Alderman Coffey dissenting.

HOUSING TENDER

The next business was a motion that the Tender of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, of Harcourt Road, Dublin, for the erection of five houses at Green Street be rescinded. Councillor Byrne moved this resolution which was seconded by Councillor Hayes.
It was explained to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had considered the price quoted by Messrs. Kenny & Sons far too high having regard to the price which they had quoted for the 34 similar houses now near completion, and, had refused to sanction the acceptance of the tender. The Housing Committee had, therefore, decided to have the houses erected by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor with Mr. Thomas J. Millar as Clerk of Works, and the Borough Surveyor's estimate for this work had been submitted to the Department who now intimated that they were prepared to approve of the erection of the houses by direct labour.
The motion to rescind the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the following Estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the erection of houses by direct labour was submitted:-

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D.

DIRECT MANAGEMENT.

Housing Scheme at Green Street.

FORM OF ESTIMATE.

To Wexford Corporation.

I, Patrick K. McNally, the undersigned, hereby propose and agree to build Five houses, as specified hereunder and to execute the works specified in the plans and specification in accordance with the Conditions of Contract for the total amount of estimate as set out below, subject to conditions and amendments as set out on back hereof.

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BUILDING:

Concrete Block walling, Steel Sashes, A.C. Slated Roof.

No. 1 Single House of Plan G.1. @ £390. 0. 0.	£ 390. 0. 0.
No. 2 Double Houses of Plan G.1. @ 760. 0. 0.	1520. 0. 0.
House Drains ----------	85. 0. 0.
Garden Paths ----------	8. 0. 0.
Fencing ----------	Nil
TOTAL for Building --	£2003. 0. 0.

DEVELOPMENT:

Front boundary fencing and gates --	£50. 0. 0.	
Water Services ----------	50. 0. 0.	
Extra for additional excavation, filling and underbuilding to bring houses to required level ---------	50. 0. 0.	
TOTAL for Development --		£ 150. 0. 0.
TOTAL Amoutn of Estimate --		£2153. 0. 0.

I propose to carry out the work within a period of Five Months.

ALTERNATIVES:

For Mass Concrete Walling[x] Nil per house will be £. Nil.

For Asbestos Cement Slating[x] " " " " Included above

For Steel Sashes[x] " " " " do.

[x] State whether extra or credit.

Signed Patrick Kieran McNally,

Address. Borough Surveyor, Town Hall, Wexford.

Dated this Twenty-Seventh day of April, 1942.

See overleaf for Conditions, Etc.

I hereby agree to carry out the erection of the five houses at Green Street, as set out on the Estimate overleaf under a Direct Management Scheme on the following conditions:-

1. I shall have full powers as Agent for the Corporation in all matters concerning the employment and control of all classes of labour working on the scheme. I shall have full powers to deal with the various Trades Union Officials in all matters concerning the men employed, with the exception of any action in regard to wage increases.

2. Any question arising out of the suitability or otherwise of men employed on the Scheme shall be left solely in my hands.

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3. Mr. T. J. Millar shall act as Clerk of Works and General Foreman on the Scheme; he shall be responsible to me for the correct setting out of the Scheme, check all materials, Time Sheets, etc.; in fact carry out all the duties of a Contractor's Agent and Supervisor. His wages are a matter for the Corporation and are not included in my estimate.

4. My estimate is based on the quotation received from The Wexford Timber Company, Ltd., and on the present price of sand and gravel in Wexford which is 6/6d per ton (of 21 cu. ft.). The rejection of unsuitable or faulty materials is solely my responsibility, and my decision in all such cases shall be final and conclusive.

5. A full and detailed account shall be kept of all extra cost involved due to rising costs of materials subsequent to 21st March, 1942, and same will be shown as an extra to the estimate submitted overleaf. Similarily, any order or resolution made by the Corporation with reference to the carrying out of the scheme, which in my opinion, has caused an extra cost on the scheme, will be shown in the final costing of the scheme, and I cannot hold myself liable for such increases in cost.

(SIGNED) P. K. McNally,

Borough Surveyor,

Town Hall, Wexford.

DATED this 27th day of April, 1942.

Councillor Connolly moved that the houses be erected by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor in accordance with the Estimate and Conditions set out above. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was also unanimously agreed to.
It was also decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the salary of Mr. Millar as Clerk of Works be fixed at £5. 15. 0. per week, which was the amount he was paid on previous Direct Labour Schemes.

LICENCES

Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were signed in respect of the Palace and Capitol Cinemas for the year 1942-43 on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

WASTE PAPER

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the collection of waste paper was under consideration, the following report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor, and it was left to the officials to make the necessary arrangements to collect any waste paper possible.

"I have gone into this matter of collecting waste paper and I find that the most economical way, in fact the only way in which it is feasible, for the Corporation Scavenging Staff to collect waste paper is by the provision of a suitable trailer for the Scavenging lorry. We have an easily converted trailer in the store which could be attached to the dustbin lorry and street to street collections could be made.

It would, however, be necessary to fully inform the people as to the collection and storage of waste paper so that same could be collected by the Scavenging Staff in proper condition and at stated times. Further some system could be devised whereby the

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staff would know at what times collections could be made, as it is not often that private householders would have quantities of waste paper, whereas business premises would require more frequent collections."

Councillor Sinnott referred to the recent Order curtailing newsprint so that newspapers would only have one sheet in future, and pointed out that this was going to have a serious effect on employment in the printing trade.
Members also pointed out that the daily papers were allowed two sheets per day whereas provincial newspapers were only allowed one sheet per week, and it was decided to request the Department of Supplies to leave the matter as it was at present, namely, that provincial newspapers be allowed to print two sheets.

Councillor Moran intimated that he would be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, it was decided that Councillor Connolly should represent the Corporation at this meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

4th May, 1942.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

HOUSE - ST. JOHN'S RD.

An application was submitted from Miss Anastatia Nolan of St. John's Road, Wexford, to be allowed to purchase her house on the Tenant-Purchase System.
It was explained to the meeting that in 1935 the Corporation had agreed, at the request of the tenants to sell to them on the Tenant-purchase System 10 bungalows situate at St. John's Road, and eight of the tenants had taken advantage of this decision.
Miss Nolan who was the occupier of the house since it was erected now wished to avail of this Tenant-Purchase System, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Connolly that the Corporation sell her the house on this system and on the same terms and conditions as they were sold to the other occupiers; the Purchase Price dating from 1st October, 1931, when Miss Nolan went into possession of the dwelling, and the monies paid by her as weekly rent since that date to be regarded as payment on foot of the Tenant Purchase.

TRANSFER

An application was submitted from James G. Byrne, Esq., Solicitor, requesting the consent of the Corporation to the transfer of the house at St. Ibar's Villas occupied by Mr. Denis O'Leary to Mr. Patrick Meyler, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to agree to the transfer.
In this connection it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to say if it would be possible to put a clause into future Tenant Purchase Agreements providing that houses sold on the Tenant-Purchase System could not be disposed of except to a person who was bona fide and intending to occupy it himself. The reason for this was that on a couple of occasions recently Tenant-Purchase houses which had come into the market had been purchased by private speculators, and the members did not think it right that houses provided by a Local Authority

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and in some instances subsidised by the State, and local ratepayers, should be available for profit making.

The Town Clerk was also requested to examine and report on the Insurance question of these houses.

LICENCES

Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act and under the Petroleum Acts were signed for Mr. John Joseph Fortune of Main Street, and Mr. Eugene McCarthy, White's Hotel.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS A/C.

The Town Clerk pointed out that there was a sum of £192. 10. 0. due by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners on foot of an agreement entered into for the maintenance and lighting of the streets leading to the Quays by the Corporation, and he submitted a letter from the Commissioners intimating that they had no funds available at the present time to meet this account, and it was decided to again write to them on the matter.

BATHING PLACE

Three applications were submitted for the post of Caretaker of the Bathing Place. They were from: Laurence O'Connor, Keyser's Lane, Thomas Potts, 37, Antelope Road, and James Murphy, 4 Barrack Street. The Mayor moved that Laurence O'Connor be appointed. Councillor Hayes seconded. Alderman Coffey proposed that Murphy be appointed. Councillor Byrne seconded. On a show of hands six voted for Murphy and five for O'Connor. The former was declared elected.

GRAVEYARDS

It was decided to clean and limewash the graveyards inside the Borough.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been served on the owner of a house at Distillery Road under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and a letter was read from the Agent, Mr. T. J. O'Brien, requesting the Corporation to state what repairs were necessary and intimating that the owner was prepared to carry out reasonable repairs to put the house in a condition fit for human habitation.

REPORTS

Reports were also submitted from the Sanitary Inspector regarding the condition of two houses at Barrack Street occupied by Patrick Keelan, and Thomas Howlin, and it was decided to obtain reports from Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, on these.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

The Town Clerk further reported that no representations had been made in reply to a notice served under the Housing Act regarding the condition of a house at the Faythe occupied by Patrick Barry, but consideration of this matter was adjourned.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked for a report on the condition of two houses at Faythe occupied by Miss Fanning and Miss Doyle..

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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 Councillors Crosbie, Hayes, Moran, Buckland, Connolly, and Sinnott.

The Town Clerk reported that he had served notice on William O'Connor, who was the occupier of a house at Patrick Square condemned as unfit for human habitation, requesting him to vacate the house in accordance with the terms of the Order and offering him the occupancy of one of the houses at Devereux Villas. He now read a letter from O'Connor refusing to take the house allocated to him and requesting to be allocated a house on the front of Green Street. Various opinions were expressed by members on O'Connor's request and the Mayor proposed that the meeting do not agree to any change in the allocation. Councillor Connolly seconded this motion, and on a show of hands three voted for and five against it, but as notice of motion to rescind the resolution was given by Councillor Hayes the letter was adjourned until next meeting.

GREEN ST. HOUSES

As regards the decision of the Corporation on this evening to erect five houses by Direct Labour, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to proceed immediately with this work.

REPORT

A lengthy report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor regarding the cost of repairs to Artisans Dwellings during the past year and analysed the amount of money spent on the various types of labour and materials. From this it was seen that the amount allocated for the coming year would only be sufficient to keep the houses in reasonable repair and that no external work such as painting could be done. The meeting decided that they should have a monthly report on the expenditure of Artizans Dwellings, and if at the end of the year it was seen that it was at all possible to have any painting work done that it could be carried out. The question of a Committee to inspect the Artisans Dwellings was adjourned.

A letter was read from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, recommending a woman named Mrs. Mary Swan for a new house, but it was pointed out that this lady had been given a house some time ago by the Corporation for which she had subsequently surrendered and was now residing in a Corporation house as a lodger which had been provided for the rehousing of slum dwellers, and it was decided to inform the doctor that as she was not living in a house condemned as unfit for human habitation the Corporation had no house which they could give her.

TRANSFER

An application from Bridget Ryan of Wolfe Tone Villas for a transfer to the house at Davitt Road was refused.

With reference to a decision some time ago to amend the bye-laws dealing with houses let in separate tenements the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 1st instant pointed out that a bye-law must be certain in its application and the proposed amendment was open to objection on the ground that it made the application of the bye-law depend upon the opinion of an officer of the Corporation as to what constituted overcrowding. Consideration of this matter was adjourned to enable the Mayor and Town Clerk to draft a reply for submission to the next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman R. Corish T.D. mayor

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey.

Councillors: Gaul, Crosbie, McGuire, Byrne, McMahon, Moran, Sinnott, Connolly, and Hayes.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

As requested at last meeting the Clerk of Works for the Waterworks Scheme was in attendance and gave an account to the meeting of the work which had been completed up to date. He also stated that a large quantity of pipes for Town work were held up awaiting transport in Waterford, and the Mayor undertook to see the Railway Co. in this connection if the necessary particulars were given to him, which the Clerk of Works did.

WATER SUPPLY

In this connection reference was made to the fact that the level of the water in the Resevoir was dropping, and it was decided to curtail the supply to the Town between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Turncock was also to be instructed to examine all public buildings in the Town such as Schools, etc. where automatic flush cisterns were installed and to adjust them so that the minimum flush necessary would only be available.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to have meters placed on the cinemas and other places of public entertainment in the Town.

Councillor Moran referred to the condition of the Stonebridge River and the Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the question of having it cleaned up.
The Sanitary Inspector was also to be instructed to try and catch persons who were dumping rubbish in the stream.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was submitted from the Medical Officer of Health to the effect that he considered the house at Wygram Place occupied by Patrick Roberts as unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner under the Housing Act, 1931, fixing a time and place for the receipt of any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house.

REPORT - BORO' SURVEYOR

The Borough Surveyor made a report on the Fire-fighting appliances installed in the Town Hall and other buildings under the control of the Corporation, and pointed out that the fire extinguishers at the Town Hall were a very bad type and when recently tested did not operate properly. He, therefore, recommended that six extinguishers be purchased for the Town Hall together with refills for other extinguishers at a cost of £34. 13. 0., and it was unanimously decided to purchase them.

BOND

The Town Clerk reported that the bond of Mr. Robert Coffey, Pawnbroker, had lapsed owing to the death of two of his sureties, and Mr. Coffey now

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submitted the names of Mr. Nicholas Lambert, Anne Street, Mr. William Corcoran, Riversfield, and Mr. Raymond E. Corish, Auctioneer, all of Wexford, as sureties for Mr. Coffey under the Pawnbrokers' Act, 1786. These sureties were approved on behalf of the Corporation.
The Town Clerk also reported that Mr. Patrick Kelly of Cornmarket also proposed to set up business as a Pawnbroker, and submitted for sureties Mr. John Fane, North Main Street, Mr. Con Macken, Bull Ring, and Mr. P. Kirke, Great Southern Railways, These three names were also approved as sureties on behalf of the Corporation.

DEPUTATION

Reference was made to the gas rationing in the Town, and it was decided to request the Directors of the Gas Company to be so good as to meet a deputation from the Corporation consisting of the Mayor, with Councillors Byrne and Hayes to discuss the present situation and see if anything could be done to alleviate the hardship under which the public were suffering.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the Secretary, Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, enclosing copy of a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health fixing travelling allowances for members and officials attending meetings of the Association. Where members had to stop out over night covering a period of 24 hours a sum of £1 was to be allowed, and where absence did not include a night a reasonable day allowance not exceeding 7/- could be paid. For officials of the Corporation a night allowance would be 15/- and a day allowance not exceeding 1/3rd of the night allowance. The allowance was plus First Class Return Rail Fare or cost of bus or other means of locomotion. The members considered the scale for a day allowance as absolutely ridiculous and those members who were on the Executive Committee of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities intimated that the Association had not accepted the scale laid down by the Minister.
A resolution from the Association regarding the existence of rate between County and Urban Councils was referred to the next Corporation meeting.

HOUSES - HILL ST.

Reports were to be asked for regarding some houses at the top of Hill Street which it was stated were unfit for human habitation.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of property at Keyser's Lane, and it was decided to write to the owners pointing out that they had not yet put these derelict sites into safe condition and asking if they would be prepared to dispose of it to the Corporation.

It was decided to issue a circular to the tenants of Artisans Dwellings that the Corporation would no longer repair locks broken or supply keys for locks which were lost by the tenants.

ARREARS

The following arrears of rents of Artisans Dwellings which it was considered were irrecoverable were decided to be written off on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul:-

M. Devereux.....£55. 0. 6.

Thos. Dalton..... 9. 6.

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C/F.	£55.	10.	0.
R. McDonald ----------		4.	6.
Thos. Sinnott ----------		16.	6.
S. Maloney ----------		14.	10.
J. Brennan ----------		14.	3
Mgt. Kehoe ----------		3.11.	8
P. Curran ------ ----------		1.15.	6
J. Finn ----------		4.	1.
M. Connolly ----------		1.17.	2.
P. Reddy ----------		1.	6.
P. Barnes ----------		1.	6.
T. Keating ----------		4.	0.
R. Breen ----------		1.	1.
	£65.	16.	9.

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 Councillors Crosbie, Sinnott, Hayes, Byrne, Moran, Connolly.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to change allocation of house at Devereux Villas for William O'Connor, Patrick Square, and when Councillor Hayes had given notice that he would move the rescission of the resolution, Councillor Hayes now intimated that having considered the circumstances of O'Connor's case he did not intend to move the rescission of the resolution, so it was decided to allocate a house to O'Connor nearer the road.

With reference to a decision to erect 4 houses at Green Street by direct labour, the Town Clerk reported that the Compulsory Purchase Order was now operative, and it would be necessary to arrange for the compensation to be payable to the owners. Before the Order had been made prices had been agreed to at a total basis of £190, and the meeting now decided to make offers as follows in respect of this property, subject to the approval of the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, namely,:-

Philip Hall, Carrigeen Street.	£40.	0.	0.
James Browne, Green Street....	50.	0.	0.
Edward Hall, Whiterock View...	18.	0.	0.
James Browne, Bishopswater....	82.	0.	0.

Attention was also directed to the fact that some time ago the Committee had agreed that portion of this land should be given to the Christian Brothers in order to enable them to square up the ground adjoining their New Schools provided they erected a wall around the property to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and it was now decided to recommend

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the Corporation to grant this small piece of ground to the Christian Brothers on condition that they erected a wall to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

GREEN ST. HOUSES

The Borough Surveyor made a report on the taking over of the balance of the Green Street houses and stated that apart from minor defects which were being attended to the houses were finished to his satisfaction. Members of the Committee decided to make an inspection of the houses on Friday next the 15th instant at 3.0. p.m.
It was stated that three of the persons who had been transferred from Green Street had decided to avail of the agreement by the Committee that they should be allowed to go back to the front of ~~the~~ Green Street as soon as the houses there were completed. These were Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Kehoe, and Richard Breen, and it was decided that they should be given the houses they required in the area from which they had been removed. It was also decided that the two persons named Carty and Whelan residing at Paradise Rowe should be ordered to transfer to the Green Street houses without any further delay.

Richard Corish TD
mayor

A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

The Mayor with Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Byrne, and Sinnott.

The members had been supplied with a copy of the report made by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence previous to the meeting, but as it was now practically 10.p.m. they thought it was not possible to consider it in detail at the present meeting and adjourned it to a further meeting.
A letter was also read from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence under date of the 31st March, No. A.R.P./1529, on the subject of Food and Rest Centres, and this letter was also adjourned for further consideration.
In connection with the report of the Parliamentary Secretary it was pointed out by the Mayor that when the Parliamentary Secretary was here in February last he had promised to send an A.R.P. Officer to Wexford within a few weeks of that date, but up to the present nothing further had been heard on the subject. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he wished to be relieved of his duties as Chief A.R.P. Officer to the Town, and pointed out that since 1939 he had been engaged on the work of organising and administering the scheme and at no time had he felt that he was in a position to devote sufficient time to properly organise and administer the service. He also pointed out that on a couple of previous occasions he had asked to be relieved of these duties. He stated that since 1939 practically all the A.R.P. work had been done outside of his normal working hours and the result had been a considerable strain on his health. He now felt that he could no longer stand this physical strain and intimated to the Committee that he could not accept further responsibility for the organisation and administration of the scheme unless he was given sufficient assistance to enable the work to be carried out within reasonable hours. The Committee thoroughly agreed that it was most unfair to expect the Town Clerk to be responsible for the organisation and administration of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in addition to his normal duties as Town Clerk, and directed him to place the facts before the Parliamentary Secretary and request him to send the promised A.R.P. Officer to Wexford as soon as possible.
The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish TD
mayor

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey.

Councillors. Moran, Crosbie, Sinnott, Hayes, Atkins, Connolly, Gaul, McMahon and Byrne.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Byrne and his wife on the death of their child. Councillor Hayes seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present.
The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Father Cummins. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and all the members associated themselves with it. Councillor Byrne proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Hanrahan. This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and the three votes of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

VACANT HOUSE

The first business was to select a tenant for a house vacant at Davitt Road, South. Fifteen applications were submitted for the tenancy, and on a poll being taken there voted for:-

Patrick Doyle, John Street,- Councillors McMahon, Atkins, Moran and the Mayor. (4).

Gerard Barnes, 5, William St.- Councillors Connolly, Hayes and Sinnott.(3).

Arthur Clarke, Main Street,- Councillor Byrne. (1).

Agnes Redmond, St. Ibar's Villas,- Councillor Gaul. (1).

Patrick Busher, Gibson Street, - Councillor Crosbie. (1).

Patrick Furlong, Rose Rock Terrace, - Alderman Coffey. (1).

It was seen that no member had a clear majority, and those members who voted for Messrs. Clarke, Busher, Furlong, and Mrs. Redmond transferred their votes as follows as between Doyle and Barnes.
Councillor Byrne transferred his vote to Doyle giving him 5 votes, and Councillors Gaul, Crosbie, and Alderman Coffey transferred to Barnes giving him 6 votes and a majority of the members present. Barnes was accordingly, declared the tenant.

RE VACANCIES ON COUNCIL

The next business was to fill 11 seats on the Council declared vacant on the 13th April last. The first seat taken was that formerly held by Michael Flusk in St. Iberius Ward, and on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins, Mr. Kevin Morris, Carrigeen Street, was selected to fill this vacancy. For the vacant seat formerly held by Thomas Walsh in St. Iberius Ward Mr. Garrett Donohue, of King Street, was selected on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by the Mayor. At the request of Councillor Moran the filling of the seat formerly held by Thomas Dunne in St. Iberius Ward was adjourned until the June Statutory Meeting. For the seat formerly held by Timothy Cashman in St. Iberius

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Ward Mr. Thomas Roche of Talbot Street was selected on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.
The filling of the seat in St. Mary's Ward formerly held by the late James Billington was also adjourned until the June Statutory Meeting at the request of Alderman Coffey. For the seat in St. Mary's Ward formerly held by the late James McMahon Mr. Joseph Walsh of Faythe was selected, on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Byrne. For the seat formerly held by Michael Martin in St. Mary's Ward it was stated that Mr. Martin was willing to resume his membership of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Gaul, Mr. Ml. Martin, Faythe, was selected for this seat. For the seat in St. Mary's Ward formerly held by the late James Murphy Mr. Francis Moran, South Main Street, was selected on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins.
For the seat in St. Selskar Ward formerly held by Mr. John Billington, Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Redmond Road, was selected on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Moran. For the seat in St. Selskar Ward formerly held by Patrick Hawkins Mr. Thomas Larkin, Fisher's Row, was selected on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne.
The filling of the seat in St. Selskar Ward formerly held by Patrick Tobin was adjourned until the June Statutory Meeting at the request of the Mayor.
It was now seen that eight of the vacant seats had been filled and that three remained to be filled at the June meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Curtis T.D.
Mayor

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

With reference to a previous decision appointing a deputation to meet the Directors of the Wexford Gas Company to discuss the position regarding the gas supply to the Town, the Town Clerk reported that the Directors were unable to meet on Friday last as suggested, but they were willing to meet the deputation at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday the 19th instant at 8. 0.p.m.
The Town Clerk also intimated to the meeting that Councillor Hayes, who was a member of this deputation, would be unable to attend owing to illness, and Councillor Connolly was appointed in his place.

SCHOOL MEALS

The Town Clerk reminded the members that towards the end of last year they had agreed with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the boys of St. Bridget's National School attending the Penny Dinner Centre for a midday meal, the pennies to be provided from the School Meals Account. He now reported that the Penny Dinner Centre had closed down for alterations and owing to the rationing of gas it was impossible for the schools to provide hot cocoa each day, and accordingly he had arranged for the supply of new milk to the school for the present. The meeting considered that this was an excellent arrangement and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the action of the Town Clerk was unanimously approved of.

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LORRY ACCIDENT.

The Town Clerk reported that on the 5th instant the Lorry Driver had an accident at Menapia Avenue when he backed into a Ford "8" the property of Mr. John Kavanagh of the Wexford Motor Company and damaged the body of the car. It was estimated that it would cost approximately £3 to make good the damage and the Town Clerk suggested that if it could be done for this sum that it would not be advisable to make a claim on the Insurance Company as the loss on the No Claims Bonus would amount to £4 - 10 - 0. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Town Clerk to dispose of the matter in the best way possible.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Rent Collector Roche reported that the sum of £22. 13. 6. arrears of rent was due on the house at Cornmarket in the occupation of Thomas Harpur. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that this property was leased by the Corporation on the 3rd March, 1794, for a period of 999 years at a yearly rent of £2. 12. 0. late Irish Currency and that the present rent was £2. 8. 0. per annum. The meeting directed that the Town Clerk request the Corporation Solicitor to write to Harpur and inform him that unless satisfactory arrangements for the payment of arrears was made that possession of the dwelling would be sought.

REPORT - BORO' SURVEYOR

The Borough Surveyor's report regarding the condition of the Stonebridge River was adjourned to permit of a further examination by Mr. McNally of the best means of cleaning it.

An application for a refund of rates from Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien on premises at Bride Street which were vacant was adjourned.

The Rent Collector reported on a number of tenants for keeping their houses in a dirty condition and this was referred to the Sanitary Inspector. This matter also gave rise to a discussion regarding lice which it was stated were being brought into this country by persons working in camps, and the Town Clerk was asked to take this matter up with the County Medical Officer of Health and see if an examination of these people were made at the port of entry into Eire; if not, he could take the matter up with the Local Government Department.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A report was submitted from the Rent Collectors on a number of houses from which ranges had been removed and other types of fireplaces substituted. In some cases the ranges had been returned to the Corporation, in others they were still in the possession of the tenant, and in still more the ranges had been sold. It was decided that the ranges still in the possession of the tenants should be collected by the Corporation and that the tenants who had sold the ranges should be asked for an explanation on this matter.
The Rent Collectors were also to be instructed to inspect all houses and see if any part of the Corporation property had been damaged or removed.

REPORT - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A report from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that there was an open drain at the rear of two houses at Selskar Street and that neither of the houses were provided with sanitary conveniences was submitted, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring the provision of a W.C. and a properly constructed drain.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of April showed that he had inspected 146 cattle, 437 sheep and 44 swine. Of the cattle, one

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partial carcase to the extent of 2 cwts. and 25 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 41 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 55 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis and of the swine, one head was destroyed for tuberculosis.

HOUSE - CORNMARKET

The Town Clerk reported that in February last he had served notice on the owner of a house at Cornmarket occupied by Edward Doyle requiring repairs to be carried out to the roof and the windows. Up to the present nothing had been done and he was directed to write to the owner and point out that in the opinion of the Corporation this was a comparatively good house and that the repairs needed would not cost a lot of money, and urge on her that she should carry out the work immediately, otherwise the Corporation would be obliged to do it themselves and proceed against her for the cost.
The meeting then terminated.

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 Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Atkins, Connolly, Byrne, Sinnott and Hayes.

In connection with the proposal to transfer certain tenants from other Corporation houses to the houses at present being constructed at Green Street, the Mayor reported that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had informed him that they were prepared to agree to the transfer of three of these persons, namely, Mrs. Kealty, Cullen and Rossiter, although the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received any official communication from the Department regarding this matter, but had received a letter requesting further information regarding the remaining three persons proposed to be transferred. The meeting decided that in view of the assurance given by the Mayor to transfer these people forthwith.
The meeting thereupon allocated houses to the various people in condemned houses and to the transferees.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish T.D.
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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Robert Coffey.

Councillors James Crosbie, James Gaul, Garrett Donohue, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Larkin, Thomas Buckland, Joseph Walsh, Robert Moran, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Sinnott, Frank Moran, and Thomas J. O'Brien.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of the Corporation on 4th and 18th ultimo; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on the 4th, 11th and 18th ultimo; Housing Committee on the 4th, 11th and 18th ultimo; Air Raid Precautions Committee on the 11th ultimo.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1623. 10. 11. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.
Arising out of the Accounts Alderman Coffey inquired how much it took to keep Artisans Dwellings in repair for the year, and the Town Clerk replied that it cost between £800 and £900. The Alderman said it was very important that the property should be maintained and the Town Clerk informed him that the Housing Committee were considering the question of painting. Alderman Coffey asked if the lorry was not working and if anything was the matter with it, but he was informed that there was nothing the matter with it and that the lorry was working on the present day, it had been held up for a day or so due to shortage of petrol.
Alderman Coffey also referred to an item of £110 for haulage of sand, and asked if it included the cost of the sand. The Town Clerk replied that it only referred to the haulage of the sand from a pit which was five miles from the Town. The Borough Surveyor informed the meeting that he had made up the cost per ton which amounted to approximately 6/6d., but that would gradually be reduced as they got out more gravel, and he expected to be able to deliver it on the various sites at less than 6/- per ton.
Alderman Coffey also asked how often the Town Sergeant was supplied with an overcoat and was informed that the last coat was supplied in November, and it was usual to supply one every two years. The Alderman also asked if a lot of ranges had disappeared, and the Town Clerk replied that that was not so. Some tenants had taken out ranges and replaced them by fireplaces, a number of ranges had been returned to the Corporation, and the tenants who did not return their ranges had been written to for an explanation. In a further reply to Alderman Coffey the Town Clerk stated that the arrears of rents had been reduced by £60 in the twelve months ended March last, and as regards the reduction of £70 in the Estimate of subsidy to be received under the Housing Act, 1932, the Town Clerk informed the Alderman that it was merely an estimate, and he could not say what the actual position would be until he got figures from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to what subsidy was being withheld as a result of the Inquiry held into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation.

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Alderman Coffey further asked if any steps had been taken to adjust the rents of Artisans Dwellings in accordance with recommendations made from /and time to time by Local Government Auditors, and the Town Clerk, informed him that no steps had been taken to carry out these recommendations.
Councillor Connolly asked how much money did the Department of Defence owe the Corporation for Air Raid Precautions expenditure already incurred. The Town Clerk replied that it would be very difficult to answer that question off-hand but the Department had paid him about £12,00 or £1500 at the end of last year, and that the Department would eventually pay 60% of approved expenditure. Councillor Connolly asked was it not a fact that the Corporation were paying interest on an overdraft in order to meet Air Raid Precautions expenditure and thought that the Department should pay a proportion of the interest, but the Town Clerk replied that he did not believe that the Dept. of Defence would pay any portion of overdraft interest.
Councillor Connolly and other members thought that it was very unfair to have the ratepayers paying for money due by the Department and steps should be taken to have the matter remedied. It was decided to make representations to the Department in the matter.
Arising out of an item in the Accounts of £71. 14. 4. payable to the Department of Defence for Fire hose the Town Clerk in reply to a query stated that for the past few years he had been looking round the market to purchase any fire hose he could and had been able to purchase some at a cost of approximately 4/- per foot. A couple of weeks ago the Department of Defence had informed him that they had a certain amount of fire hose available and asked him if he would be prepared to purchase them. In order to make the Fire Brigade as efficient as possible he had agreed to purchase 600 foot and the cost would be approximately the sum mentioned above.
The action of the Town Clerk in purchasing this fire hose was approved.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Hawkins, a former member of the Council, on the death of his mother-in-law. Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Councillor Byrne, Mr. William Hanrahan and Mrs. O'Connor.
An acknowledgment was also read from the Minister for Agriculture of the resolution adopted by the Corporation regarding the price of butter.
A lengthy letter was also read from the Minister for Supplies relative to the representations made by the Corporation on the subject of the use of newsprint for Provincial Newspapers, and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had sent a copy of it to the Proprietors of the two Newspapers in Wexford.

RATES

The first business was to formally make Rates for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1943, as agreed to on the 30th March last, and the following four Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

1. "On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that a Borough Rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Eight Shillings and Twopence for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessible 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 the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1943, as considered and adopted on the 30th March, 1942."

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2. "On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor McMahon that an assessment of Three Shillings in the Pound be made in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1943, 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 30th March, 1942."

3. "On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Moran, that an assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound, viz:- A Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence and a Public Water Rate o f Eightpence on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1943, 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 30th March, 1942."

4. "On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound for the services of the year ending 31st March, 1943, be made on the net assessible valuation of property within the Borough of Wexford as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 30th March, 1942."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing Rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Buckland the necessary Warrants authorising the collection of the Town and Poor Rates together with arrears of previous years' Rates carried forward was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

VACANT SEATS

With reference to minutes of the 18th ultimo when the filling of three vacant seats on the Council was adjourned until the present meeting, Alderman Coffey moved that Mr. James Browne, of Bishopswater, be selected to fill the vacant seat caused by the death of the late James Billington. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to, and the filling of the seats formerly held by Thomas Dunne and Patrick Tobin was further adjourned.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Under date of the 26th ultimo by letter No. L.20545/41 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that he had had under consideration applications made to him to inquire into and decide upon the lawfullness of the reasons stated by the Auditor/at the audit of the Accounts of the Corporation of Wexford for the period ended 31st March, 1940, surcharges amounting to £6. 9. 0. in respect of expenditure on recoupment of expenses incurred by members and officers of the Corporation in travelling to Dublin on official business. The Minister stated an allowance of 15/- per day when not absent from home overnight was regarded as excessive. In future the scale of subsistence allowance laid down in the letter (copy enclosed) issued to the Association of Municipal Authorities should not be exceeded, and on this understanding the Minister had directed the remission of the surcharges.
The scale of subsidies referred to was:- For members of the Corporation a night allowance (covering 24 hrs) £1; where absence did not include a night a reasonable day allowance not exceeding 7/- could be paid.
For Officers of Local Authorities a night allowance (covering 24 hrs) 15/-; where absence did not include a night a reasonable day allowance not exceeding one-third of the night allowance could be paid.

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AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS OFFICER

The next business was to appoint in accordance with a recommendation from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence Mr. Patrick McGuinness, at present Air Raid Precautions Officer for the Borough of Drogheda as Air Raid Precautions Officer for the Borough of Wexford at a salary of £385 per annum.
In this connection the Mayor stated that when the Parliamentary Secretary and his staff were in Wexford some time ago to discuss the question of the Air Raid Precautions Organisation with the Officials of the Corporation and himself (Mayor) the Parliamentary Secretary thought that more could be done if a wholetime officer were appointed for some time. Mr. McGuinness he stated had been in a similar position with Drogheda Corporation for some time and the Drogheda Corporation thought very hard of parting with him. 60% of his salary would be paid by the Department of Defence.
Councillor Moran moved that Mr. McGuinness be appointed and Councillor Morris seconded. In reply to Councillor O'Brien the Mayor stated that Mr. McGuiness would be in Wexford until the Minister was satisfied that the Air Raid Precautions Organisation was on a proper footing. Councillor Byrne stated he believed that the Air Raid Precautions Services should be entirely a state charge and no portion of the expenditure should be charged to the local ratepayers who are already paying too much, and as well, he did not see why a local man could not be appointed. Councillor Sinnott stated that the Town Clerk had carried out this work for some years past for which he had got no recompense: he had not even been recouped his out-of-pocket expenses. The Mayor explained to the meeting ~~that~~ the position was an Act of Parliament laid down that the Corporation were responsible for the organisation of the Air Raid Precautions Service and that they should contribute 40% of its cost. If the Corporation did not organise the Air Raid Precautions Service properly the Department of Defence had authority to come in and scrap the Corporation completely.
The motion to appoint Mr. McGuinness was unanimously adopted.
In this connection the Mayor stated that he thought further representations should be made to the Department to remunerate the Town Clerk for his past services in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. He had worked night and day since the Scheme was initiated and he was personally aware that the greater part of his A.R.P. duties had been carried out outside normal working hours and the entire matter had been a considerable strain on him. The Air Raid Precautions Committee had last year proposed to the Parliamentary Secretary that the Town Clerk should be remunerated at the rate of £150 per annum with effect as from the 1st January, 1941, and he now proposed that the Parliamentary Secretary be asked to agree to this suggestion. Councillor Sinnott seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to.
The Mayor also mentioned in reply to a query that Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey in the Town Clerk's Office had also given an amount of service in connection with Air Raid Precautions and he was sure that if the proposal to remunerate the Town Clerk was approved of that he would not forget his staff.

DEED OF MORTGAGE

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for a loan of £1320 for the purpose of meeting liabilities in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following resolution as submitted by the Bank's Solicitor was unanimously adopted:-

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"AT a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 1st day of June, 1942, It was resolved - That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 27th April 1942 the Corporation do borrow from The National Bank Ltd. the sum of £1320 for the purpose of meeting liabilities in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme for the Borough to be repaid to the Bank within the period of 10 years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith 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 AND that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities regarding the financial arrangements between County and Urban Councils was submitted:-

"That we approve of the Resolution adopted at Meeting "of the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal "Authorities held in Dublin on the 16th, 17th and 18th September "last and we hereby request the Minister to give effect to this "Resolution, as follows:-

"(1) "That the County Demand on Urban Councils be made on "the proportion the County Valuation effective for rating bears "to the Urban Valuation effective for rating in the previous "financial year.

"(2) "That the amount of Rebates and Irrecoverable Poor Rates "written off be deducted from the first payment of County Demand "in the ensuing year, or, alternatively,

"(3) "That the County Council levy and collect the Poor Rate "direct over the whole county, including the Urban Districts "and Towns not Urban Districts."

The Mayor said that the Poor Rates were levied on the Gross Valuation of a Borough irrespective of whether houses were inhabited and they considered that unfair. Urban Councils he stated were merely collectors for the County Council, but when arrears were due there were debates in reference to certain Towns owing money and one would think that the Corporation as a body owed it. In recent years certain legislation had been past by which ratepayers received a rebate of the rates payable on new buildings and although the Urban Authority was compelled to give this rebate they had to pay to the County Council on their Gross Valuation. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

LAND - GREEN ST.

The Housing Committee recommended that a piece of land at Green Street be demised free of charge to the Christian Brothers on condition that they erect the necessary wall around the site.
The Mayor stated it was part of the Green Street site that the Corporation had taken over. The way the wall was at present was very ugly in so far as view was concerned, and the Superior of the Christian Brothers had approached the Corporation asking if they would be prepared to give the piece of ground to ~~straight~~ up the front of their new Schools and they would build a wall. The wall he stated, would be rather expensive but in giving the ground he thought the Corporation should stipulate that the wall be built within a period of four months; by tradesmen, and to the

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satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the recommendation was unanimously approved of.

REPORT - M. O. H.

The Town Clerk submitted to the meeting the report of the Medical Officer on Form P. showing that there were 14 Vaccination defaulters in the Borough for the Quarter ended 31st March last, and asked if any action was to be taken. Alderman Coffey suggested that they be prosecuted, but as there was no seconder for Alderman Coffey's proposition no action was taken on the report.

MEMBER

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, Councillor McMahon was appointed a member of the Housing Committee.

GREEN ST. HOUSES

The Town Clerk stated he would be glad if the public would realise that the houses erected at Green Street were only for persons residing in condemned houses and not be coming to the offices day after day asking for Application Forms and for transfers. In so far as transfers were concerned it should be clearly understood that these would only be granted to persons who originally came out of condemned houses, and that persons living in Corporation houses at present who did not come from condemned areas would not be eligible for transfers.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Carroll TD
Mayor

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

BATHING PLACE

It was agreed that the Bathing Place should be opened on Monday the 8th instant.

BOND

The Town Clerk reported that owing to the death of Mr. Edward Carroll, of Bride Street, who was one of the sureties of Mr. John J. O'Leary, Poor Rate Collector, that he would require a new bond, and Mr. O'Leary now submitted the name of Mr. J. O'Leary, 80, Faythe, as surety to replace Mr. Carroll, and Mr. O'Leary, Faythe, was unanimously approved of.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Transport Union, requesting the Corporation to continue the payment of the cost of living bonus granted in 1940 in accordance with the upward scale of the cost of living index figure as they believed that their members were not covered by Emergency Powers Order No. 83. It was pointed out that the cost of living bonus was not covered by any of the Emergency Powers Order but by the Local Authorities (Cost of living) Act, 1940, and consequently the Corporation could not pay a higher bonus than was in operation at the 1st July, 1940. It was decided to inform the Transport Union accordingly.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the house at Distillery Road occupied by James Murphy and considered that nothing short of

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complete reconstruction would make the house fit for human habitation, and recommended that it be demolished.
The meeting decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

HOUSE - JOHN ST.

Reference was made to the condition of a house at John Street occupied by a family named Malone, and it was also decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in this case.

Councillor Moran referred to the condition of the outfall sewer at Maudlintown and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on it against next meeting.

REPORTS - SANITARY INSPECTOR

Reports were submitted from the Sanitary Inspector on the condition of two houses at the Faythe occupied by Sarah Doyle and Miss A. Fanning. The Inspector considered both houses unfit for human habitation but further action in the matter was adjourned.

ARREARS OF RENT

With reference to minutes of last meeting on the subject of rent due by a man named Harpur of Cornmarket a letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor stating that Harpur had informed him that he was going to work in England and would pay off the arrears by 10/- per week, and it was decided to adjourn this matter for a month to see what efforts were made by Harpur to discharge these arrears.

MILK BONUS

It was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie to pay the usual bonus of 5% on the cost of milk supplied for the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Scheme to the Town Clerk, Miss Lacey and Nurse Daly.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk submitted lengthy correspondence which had passed between himself, the Contractors and the Consulting Engineers for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme from the 16th ultimo to date. The correspondence was very voluminous,as a result of the number of points to be dealt with he stated that he had asked the Consulting Engineers, the Contractor's representative and the Clerk of Works to meet him on Friday next to discuss the matter and to dispose of any outstanding points. This was agreed to.

HOLIDAYS

The Town Sergeant applied for and was granted his usual holidays of two weeks.

TENDER

Only one tender was submitted for the supply of a uniform and boots for the Town Sergeant. Messrs. Healy & Collins who quoted four prices for a uniform at £5. 19. 6., £6. 7. 6., £6. 10. 0., and £6. 17. 0. The samples of the materials submitted were inspected by Alderman Coffey, who is in the trade, and he recommended the Corporation to purchase the uniform quoted at £6. 17. 0., and this was unanimously agreed to.

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For the supply of a pair of boots for the Town Sergeant Messrs. Healy & Collins quoted the sum of 16/- and as the Contractors on the Trade List only supplied in dozen lots it was agreed to purchase these boots from Messrs. Healy & Collins. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
It was also decided that for the summer months meetings of the Committee should only be held every two weeks.

R. Corish TD
mayor

1st June, 1942.

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 Councillors Crosbie, Buckland, Atkins, McMahon, Connolly, Byrne, Robert Moran and Sinnott.

The meeting examined the list of houses ready for occupation at Green Street and the tenants in condemned houses and allocated a certain number of them. Some of the persons in condemned houses were in very poor circumstances and the Committee adjourned filling the remainder of the dwellings until they could pay, if not, arrangements should be made to transfer persons in cheaper Corporation houses and make these houses available for the persons at present in the condemned houses.

With reference to the acquisition of land at Green Street for the erection of five houses there, Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, intimated that their client Mr. Edward Daly was not prepared to accept the Corporation offer of £18 for his interest in the land and that he required £25, but it was decided to inform Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, that the Corporation were not prepared to increase the offer already made.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
mayor

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

The members present being:-

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

Councillors Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Paul, James Crosbie, Thomas Larkin, Garrett Donohue, Thomas Roche, Thomas J. O'Brien, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, James Browne, and Francis Moran.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Under date of the 9th instant the Electricity Supply Board intimated that consumers had written to them urging that the present standard of street lighting in Wexford was not in keeping with the economy of electricity which the Board had declared to be necessary, and requested instructions to curtail the Wexford Public Lighting System to the greatest extent which the Corporation considered possible.
In this connection the Town Clerk recommended that all the public lights, with the exception of the pilot lights, should be discontinued for the summer months and that pilot lights should be lighting only from sunset until 1.a.m.

HOLIDAYS

The Sanitary Inspector applied for his annual holidays as from the 20th July next and nominated as his deputy Mr. Thomas Byrne, 99a Rathgar Road, Dublin, who was a qualified Sanitary Inspector. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, Mr. O'Loughlin was granted two weeks leave and Mr. Byrne appointed as deputy at the same remuneration as Mr. O'Loughlin received.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

With reference to previous discussions on the house at Distillery Road occupied by James Murphy and owned by Mr. B. Colfer, the Agent for the owner wrote that while the house did not conform to the standard which the Local Government Regulations laid down it would, in his opinion, be capable at a reasonable expenditure of being rendered habitable, and requested the Corporation to reconsider their decision in making a Demolition Order. After some discussion on this the following committee were appointed to inspect the house on Friday next the 18th instant at 7.0.p.m., namely, Councillors Byrne, Browne, Donohue, Roche, Connolly, and Larkin.

MEETING

It was pointed out that the annual meeting for the election of Mayor would be held on Tuesday the 30th instant, and it was unanimously decided to hold the July Statutory Meeting on the 30th June instead of on the first Monday in July.

HOUSE - WYGRAM PLACE

It was reported that notice had been served on the owner of a house at Wygram Place occupied by Patrick Roberts under the Housing Act, 1931. A letter was read from the Agent requesting the Corporation to adjourn this matter for a few weeks so that he might go into the case with the Solicitors for the estate. It was decided to adjourn the matter until next meeting.

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HOUSES - SELSKAR ST.

In connection with previous discussions on the question of the provision of sanitary accommodation for two houses at Selskar Street occupied by McCarthy and Murray and owned by Mrs. M. J. Connick, the Agent for the estate wrote that within the past twelve months he had cleared off a very extensive bill for rates and in addition he had recently provided proper sewerage, and regretted he had no further cash on hands to provide the W.C.'s.
At the request of Councillor O'Brien, who was the Agent for the Estate, it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to adjourn the matter for three months.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A report was read from Rent Collector Roche under date of the 2nd instant that the house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Gregory Browne was in a state of dilapidation and the windows smashed at front and rear. The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this report he had asked the Sanitary Inspector to inspectthe premises and he reported that the house was not being maintained in a satisfactory sanitary condition. In the course of his inspection on the 10th he found the W.C. basin fowled and in need of proper attention. In addition there was evidence of fowling in the yard caused, he understood, by the children not being trained in the use of the W.C. Externally, the house presented a very dilapidated appearance with broken uncurtained windows and an uncultivated garden. It was also pointed out that this was the second occasion on which it had been necessary to report this house for being in a filthy condition, and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should now seek possession of it.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of May showed that he had examined 115 cattle, 437 sheep and 39 swine. Of the cattle one partial carcase to the extent of 250 lbs weight, seven heads and 15 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis, while 39 organs were destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, 53 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis. Of the swine one head was destroyed for tuberculosis. This report was considered satisfactory.

RANGES

In connection with a recent complaint that ranges were missing from certain of the Corporation houses the Town Clerk reported that he had written to all the tenants and read a number of replies. In some cases the ranges were only in use in back kitchens erected by the tenants and in others the ranges had been disposed of as scrap. This matter was left in the hands of the Town Clerk to again write to the tenants who had not given satisfactory replies and to those who had not yet replied, and he was also to send a circular letter to the tenants of Corporation property that ranges were not to be removed and substituted by ordinary fireplaces without the prior consent of the Corporation.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the condition of the Caretaker's lodge at Crosstown Cemetery, and on the general appearance of the entrance to the Cemetery, and the Town Clerk was asked to examine the question of extending Crosstown Cemetery by the acquisition of further land adjoining it.

The Sanitary Inspector was asked to inspect the lavatories on the Quays. The Borough Surveyor was also asked to report on the question of the provision of public lavatories in the Town.

R. Gaul TD
Mayor

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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 Councillors Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, Stephen McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, and James Crosbie.

A complaint was made by Councillor Crosbie regarding the condition of the house at No. 1, Roche's Terrace, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make an inspection and report.

The Town Clerk was asked to make preliminary inquiries regarding the acquisition of Corry's Terrace and a field adjoining it.

It was decided to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of a number of houses at Green Street.

It was pointed out by the Town Clerk that five houses were still vacant at Green Street and that all the people at present residing in condemned houses would be unable to pay a rent of 6/6d per week, and as well, the most of them were single people and the Corporation thought it would be very unfair to give a single person a four-roomed house while there were so many families at present residing in rooms and overcrowded houses, and it was decided to make representations to the Department that the Corporation be permitted to rehouse in the remaining five houses at Green Street persons at present occupying rooms in overcrowded houses where there were three or more families residing, and that persons at present living in condemned houses be given suitable small houses at cheap rents as and when they became vacant.

The following were appointed Housing Inspection Committee to inspect the condition under which the various Artisans Dwellings the property of the Corporation were being maintained by the tenants, namely, Councillors Byrne, Atkins, Connolly and Sinnott.

The meeting then terminated.

P. Reid TD
Mayor

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30th June, 1942.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Robert Coffey.

Councillors James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Roche, Patrick Larkin, Garrett Donohue, Joseph Walsh, James Gaul, Michael Martin, Thomas Buckland, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Browne, Robert Moran, Thomas O'Brien, Kevin Morris, and Francis Moran.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 1st instant, Finance & Works Committee on 1st, and 15th instant; Housing Committee on 1st and 15th instant. On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.
Arising out of the Minutes Alderman Coffey said he thought they should be circulated because the public were the people who were paying the piper and it would be well that they should know what was being done. The Press might give them some synopsis of what was going on but the Minutes were more important. The Mayor pointed out to the Alderman that the Corporation had decided some time ago that the Minutes should not be circulated as paper was so scarce now that it would be very injudicious to use it for this pupose. In addition he stated that the public had no right to see the Minutes and before the emergency the Press were very meticulous and gave a good report of the proceedings.
The matter dropped.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1943, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
As had been the practice for some years past Alderman Corish (although senior Alderman) vacated the Chair during the election.
Councillor Byrne proposed that Alderman Coffey should preside and Councillo Moran seconded. The Alderman, however, declined to take the Chair and Councillor McMahon proposed that Councillor Sinnott preside. This proposition was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and agreed to.
Councillor Sinnott then occupied the Mayoral Chair and invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year.
Councillor Crosbie in a eulogistic speech proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be elected Mayor of Wexford for the twenty-third year in succession to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st April, 1943, and until his successor was appointed and had made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by a number of members. As there was no other nomination for the office Councillor Sinnott declared Alderman Corish re-elected amidst applause.

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The re-elected Mayor thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, which Declaration was witnessed by Councillors Connolly and Crosbie.
Alderman Corish then re-occupied the Mayoral Chair and returned thanks for the honour they had bestowed upon him.
The Mayor then reviewed the various Services of the Corporation and dealt with unemployment, housing, and the arrears on foot of the County Council Demand. As regards the County Council Demand, a matter which had been raised by Alderman Coffey, the Mayor reviewed at length the history of how this demand went into arrears and pointed out that the Corporation were endeavouring to make arrangements whereby the demand would be cleared off within a reasonable time. Another point dealt with by the Mayor and raised by Alderman Coffey was the question of yearly audits. He (Mayor) stated the Corporation and the Officials would welcome an audit of the Accounts of the Corporation every year but as far as this matter was concerned every audit of the Corporation Accounts over a considerable period had disclosed that the Corporation was solvent and had paid its way in every possible manner. As regards the matter of the Wexford Harbour Board the Mayor in reply to a query stated that a big scheme had been prepared but the Government had not seen their way to adopt it, but he thought it would be no harm to get the Harbour Board to raise the matter again.

MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1943, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to hold these three meetings on Monday 5th October, 1942, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; Monday 4th January, 1943, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; and Monday 5th April, 1943, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The appointment of Standing Committees of the Council as well as an Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough was the next item on the Agenda, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was decided that the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health, and Old Age Pensions Committees be composed of the entire Council, and that the Public Health Committee be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.
The remaining Committees of the Council were as follows:-

HOUSING COMMITTEE:	Councillors Robert Moran, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Buckland, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon and the Mayor.
FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE:	Councillors Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Buckland, Robert Moran, Philip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien and the Mayor.
CEMETERY COMMITTEE:	Councillors James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, Philip McGuire, Stephen McMahon and the Mayor.
SCHOOL MEALS COMMITTEE:	Councillors James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

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MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:	Councillors Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, and Miss Furlong.
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS COMMITTEE:	Councillors Robert Moran, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Roche, Patrick Larkin, James Browne, Alderman Coffey and the Mayor.
RELIEF GRANTS COMMITTEE:	Councillors Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Joseph Walsh, Robert Moran and the Mayor.
SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE:	Councillors Thomas Hayes, Thomas Buckland, Robert Moran, Thomas O'Brien, Alderman Coffey and the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of a vote of sympathy passed at a previous meeting was read from Mr. Patrick Hawkins, a former member of the Council.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due to date, amounting in the aggregate, to £4156. 15. 9. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.
Arising out of the Accounts Alderman Coffey queried a payment to a Cork Firm for the supply of shovels, and the Town Clerk informed him that they were in connection with the Rescue Branch of the A.R.P. Services. Tenders were invited for the supply of this equipment and the accepted tender was the lowest submitted. Alderman Coffey also referred to the removal of the bark from some of the trees in Selskar Avenue, and the Mayor requested the Press to ask the people to have a little public spirit and to prevent their children from committing acts of vandalism like that. Alderman Coffey also referred to the closing of the Main Street during the laying of watermains and complained that the channels were all choked and if heavy rain came there would be flooding of the different premises. The Mayor pointed out that the street was very narrow and intimated that the Contractor would be asked to keep the channels as clear as possible.

VACANCY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, Mr. John Roice of St. Enda's Terrace, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Corporation caused by the disqualification of Alderman Tobin.
The filling of the seat rendered vacant by the disqualification of Councillor Dunne was further adjourned at the request of Councillor Moran.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The Housing Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of houses at Green Street occupied by Patrick Harpur, Catherine Doyle, Patrick Bailey, Mary Ann Carty, Michael Kennedy, Charles Parsons; at Distillery Road, occupied by James Murphy and at John Street occupied by John Malone.
Councillor Byrne moved that the Demolition Orders be made in respect of the six houses at Green Street and the house at John Street. Councillor McMahon seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted. As regards the house at Distillery Road occupied by James Murphy it was pointed out that the Committee had inspected this house and that Councillor Browne who was a member of the Committee held that the house could be made fit.

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Other members, however, agreed with the opinion expressed by the Medical Officer and Borough Surveyor that the house was unfit for human habitation and could not be made fit.
Councillor Byrne, however, moved that the Housing Committee recommendation be adopted and the house condemned as unfit for human habitation, and Councillor Connolly seconded.
Councillor Browne however, objected to the house being condemned and asked the Corporation to give a ruling that before any official inspected the house the Town Clerk or some other officer should examine the rental of the applicant and ascertain if the rent was being regularly paid. The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that the officials could not accept such a ruling as it would lay down a condition regarding the examination of houses contrary to the law on the matter. Eventually a show of hands was taken on Councillor Byrne's motion when 11 members voted for it and 6 against. The Housing Committee recommendation was accordingly declared carried and all the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

VACCINATION DEFAULTERS

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th instant No. MC. 14950/40, drawing attention to the number of vaccination defaulters in the Borough for the half year ended 31st March last and requesting that the necessary action be taken thereon by the Council. No action was taken on this letter.

COMPENSATION

The Housing Committee recommended that the following compensation be paid for land at Green Street acquired under the Wexford (Green Street) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1941, namely:-

Mr. James Browne, Bishopswater	£87.	0.	0.
Mr. James Browne, Green Street.....	50.	0.	0.
Mr. Philip Hall, Carrigeen Street....	40.	0.	0.
Mr. Edward Daly, Whiterock View.....	18.	0.	0.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the Housing Committee recommendation was adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

ALLOTMENTS

Complaints were made regarding the pilfering of vegetables from the Allotments in the Town, and the Town Clerk was asked to again speak to the Superintendent of the Garda on this matter.

The meeting then terminated.

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

The members present being:-

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

Councillors Browne, Atkins, Byrne, Crosbie, Larkin, Sinnott, Roche, Walsh, Robert Moran, McMahon, Morris, O'Brien, Donohue, Connolly, Buckland, Gaul, and Francis Moran.

Regarding the work on the Main Street, the Borough Surveyor was requested to commence concreting as soon as possible after thelaying of the water-main was completed and he intimated to the meeting that he proposed to commence on Monday next.
Arising out of the laying of watermains in the Main Street a complaint was made regarding the employment of a pipelayer to lay mains. Some members held that this work should be done by local Registered Plumbers but the Mayor pointed out that the laying of mains by pipelayers was recognised by the Plumbers' Society all over Ireland and that in the absence of action by the Society the Corporation could not interfere in the matter.

RELIEF GRANTS

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting that proposals for Relief Grant Works for 1942-43 be submitted immediately, and it was decided to request the Grants Committee to meet on the 11th instant to examine proposals.

ADOPTION OF BYE-LAWS

The Town Clerk also intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had now given provisional approval to the adoption of bye-laws in respect of:- (1) Cleansing of Urban closets, privies, ashpits, and cess pools. (2) Nuisances and the removal of house refuse. The Town Clerk was directed to have copies of the draft bye-laws prepared for each of the members and to take the necessary steps to have them finally adopted.

An application from a Mrs. Creane for permission to be buried in a vault at the Franciscan Graveyard was adjourned pending a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the request.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the house at Faythe occupied by Sarah Doyle, and the Town Clerk was directed to request a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary condition against next meeting.

INCREASED REMUNERATION

An application from the Fire Brigade for an increase in their remuneration was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee for a report.

SHED

An application from Mrs. Ellen Reddy of 4, Devereux Villas for permission to erect a shed to store potatoes, etc. was granted, provided it was erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

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HOUSE - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

With reference to a previous decision to seek possession of the house occupied by Gregory Browne, Wolfe Tone Villas, for failure to keep the house in a clean and sanitary condition a letter was read from Browne to the effect that he had now cleaned up the house, replaced the broken glass and painted the door and windows, and requesting the Corporation to withdraw the notice which was served on him. It was decided that the Sanitary Inspector accompanied by Councillors Connolly and Byrne should inspect this house at 3.p.m. on the 7th instant.

REPORT - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A report from the Sanitary Inspector on the dumping at Emmet Place was submitted. From this report it was obvious that the dumping was being carried out by the residents and it was decided to send a copy of the report to each of them and inform them that they should provide dust-bins which would be emptied by the Corporation Scavenging cart.

HOUSE - WYGRAM PLACE

It was reported that notice had been served under the Housing Act, 1931, in respect of a house at Wygram Place occupied by Patrick Roberts and that no representations were made on behalf of the owner, so it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the dwelling.

KIOSKS

An application from the Irish Red Cross Society for permission to erect kiosks for the collection of waste paper was agreed to subject to the position of the kiosks being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSE - ST. IBAR'S VILLAS

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Patrick Meyler proposed to redeem the outstanding balance of the Purchase Price of the house at No. 3, St. Ibar's Villas, recently acquired by him and that the outstanding balance for the present time was £205. It was unanimously decided to agree to Mr. Meyler's proposal.
In this connection it was also suggested that amounts be used for the painting of Artisans Dwellings, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit to the Corporation proposals for painting work.

GRASS

As regards the cutting of the grass at Crosstown Cemetery it was decided to request the Caretaker's Assistant to give a price for cutting this grass, and it was left in the hands of the Town Clerk to decide if the price quoted by him was reasonable.

CONFERENCE

It was also decided to request the Corporation at next meeting to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Dublin on the 15th, 16th and 17th September next.

COMPLAINT

A Complaint was made regarding the failure of the seed potatoes supplied for the Allotments, and it was decided to write to the Contractor on the matter before taking it up with the Department of Agriculture.

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The following Committee were appointed to inspect houses where ranges had been removed and fireplaces put in to see if, in their opinion, the removal of the ranges and the substitution of open fire grates was an improvement or otherwise to the houses, namely, Councillors Byrne, O'Brien, Connolly and Sinnott.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH

Councillor Moran suggested the Freedom of the Borough should be presented to Mr. Robert Brennan, Irish Ambassador to Washington, who was a native of Wexford and was at present in Town on leave, and on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the following Committee was appointed to examine the proposal, namely, Councillors Moran, Buckland, Byrne, Browne, Connolly, Atkins, Morris, McMahon and Roche.

R. Corish TD
mayor

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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 Councillors Crosbie, Buckland, McMahon, Connolly, Atkins, Byrne, Sinnott and Robert Moran.

The Town Clerk reported that there were four houses at Devereux Villas and one at Whiterock View for which tenants had not yet been allocated, and it was decided to allocate to them Messrs. Carty, James McMahon, Patrick Bailey and Patrick Harpur of Green Street and Miss Doyle of Green Street.

The Town Clerk further reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had refused to sanction the payment of £5. 15. 0. per week to Mr. Thomas J. Millar for acting as Clerk of Works on the 5-house Scheme at Green Street, which was being carried out by Direct Labour and had fixed remuneration at the rate of £5. 5. 0. per week. It was decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision in this matter.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
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A Meeting of the Special Grants Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Councillors Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, Joseph Walsh and Thomas Byrne.

The meeting had been convened to consider in detail a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 15th ultimo No. L.69/34, on the subject of the Unemployment Schemes Vote for 1942-43.
The letter intimated that the local contribution required to be made by the Council during the Financial Year would be £750, and requested that Schemes for the carrying out of Road or amenity Works should be submitted as soon as possible.
The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that he had been in consultation with the Borough Surveyor on that morning and the only road works suggested by the Surveyor were the footpaths at Green Street, Hill Street, George's Street Upper, Slaney Street, and Parnell Street.
Other schemes suggested by the Surveyor were the laying out of the proposed extension to St. Ibar's Cemetery, to widen the junction of Fisher's Row, and William Street, and to develop a Housing Site at Waterloo Road.
In this connection it was stated by the Committee that a Scheme which would give highest labour content would be the provision of a public park which had been under consideration last year, but as the agreement had not yet been reached on a site for this park by the Council it was seen that proposals in detail could not be submitted to the Department against the 20th instant as requested, so it was decided to inform the Department that the Corporation had various schemes under consideration and that detailed proposals would be submitted as soon as possible but it was thought that it would not be possible to have them submitted by the 20th instant.
It was also decided to consider in detail the question of the site for a Public Park at the Finance & Works Committee due to be held on the 20th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Councillors James Crosbie, Michael Martin, James Gaul, Garrett Donohue, John Roice, Joseph Walsh, Thomas Buckland, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, Thomas O'Brien, James Browne, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Larkin, Kevin Morris, Thomas Roche, and Francis Moran.

The meeting had been convened to select a tenant for a house vacant at William Street, and as there was only one applicant namely, Garda L. J. McCrudden, he was given the tenancy of the house, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
mayor

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

PUBLIC PARK

With reference to Minutes of the Special Grants Committee on the 11th instant when it was decided that the question of the establishment of a Public Park be referred to the present meeting for consideration, the Town Clerk raised this matter and the question of the site of the park was taken up, but Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at the Special Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 27th instant that the site for a park be finally disposed of. In view of this no further discussion took place on the matter.

MEETING

The Mayor mentioned that the date for the ordinary August Monthly meeting was a Bank Holiday and as the following Monday night would be very close to the Elections he suggested that a Special Meeting of the Corporation be held on the 27th instant to dispose of finance and any other outstanding matters. This was unanimously agreed to.

HOUSES - HILL ST.

The Town Clerk reported that notices had been served on the owner of four houses at Hill Street fixing the day and hour when any representations regarding the future user of the dwellings would be considered by the Corporation, but that no proposals whatever had been received from the owner, so it was decided to adjourn further consideration of these houses sine die.

REPORTS - M.O.H.

Reports were submitted from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the condition of two houses at Barrack Street occupied by Patrick Keelan and

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Thomas Howlin, and it was decided to serve the usual notices under the Housing Act, 1931.

HOUSE - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

The Town Clerk reported that a Decree for Possession of the house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Terence Reck and another had been obtained. It was explained that Reck was mentally deficient and the portion of the house in which he resided was in a shocking state from the Sanitary point of view. In addition Reck owed rent.
In this connection the Town Clerk in reply to a query stated that the sub-tenant would not be entitled to the tenancy of the house which was provided for the re-housing of slum dwellers as she was not formally residing in a slum area. If the rent of the house was based on a one-third subsidy it would amount to 5/7d per week.
The members seemed in favour of granting the house to the sub-tenant, who had kept her portion of it in a very clean state, but at the same tim e they were not prepared to execute the decree against Reck unless it was certain that he would go to the County Home or some other Institution.
It was decided to adjourn this matter until the Town Clerk had ascertained if it was possible to compel Reck to go to the County Home, or if any other arrangements could be made to have him taken care of by his relatives, and if this was possible the Corporation was to be recommended to let the house to the sub-tenant at a rent of 5/7d per week.

An application from the Caretaker of the Bathing Place for an increase of 3/- per week in his remuneration was refused, and at the same time it was pointed out that the Caretaker was not a member of his Trade Union, and he was to be informed that unless he became a member of it at once it would be necessary to dispense with his services.

A letter was read from Mr. James Healy, Crosstown, agreeing to cut the grass there for the sum of £6, and this was unanimously accepted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

TRANSFER

An application was submitted from Mrs. May Edmonds of 12 Dolphin Road for permission to reside with her mother, Mrs. James McEvoy (a widow) at Distillery Road, and to have the house at Distillery Road placed in the name of her husband.
It was decided to agree to this provided the application was made in writing by Mrs. McEvoy that any rent due by Mrs. Edmonds at Dolphin Road was cleared before she left and that she undertook responsibility for any arrears of rent due on the Distillery Road house.

An application from Mrs. K. Dwyer for to have the water supply and sink removed from the kitchen of her house to a back kitchen was refused.

TRANSFER

Applications from John Reck, 35 Whiterock View, and Miss K. Doyle of 42 Whiterock View to exchange houses were submitted. It was explained that Reck had a family of 5 and was living in a 3 roomed house, whereas Miss Doyle had nobody but herself and her sister and were residing in a 4 roomed house, so in the circumstances, it was unanimously agreed to grant the exchange.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of June showed that he had examined 116 cattle, 440 sheep and 19 swine. Of the cattle, 4 heads, 7 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 31 organs for other diseases.

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Of the sheep, 55 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis. The swine were found to be all in order.

A letter was read from the Consulting Engineers to the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme stating that it was necessary to make a change in the pipeline passing through the lands of Mr. E. Fortune, of Saunderscourt, and that the cost of the change would be approximately £80. The members considered, however, that as Mr. Fortune did not make any objection to the line of the pipe at the Inquiry that they could not agree to this expenditure.

ALLOTMENTS

A question was raised regarding the pilfering from allotments in the Town and the Town Clerk reported that he had already spoken to the Superintendent of the Garda on the matter who was doing everything possible to trace the offenders, and immediately any of them were traced prosecutions would follow.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
Mayor.

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A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

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

Councillors Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Larkin, Thomas Roche, James Browne, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott and Thomas Buckland.

The Town Clerk and Mr. McGuinness, Air Raid Precautions Officer, were also in attendance.

A letter was read from the Air Raid Precautions Officer under date of the 19th ultimo relative to his appointment as Air Raid Precautions Officer for the Wexford Corporation and stating that he could not agree to the giving of one months notice to terminate his appointment. If at any time in the near distant future he decided to terminate his services he suggested that the meeting agree to one weeks notice instead of one month. The Committee decided to agree to Mr. McGuinness's request.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company for the supply of doors for the Air Raid Shelters, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to accept the tender of the Wexford Timber Company which was the lower of the two submitted for this work which had been approved by the Department of Defence at a cost not exceeding £2. 10. 0. each.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Browne:-

> "That We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, being a Scheme-making Local Authority under the Air-Raid Precautions Act 1939 Do Hereby in pursuance of the provisions of Section 33 of the Air-raid Precautions Act 1939 empower and authorise John J. Byrne, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Wexford; Patrick McGuinness, Air-raid Precautions Officer, Town Hall, Wexford, and P. K. McNally, B.E., Borough Surveyor, Town Hall, Wexford, to exercise the powers conferred by said Section 33 of the Air-raid Precautions Act 1939 on authorised persons to enter premises And doth hereby Order that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the necessary Authorities in that behalf."

REPORT

Mr. McGuinness's report for the period of his employment to the 30th June was submitted and a copy of this is attached as an appendix to these Minutes.
The meeting carefully considered the entire report in the various sections and came to the following decisions. As regards the appointment of a Chief Warden the Committee noted Mr. McGuinness's recommendation that the Town Clerk should undertake this post but the Town Clerk was not disposed to undertake this work and pointed out that the carrying out of his duties as Town Clerk took up all his time, and that for the past couple of years he had been acting as Air Raid Precautions Officer for the Town which involved him in considerable work outside his normal office hours, and for which work he had received very little but abuse.
The meeting agreed that it was impossible for the Town Clerk to carry out these duties during normal working hours and adjourned further consideration of the matter for a month.

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The report on the Fire Service was considered satisfactory.
As regards the Casualty Service, lengthy correspondence which had passed between the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, and Mr. McGuinness, A.R.P. Officer, regarding the storage facilities at the Technical School which had been designated as a First Aid Post was read, as well as a letter from the Chief Executive Officer to the Town Clerk under date of the 16th instant intimating that the Vocational Education Committee had agreed to give the sole use of the Dressing Room attached to the Gymnasium for the storage of equipment and protesting against the insulent manner in which the A.R.P. Officer had approached this matter.
The Committee decided after perusing the correspondence that far from being insulent Mr. McGuinness had approached the matter in a most reasonable manner. As regards the storage of equipment the Committee decided that as the Statutory Air Raid Precautions Committee for the Borough they had no option but to insist on the following arrangements being made for storage:-

(1) That a key of the store on the ground floor be given to the Air Raid Precautions Officer and that none but necessary cleansing utensils be kept in the store.

(2) The annex to the gymnasium to be made available for the storage of A.R.P. Equipment and the key to be given to the Air Raid Precautions Officer.

(3) Facilities for entering the school premises at all reasonable hours to be granted to the Air Raid Precautions Officer.

Finally, Mr. Hickey was to be informed that Mr. McGuinness was very aggrieved at the way in which Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, and Medical Officer in charge of the Casualty Service, and he were received at the School on the morning of the 20th instant, and felt that an apology was due to him from Mr. Hickey. Mr. Hickey was also to be informed that the Air Raid Precautions Committee felt that the utmost harmony should exist amongst all local Officials who have direct or indirect responsibility for the safety of the civilian population in the event of an emergency, and hoped that any misunderstanding between himself and Mr. McGuinness would be amicably settled and arrangements satisfactory to all concerned for the use of the Technical School in an emergency established.
The question of the storage of equipment was then taken up, and the Town Clerk pointed out that he had no personal objection to the removal of all Air Raid Precautions Equipment from the Foresters' Hall, but that as the Committee had selected these premises he would not agree to the transfer without their approval.
In this connection the Committee decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for a month so that some of the members might have an opportunity of inspecting it.
As regards the appointment ofa part-time Storekeeper at 15/- per week the Committee agreed on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the recommendation of the Air Raid Precautions Officer be adopted, as well as his recommendation that the sum of 5/- per week be paid for clerical assistance in lieu of overtime; the payment of Mr. Crosbie as Storekeeper to be effective as from 1st April, 1942, and the payment of temporary typing assistance to be effective as from the date on which Mr. McGuinness himself took up duty.

ESTIMATE

The following Estimate for Air Raid Precautions Services was also submitted and unanimously approved by the Corporation:-

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Warden Service:-

Post Marking Board & painting 26 @ 4/- each.....	£5.	4.	0.
Appointment Cards		14.	0.
A.R.P. Forms 3 Books	3.	15.	6.
Torches for Posts 80 @ 3/2d.	12.	13.	4.
Total.....	£22.	6.	10.

Message Centre:-

Clock	£2.	10.	0.
A.R.P. Form 2 - 12 Books	3.	16.	6.
do. 3 Message Forms (121 Book)	1.	4.	0.
Chairs @ 18 @ 6/- ea.	5.	8.	0.
Misc. Expenditure (wind indicator, bulbs, etc.)	3.	0.	0.
1 additional Telephone (making total 8)	5.	10.	0.
Total.....	£21.	8.	6.

Fire Service:-

Overalls suits 87 @ 19/11	86.	12.	9.
Life Lines 25 @ 4/- each	5.	0.	0.
Racking for Equipment at A.F.S. Stations	10.	0.	0.
Repairs to Messrs. Pierce Stores for Auxiliary Fire Station.	12.	0.	0.
Extension of Main Fire Stn.	50.	0.	0.
Telephone at No. 2 Fire Station	6.	10.	0.
Fixing of telephone at Main Stn.	6.	10.	0.
E.L. at Messrs. Pierces.	3.	0.	0.
Total.....	£179.	12.	9.

Repair Service:-

For Electric Torches 18 @ 3/2d.	2.	17.	0.
Total.....	£2.	17.	0.

Rescue Service:-

Telephone at Main Rescue Depot George's St.	6.	10.	0.
Repairs to do.	12.	0.	0.
Rent of alternative garage accommodation for Mr. Kavanagh (one year)	8.	0.	0.
Hanging arrangements for equipment	5.	0.	0.
Electric Fire in Clothing Room	3.	17.	6.
Electric Light at Main Rescue Depot	3.	10.	0.
Total.....	£38.	17.	6.

Decontamination Service:-

Torches 14 / @ 3/2d.	2.	4.	4.
Total.....	£2.	4.	4.

Storage of Equipment. General Equipment:-

Rent of Stores for (one year) in lieu of Foresters' Hall @ £40 per annum.	10.	0.	0.

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C/Forward...	£10.	0.	0.

Food & Rest Centre:-

Part time Storekeeper @ 15/- per week (1st April 1942 to March 31st, 1943)	39.	0.	0.
Racking arrangements for the hanging of equipment and Anti Gas Clothing.	10.	0.	0.
Total.....	£59.	0.	0.

Casualty Service:-

Casualty Cards 350 for	1.	14.	6.
A.R.P. Torches 40 @ 3/2.	6.	6.	8.
Overalls for E.C. attached.	19.	18.	4.
Total.....	£27.	19.	6.

GENERAL ESTIMATE:-

Typing Assistant @ 5/- per week (in lieu of overtime for 6 months) (June - December)	6.	10.	0.
Printing and Advertising	10.	0.	0.
Stationery and Postage	10.	0.	0.
Incidental Expenditure	25.	0.	0.
Emergency Labour including cost of transferring of A.R.P. Store from Foresters' Hall	50.	0.	0.
Batteries spare for Torches 72 @ 9/- per doz.	2.	14.	0.
Bulbs do. 144 @ 4/- per doz.	2.	8.	0.
Petrol for training A.R.P. Services 50 gals @ 3/2.	7.	18.	4.
Total.....	£114.	10.	4.

Mr. McGuinness also reported that he had now taken stock of the various equipment supplied by the Department of Defence and the number of items missing were: 103 steel helmets and 21 civilian duty respirators. The meeting, however, felt that these articles would eventually turn up when a proper census of the Air Raid Precautions Services was undertaken. The meeting then terminated.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Coffey.

Councillors Crosbie, Donohue, Martin, Gaul, Roche, Walsh, Roice, Larkin, Connolly, McMahon, Byrne, Sinnott, Browne, Robert Moran, Morris, and Francis Moran.

The meeting had been convened in accordance with a decision arrived at by the Finance & Works Committee (composed of the entire Corporation) on the 20th instant in view of the fact that the day of the ordinary August meeting was a Bank Holiday and that if put back to August 17th the members would be engaged in the Local Elections.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 30th ultimo and 20th instant; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 6th and 20th instant; Housing Committee on 6th instant; Special Grants Committee on 11th instant, and Air Raid Precautions Committee on 20th instant.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities accruing due to the end of this month and amounting in the aggregate, to £5023. 14. 9. were submitted, and an Advice Note was signed authorising them to be paid on and after the 1st prox.

ELECTIONS

There was submitted to the meeting a letter under date of the 7th ultimo No. F.78/42 from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that in the forthcoming Local Elections the Borough would form one Electoral Area instead of three as in former years and that in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941, the Minister had determined that the number of members to be elected for the Borough of Wexford would be Twelve.

PUBLIC PARK

The next business was to consider a motion by Councillor Connolly that steps be taken to establish a Public Park in the Town, but the Councillor stated that in view of the fact that Local Elections would be held inside the next month he proposed to withdraw the motion and leave the question of the site for a Public Park to be determined by the new Corporation. It was agreed that the motion should be withdrawn.

VACCINATION

There was also submitted to the meeting a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant No. 83/1942, enclosing a copy of the Vaccination Regulations, 1942. In addition there was submitted the Return of the Medical Officer on Form P. showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Borough for the Quarter ended 30th June last, and the following letter from the County Medical Officer of Health on vaccination and the outbreak of Small-Pox, which had occurred recently in Glasgow, was read:-

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A Chara,

I am quite sure that the members of the Wexford Corporation will have noticed in the Press that an outbreak of Small-Pox has occurred in Glasgow, Scotland. Some cases have also occurred at Swindon, Wiltshire. Small-Pox is the most highly infectious disease known. It is an acute extremely infectious disease, which was formerly common throughout the world, but is now rare where vaccination is practised. It is a dangerous disfiguring disease, with a high mortality rate. The fatality rate of roughly 14,000 cases in London between 1889 and 1904 was about 12%. In some types of cases the mortality rate is almost 100%. The records of one Small-Pox Hospital collected during 32 years, in respect of 20,000 cases of Small-Pox show a case mortality amongst the unvaccinated of 35%. It has been pointed out that nearly every second child under five, who contracts the disease dies.

In view of the present situation, the possibility of the occurrence of Small-Pox is a real danger, and hence, I am of opinion that steps should be taken to prevent the occurrence of such an epidemic. Vaccination will prevent Small-Pox, but once the disease has developed no specific treatment is available. The case for vaccination might be stated as follows:-

(1) Small-Pox mortality has been transferred by vaccination from childhood to adults. Amongst unvaccinated, the incidence still is in childhood.

(2) Re-vaccinated persons are immune.

(3) During an epidemic the disease affects those unvaccinated sparing those vaccinated in the same house, and in the same sanitary surroundings.

(4) Amongst vaccinated, the cases occur only after the effects of vaccination have passed of. When vaccinated, the mortality is less than amongst unvaccinated.

(5) Compulsory vaccination, and re-vaccination almost entirly suppresses Small-Pox.

The effect of vaccination during the incubation period of Small-Pox might be considered as follows:-

The incubation period of vaccination is three days, and of Small-Pox twelve days.

Successful vaccination within three days after exposure to infection, protects. After seven to ten days vaccination may modify the attack. Performed ten days after exposure, vaccination cannot protect.

I am quite sure that the Members are well aware that the percentage vaccinated in County Wexford is extremely low, and during the year 1941 it was observed, during School Medical Inspection, that out of a total of 2,827 children examined, the percentage vaccinated was 3.4. In view of the fact that we have a large unvaccinated population in County Wexford, I am of opinion that should an epidemic occur, it would spread with the rapidity of a prairie fire, leaving in it's trail an extremely high mortality rate. Under the circumstances, I feel it my duty to warn you of the absolute necessity for vaccination, and I recommend that the law in relation thereto, be enforced immediately. It should also be borne in mind that Wexford is a busy seaport town, and the possibility of introducing the disease by this route cannot be altogether eliminated. New Ross is also connected with the port of Waterford.

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I shall be grateful if you will be good enough to bring this letter before the Wexford Corporation, at your earliest opportunity, and I shall also be grateful, if you will be good enough to inform me with regard to what action the Corporation take or propose to take with regard to the matter.

Mise, le meas,

M. Daly,
Co. M.O.H.

Alderman Coffey proposed that the vaccination laws be enforced by the prosecution of persons who did not have their children vaccinated, and Councillor Browne seconded the motion. This matter gave rise to a discussion during which arguments were put forward for and against vaccination.
Eventually, the Mayor moved and Councillor Byrne seconded an amendment that the letter from the Medical Officer of Health be published in the local Press with a note to the effect that the Corporation were anxious that the public should read Dr. Daly's letter and make up their own minds having regard to the views expressed by the Medical Officer as to whether or not they should have their children vaccinated. On a show of hands being taken 13 voted for the amendment , 2 against, and 3 members not voting. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The next business was to let a vacant house at William Street, but the Town Clerk intimated that there was no applicant for the house, and he was instructed to continue the advertisement in the window of the dwelling that it was to be let, and as soon as applications were received to convene a Special Meeting to deal with the matter.

GAS INSTALLATION

Arising out of this matter complaint was made that gas had not yet been installed by the Gas Company in some of the new houses at Green Street, and the Town Clerk was asked to take up the matter with the Manager of the Gas Company, although it was pointed out that the difficulty was procuring the necessary supplies of pipe.

BORO' ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June last showed that he had examined four samples of milk, three each of butter and buttermilk, two of cheese, and one each of sugar, marmalade, flake meal, sausages, pudding, tea, whiskey, coffey, making a total of twenty articles submitted. Of these, one sample of milk was found to be deficient of 15% fats and the Town Clerk reported that proceedings had been instituted against the supplier in the District Court.
The report was considered satisfactory.

DEMOLITION ORDER

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon, a Demolition Order was made in respect of a house at Wygram Place, occupied by Patrick Roberts and owned by the representatives of the late Margaret Boyle. It was explained that the necessary notices had been served under the Housing Act, 1931, and that no representations had been made by the owners.

HOUSE - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

A question was raised regarding the tenancy of a house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Terence Reck and another. Terence Reck was the tenant of

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the house and was mentally deficient. From reports made by the Sanitary Inspector it appeared that the portion of the house in which Reck was living was in a shocking condition from a public health point of view, and as a result steps had been taken to obtain possession of the house. A decree had been obtained and the Town Clerk had reported this fact to the Finance Committee on the 20th instant when the members were loth to execute the decree and have Reck thrown on the street unless some provision could be made for his accommodation in the County Home or by relatives. The Town Clerk now reported that he had made inquiries and found that no person had any authority to compel Reck to enter the County Home, but it was now stated by Councillor Gaul he was aware that efforts were being made to get in touch with relatives of Reck with a view to having steps being taken to have him looked after, so it was decided to adjourn the case for two weeks to see what steps his relatives would take in the matter.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

The next business was to elect a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing twelve months, but in view of the proximity of the Local Elections it was decided to adjourn this matter until the new Council was appointed.

A similar decision was arrived at in regard to the appointment of delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities.
The meeting then terminated.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

ALLOTMENT FEES

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 17th instant No. H.2132/8/42 intimating that the Minister was not prepared to regard the Engineer's fees claimed in respect of No. 1 Allotment Scheme as ranking for recoupment.
It was pointed out that under date of the 13th January last the Corporation had submitted a scheme which included the Engineer's fees and this scheme had been sanctioned by the Department under date of the 17th idem by letter No. H.2132/2/42. Similar fees had been approved in 1940 and 1941. They had been paid in accordance with the sanction dated 17th January last and it was now decided to point this out to the Mainister and to request recoupment of the amount of the fees paid.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to pay £195 for land acquired under Compulsory Purchase Order for the erection of five houses at Grenn Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 22nd instant by letter No. H.426/15/42 stated he was advised that the sum of £140 would be a reasonable price for the Fee Simple Interest of the land in question, and it was decided to refer this matter back to the Minister for reconsideration.

HOLIDAYS

The Caretaker of the Cemetery applied for and was granted his usual two weeks holidays on the same conditions as in previous years, namely, that his wages be divided between the gravedigger and Mrs. Sutton for carrying out the duties of caretaker during his absence.

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INTERMENT APPLICATION

With reference to a previous discussion on the subject of the application of Mrs. Creane for permission to be interred in the vault at the Franciscan Churchyard, School Street, with her late husband, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had examined the vault and was of opinion that the right of interment be given to the applicant without offence against Public Health or Public Decency. It was decided to agree to the application, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was also decided to direct the attention of the Guardian, Franciscan Church, to the delapidated condition in which the cemetery was in at present.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the Consulting Engineers for the Waterworks Improvements Scheme requested the Corporation to agree to an expenditure of £80 as an extra on the pipeline at Saunderscourt, and when it had been decided that the Corporation saw no reason to agree to such extra expenditure, the Consulting Engineers again requested approval to this and the cost to be set against the provisional sum allowed in the Bill of Quantities for such extras.
The Town Clerk intimated that the Consulting Engineers had been on the 'phone with him and explained that it was impossible to deal with this matter in any other way, but before coming to a decision the meeting decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should interview the Clerk of Works and find out exactly what the position was as it was not very clear from the Consulting Engineer's letters.

TURF

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to give a small quantity of turf to the night watchmen to enable them to cook a meal during the night.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman R. Coffey.

Councillors James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Roche, Thomas Larkin, Joseph Walsh, John Roice, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Sinnott and Thomas Byrne.

A question was raised regarding the concreting of the Main Street and the members were informed that the cement had now been procured to complete this job and that the concreting would commence in the course of a day or so.

REPRIEVE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, the Mayor was directed to wire to the Governor of Northern Ireland asking him to intercede with a view to securing a reprieve for the men under sentence of death in Belfast.

RELIEF GRANTS 1942-43.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Grant Work for 1942-43, but a decision on proposals for this work was adjourned for the attention of the new Council to be elected on the 19th instant.

An application was read from the Irish Transport & General Workers Union requesting that the wages of James Murphy, Caretaker of the Bathing Place, be increased from 47/- to 50/- per week, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Walsh, that the increase be granted.

A letter was read from the Wexford Gas Company intimating that they were unable at present to obtain supplies of piping suitable for services, but that immediately they could procure some they would attend to the supply of gas to the houses at Green Street, and the Town Clerk was directed to inform them that from the information at the disposal of the Committee it would appear that stocks of suitable pipes were held by Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons.

It was decided to retain the services of Miss E. M. Phillips as Temporary Typist for the months of August and September while members of the staff were on holidays.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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29th August, 1942.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Town Hall at Twelve o'clock noon in accordance with the Provisions of Section 10 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, as amended and extended.

Alderman Richard Corish, T.D., the outgoing Mayor occupied the Chair. On the roll being called the twelve members of the Council who were elected on the 19th August answered their names.
They were as follows:-

Aldermen Richard Corish, St. Ibar's Villas, and Thomas Byrne, Columba Villas, Wexford; Councillors Robert Coffey, Spawell Road, James Gaul, Carrigeen Street, Robert Moran, Paul Quay, Raymond E. Corish, North Main Street, Miss Annie Kelly, School Street, James Sinnott, Kevin Barry St., Kevin Roche, Whiterock View, James Crosbie, Roche's Terrace, Michael Flusk, John Street, Dr. G. Hadden, Wygram Place.

The 12 Aldermen and Councillors thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 27th ultimo; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 27th ultimo and 10th instant; On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was the election of a Mayor for the ensuing 12 months. Councillor Flusk thereupon proposed that Councillor Robert Moran be elected but there was no seconder for this proposition.
Alderman Byrne proposed that Alderman Richard Corish, the outgoing Mayor, be re-elected; Councillor Gaul seconded this motion. Councillor Dr. Hadden proposed that Councillor Robert Coffey be elected Mayor and Councillor Raymond Corish seconded. On a poll being taken their voted for:

Councillor Coffey - Councillors Miss Annie Kelly, Dr. Hadden, Raymond E. Corish, and Robert Coffey. (4)

Alderman R. Corish - Councillors Roche, Sinnott, Gaul, Crosbie, Alderman Byrne, and the Mayor (6).

Declined to vote Councillors Moran and Flusk.

As Alderman Richard Corish had a majority of the members voting he was elected Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st day of July, 1943, and until his successor has been appointed and made a Declaration accepting office.
The re-elected Mayor in a few words returned thanks for his re-election. At this stage Councillor Coffey complained of the failure of Messrs. Moran and Flusk to record their votes and stated that there was a pact prior to the election between the Fianna Fail and Labour Parties. This was strenuously denied by Councillor Flusk, the Mayor, Alderman Byrne, Councillors Sinnott and Roche. Councillor Coffey again rose to his feet and tried to address the meeting on this matter, but the Mayor ruled him out of order.

At this stage the Town Clerk addressed the meeting and reminded the members and those present that when declaring the new Corporation elected on the 21st instant he pointed out that they were entering on a revolutionary stage in Local Government, and it was only with wholehearted co-operation between the Manager , the Council and the Officials, that the new system

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would be given a fair trial and the best it was capable of produced. He took this opportunity to formally introduce to the Council Mr. Tomas D. O'Sionoid, County Manager, who was also Manager for the Wexford Corporation.
Mr. Sinnott then addressed the meeting and briefly explained the series of Acts of Parliament which had brought about the present change and hoped for the co-operation of the Council in the interests of the Town.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to appoint three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1943, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the meetings be fixed for Monday 5th October, 1942; Monday 4th January, 1943, and Monday 5th April, 1943, at the usual hour of 7.30. p.m.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to appoint a Vocational Education Committee for the Town of Wexford in accordance with the Provisions of Section 9 (2)(b) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.
The Committee would be composed of 14 members of whom not less than five nor more than eight could be members of the Corporation, and the selection of eight Corporation members was first proceeded with. Four members of the Corporation were members of the previous Vocational Education Committee. They were Alderman Richard Corish, T.D., Mayor, Alderman Thomas Byrne, Councillors Robert Moran and James Sinnott. On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that these four members be selected. For the remaining four seats to be filled from the membership of the Corporation, Councillor Coffey proposed Councillor Hadden, and Miss Kelly seconded. Alderman Byrne proposed ~~and~~ Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott. Councillor Corish proposed Miss Kelly and the Mayor seconded. Councillor Gaul proposed Councillor Roche and Alderman Byrne seconded. Councillor Moran proposed Councillor Flusk & Cllr. Crosbie seconded.
It was seen that there were five members for four seats and Councillor Roche pointed out that he would not be in a position to attend all the meetings of the Committee owing to the nature of his business and he wished to withdraw. This was agreed to by his proposer and seconder, and the following were declared to be the eight members of the Vocational Education Committee representing the Corporation, namely, Alderman Richard Corish, T.D., Mayor, Alderman Thos. Byrne, Councillors James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Dr. Hadden, James Gaul, Michael Flusk, and Miss Annie Kelly.
The election of five non members of the Corporation was then proceeded with, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the appointment of the Reverend George J. Murphy, Catholic Administrator, and the Reverend C. Hazley, Protestant Rector, was unanimously agreed to.
The filling of the remaining four seats was then proceeded with when Alderman Byrne proposed and Councillor Sinnott seconded the appointment of Mr. Thomas Roche, Talbot Street. Councillor Moran proposed and Councillor Coffey seconded the appointment of Mr. Thomas Roche, St. John's Road. The Mayor proposed and Councillor Gaul seconded the appointment of Mr. Thomas Hayes, Grattan Terrace. Councillor Flusk proposed and Councillor Sinnott seconded the appointment of Mrs. McTaminey, South Main Street. Alderman Byrne proposed, Councillor Coffey seconded the appointment of Mrs. James Kelly, South Main Street. Councillor Moran proposed and Councillor Flusk seconded the appointment of Mrs. John English, Custom House Quay. It was now seen that there were six names proposed for four seats and each member was given a slip of paper on which to record if he so desired four names, and the papers being handed in the County Manager with the assistance of the Town Clerk scrutinised them, and the result of the voting was, Mrs. McTaminey 9, Mrs. Kelly 9, Thomas Hayes 7, Thomas Roche, St. John's Road, 7, Mrs. English, 6 and Thomas Roche, Talbot St. 6. Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Thomas Hayes and Mr. Thomas Roche, St. John's Road being the four highest as a result of the vote were accordingly

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declared with Reverend Father Murphy and Reverend Canon Hazley to be the six non-members of the Corporation on the Vocational Education Committee.

OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Flusk the Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough was composed of the entire Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The next business was to appoint such Standing Committees as the Council desired, and the Mayor suggested that having regard to the change of the Council and the change in the system of Local Government that it would be as well if the Corporation met in Committee on the 31st instant to consider what Standing Committees were required and make recommendations to a meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 7th prox. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coffey.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

The next business was the appointment of a member of the Corporation to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing 12 months, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flusk, Councillor Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

CONFERENCE

The final item on the Agenda was the appointment of two delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Dublin on the 15th, 16th, and 17th proximo. Councillor Coffey proposed that the Mayor be appointed as one of the delegates and Councillor Sinnott seconded. Alderman Byrne proposed that Councillor Gaul be one of the delegates and Councillor Coffey seconded. As these were the only two members nominated their appointment was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
4-9-42

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31st August, 1942.

In accordance with a decision arrived at by the Quarterly Meeting held on the 29th instant a Special Meeting of the Corporation in Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Byrne.

Councillors James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Michael Flusk, Robert Moran, Robert Coffey, James Gaul, Annie Kelly, George Hadden and Kevin Roche.

Councillor Coffey referred to the fact that Council was now so small that it would be possible for them all to sit around the table if a small table was provided at the end of the room for the members of the Press, and it was agreed that this should be done for the next meeting.

COMMITTEES

The first business was to consider what Committees would be required and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should be recommended at their meeting on the 7th proximo to delete Article 43 of the Standing Orders, and if this was agreed to further recommend that the Committees of the Corporation should be composed as follows:-

(a) General Purposes and Old Age Pensions Committees to be composed of the entire Council. The General Purposes Committee to meet every two weeks and the Old Age Pensions Committee as and when required.

(b) Special Rates Committee composed of seven members.

(c) Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to be composed of three members and seven non-members.

(d) School Meals Committee to be composed of two members and four non-members.

It was further decided to recommend that the Special Rates Committee be composed of Councillors Sinnott, Flusk, Coffey, Gaul, Raymond E. Corish, Alderman Byrne and the Mayor; that the Maternity & Child Welfare Committee be composed of Councillors Gaul, Kelly, and Hadden, with Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. English, and Miss Furlong; that the School Meals Committee be composed of Councillors Crosbie, Hadden, with Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

LETTING OF TOWN HALL

Reference was made to the fact that the letting, etc. of the Town Hall had now become vested in the County Manager, and on the suggestion of the Mayor it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the Manager be requested to make the Hall available, free of charge, for meetings of Political Parties, Social Clubs, Tontine Societies and other non-commercial concerns.

A suggestion by Councillor Hadden that the Corporation should be recommended to appoint a Town Planning Committee was adjourned until a preliminary report on Town Planning was received from the Town Planning Adviser.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish TD Mayor 7-9-42

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7th September, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillors James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Annie Kelly, James Gaul, Michael Flusk, George Hadden and Kevin Roche.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of the Corporation on the 29th and 31st ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Reverend Matthew Doyle of the Church of the Immaculate Conception on the death of his father, the late Michael Doyle, of Cottage, Togoat. The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.
Alderman Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his wife. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members and adopted in respectful silence.
Councillor Crosbie returned thanks.

Arising out of the Orders made by the County Manager, Alderman Byrne questioned Order No. 9 in which the Manager had refused the application of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place for an increase of 3/- per week in his wages. This application had been before the Corporation as far back as June last when it was refused, and it had been recently re-submitted by the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union. At a meeting of the Finance & Works Committee held on the 10th August the Committee had decided to recommend the Corporation to grant an increase of 3/- per week, bringing this man's wages to 50/- per week. In the meantime the County Management Act had become operative and as this was an executive function the matter had been referred to the Co. Manager, who had refused the application. Strong protest was made by Alderman Byrne against this refusal, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne to request the Manager to reconsider his decision.

LIST OF PAYMENTS

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to provide each member with a list of the payments made by him at Finance Meetings.

HOUSE - ST. IBAR'S VILLAS

Councillor Coffey referred to Order No. 8, on the application of Mr. Patrick Sinnott, St. Ibar's Villas, for permission to let the house being acquired by him on the Tenant Purchase System, which application had already been refused by the County Manager, and it was pointed out to the Council that it was obviously the intention of this man to leave the dwelling and let the house which had been provided out of public funds and was a practice which no Public Body could agree with.

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In reply to Councillor Crosbie the Town Clerk stated that any houses let since the last meeting of the Corporation had been let by the County Manager, whose function this was.

ORDER NO. 43.

The first business was to consider a recommendation from the Council in Committee that Standing Order No. 43 be deleted, and in lieu thereof there be inserted the following Order:-

"43 The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Council:-

(a) General Purposes and Old Age Pensions Committees composed of the entire Council. The General Purposes Committee to meet every two weeks and the Old Age Pensions Committee as and when required.

(b) Special Rates Committee composed of seven members.

(c) Maternity and Child Welfare Committee composed of three members and seven non-members.

(d) School Meals Committee composed of two members and four non-members."

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne this recommendation was unanimously agreed to.
The Council in Committee further recommended:-

(a) That the General Purposes and Old Age Pensions Committees be composed as recommended at (a) above.

(b) (That the Special Rates Committee be composed of Councillors Sinnott, Flusk, Coffey, Gaul, R. E. Corish, Alderman Byrne and the Mayor

(c) That the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be composed of Councillors Gaul, Kelly, and Hadden, with Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. English and Miss Furlong.

(d) That the School Meals Committee be composed of Councillors Crosbie, and Hadden, with Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Coffey this recommendation was also unanimously adopted.

DRAFT BYE-LAWS

There was submitted to the meeting draft Bye-Laws which had been provisionally approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with respect to:(a)The Cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits, and cesspools; and (b) Nuisances and the removal of house refuse.
These Bye-laws had been before the former Council but a decision on their adoption had been adjourned, and it was now decided that the members should be provided with copies so that they would be familiar with the terms of the proposed Bye-laws, and consideration of them was adjourned to enable this to be done.

CORPORATE SEAL

On the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Coffey, the Mayor or Miss Kelly were nominated under Section 17 (5) of the County

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Management Act, 1940, to witness the fixing of the Corporate Seal to any document by the County Manager.

PAINTING

The Mayor proposed and Councillor Crosbie seconded a resolution which was unanimously adopted requesting the County Manager to arrange for the painting of some of the Corporate dwellings.
In this connection the Mayor pointed out that in the Estimates for 1942-43 the Corporation had included a sum of £1,000 as their contribution towards the schemes to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, and their contribution had recently been fixed for this purpose at £750, leaving a balance of £250, which he considered could be usefully spent for the purpose of painting Artisans Dwellings.
The Mayor also proposed: "That the County Manager be requested to direct the Borough Surveyor to prepare plans, etc. for a Housing Scheme on the lands at Slippery Green, which lands have already been surveyed for this purpose, and as well, to prepare an estimate for the construction of the houses in rubble masonry." Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

PUBLIC PARK

Reference was also made to Order No. 4, made by the County Manager on the 31st ultimo that the scheme for the provision of a Public Park at Thomas Street as recommended by the Town Planning Adviser be adopted and that the necessary preliminary steps be taken to acquire the lands.
Some members held that the Co. Manager had not the power to decide on the site for this Park but it was pointed out that the question of a park had been before the Corporation on a number of occasions, and it had only been decided to proceed with the provision of a Park but agreement could not be reached on the question of site. The Mayor also pointed out that in his opinion if the Corporation were only now deciding to have a Public Park they would have the right to decide on the site, but as the matter had already been decided on he thought that the County Manager was quite within his rights in adopting the recommendation of the Town Planning Adviser in connection with the current years Relief Works.
In connection with the Park Councillor Hadden inquired if the proposed site would fit in with the Town Plan being prepared and he was informed that the Town Planning Adviser was the man who had recommended this site to the Corporation as a Public Park.

SWIMMING BATHS

Councillor Sinnott raised the question of the provision of swimming baths, but no action was taken on the matter for the present.

LIGHTING

Complaint was made by Councillor Roche that the lights at Whiterock View had not been lighting for some time past, and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the Manager of the Gas Company.

A complaint was made that the outfall sewer at Maudlintown was damaged, and the Borough Surveyor was requested to examine it and take steps to have it made right.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman Richard Corish TD
Mayor

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Coffey, James Gaul, George Hadden, Michael Flusk, Robert Moran, Raymond Corish, and Kevin Roche.

AUDIT

The Town Clerk intimated that the audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the period ended 31st March, 1942, would be opened at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday next the 25th instant at 11.30. a.m. by J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor.

At this stage the Town Clerk intimated that he had no further business to submit to the Committee.

Alderman Byrne however, gave notice that he would move at the October Statutory Meeting a resolution calling for the withdrawal of Order No. 83.

HOUSES

Complaint was made regarding the condition of some of the houses recently condemned as unfit for human habitation at Well Lane, and the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had already asked the Borough Surveyor for a report as to whether or not all the houses condemned as unfit for human habitation from time to time had been demolished in accordance with the terms of the Order.

HOUSE - TEMPERANCE ROW

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the roof of a house at Temperance Row and the County Manager was requested to have the Borough Surveyor examine this house.

HOUSE - PATRICK SQ.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the roof of a house at Patrick Square which had been demolished in accordance with the terms of the Demolition Order. It appeared that by the demolition of the house the St. Patrick Churchyard was now open and the County Manager was also requested to take steps to have this remedied.

ARTISANS DWELLINGS

A question was raised regarding the painting of Artisans Dwellings, and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that as requested by the Corporation the County Manager had asked the Borough Surveyor to make a report to him on the houses which needed painting most.

FOOTPATH

Councillor Coffey complained of the condition of the footpath at the entrance to the Westgate Yard and the County Manager was also requested to have this examined by the Borough Surveyor to take steps to have it repaired.
The County Manager was also requested to have the footpath on the north side of George Street Upper examined.

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Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the footpath at Maudlintown, but it was pointed out that this was a Main Road and any money expended on it would have to be borne by the County Council. It was decided, however, to request the County Manager to have the Borough Surveyor examine the footpath and submit an estimate to the County Council for its repair.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

Reference was made to the condition of the house at the Faythe occupied by a man named Barry. The Town Clerk reported that some time ago he had submitted a report to the Corporation from the County Medical Officer of Health to the effect that this house was unfit for human habitation and should be demolished, but no action was taken on this report. It was now decided to request the County Manager to deal with it.

Councillor Hadden asked was it not possible for the members of the Corporation to request a report on any matter from one of their officials but the Town Clerk pointed out that the functions of the Corporation were clearly defined in the County Management Act in a Schedule setting out what was known as Reserved Functions. Any other work which did not come under the heading of a reserved function was an executive function, and as such clearly reserved to the County Manager. The matter of reports from Officials was clearly an executive function and consequently if the Corporation wanted a report on any matter the correct procedure would be to request the County Manager to obtain such report. The County Manager in turn would receive the report in the first instance and it was then up to him to take whatever steps he considered necessary to deal with the matter.

HOUSE - BRIDE STREET

Complaint was made regarding the carrying out of repairs which had been ordered some time ago on a house at Bride Street occupied by a man named Davis, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would look up the papers in the matter and submit them to the County Manager for consideration at his next meeting.

Complaint was made regarding the impossibility of all the members of the Council being able to see the Orders made by the County Manager from time to time by the fact of the Book containing copies of these Orders being left on the table at each meeting of the Council and, after some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager be requested to direct the Town Clerk to read these orders at the beginning of each meeting, and if possible, to direct him to read them at each fortnightly meeting of the General Purposes Committee.
In this connection the members appeared to be under the impression that the County Manager should attend each Statutory Meeting of the Corporation, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager had a right to attend any meeting but was under no obligation to do so unless requested by the Council to attend, and then he was only obliged to attend in so far as it was not inconsistent with the due performance of his duties.
It was decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hadden to request the County Manager to attend the October meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 5th prox.

LIGHTING

Councillor Roche referred to the question of lighting at Whiterock View, and the Town Clerk explained to him that in accordance with a resolution passed at a previous meeting the County Manager had taken up the matter of the lighting of this area with the Wexford Gas Company. The Gas Co. had intimated that owing to the rationing of gas which the shortage of coal entailed it would not be possible for them to undertake any street

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lighting during the coming winter, and the County Manager had given directions to inquire from the Electricity Supply Board if they were in a position to light these streets by electricity.
This gave rise to a discussion on the question of cost. Some members held that the County Manager had no authority to expend money on the lighting of these streets by electricity, as if the Electricity Supply Board adhered to their usual practice the Council would have to pay for the extension to their net work, but the Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that so long as the County Manager did not expend by the 31st March next any sum in excess of the amount allocated by the Corporation for Public Lighting in the current year's Estimates he was perfectly entitled to have the particular areas lighted by electricity. If, however he found that the public lighting of the Town would cost more than the sum estimated for by the Corporation he would then, and only then, be obliged to seek the consent of the Council to the increased expenditure.

DERELICT SITES

Councillor Hadden raised a question on the number of derelict houses in the Town and asked what might the Corporation expect to be the fate of these.
From the discussion which ensued on this query it was seen that the question to deal with derelict sites was a difficult one. The County Manager could insist that all houses condemned as unfit for human habitation be demolished and the sites cleared and levelled, but it was pointed out to the meeting that neither the County Manager nor the Council had any power whatsoever to compel the owners to erect walls in front of these derelict sites or to plant them with trees.
It was also explained to the meeting it was quite an easy matter to acquire these derelict sites if they were of any utility, but a large number of them were isolated sites on which it would not be an economic proposition to erect houses.
The discussion on this matter was adjourned until the report of the Town Planning Adviser was received when the matter would again be raised.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cuddy T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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5th October, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne, Councillors Robert Coffey, Miss Annie Kelly, James Gaul, Kevin Roche, George Hadden, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 7th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 21st ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Coffey the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Hayes, Trattan Terrace, who for over twenty years and up to a few months ago had been an active member of the Corporation, and that the meeting adjourn for one week as a mark of respect to his memory. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all members present, by the County Manager and the Town Clerk. The resolution was adopted in respectful silence and the meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor
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An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman: Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Raymond E. Corish, George Hadden, Robert Coffey, Kevin Roche and Michael Flusk.

The Wexford County Manager and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 5th instant were, on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Coffey, taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An Acknowledgement of a vote of sympathy was read from the relatives of the late Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat.

STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the amendment of Standing Order No. 43, made on the 7th September, 1942, was confirmed in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 48.

BYE-LAWS

The next item on the Agenda was consideration of Bye-Laws in respect of:-

(1) Cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools; and

(2) Nuisances and the removal of house refuse.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th June last by letter No. P.H.11871/2/41, had conveyed provisional approval to the codes, and copies had been furnished to each member with the Agenda for a meeting on the 5th instant. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was decided to refer the Bye-Laws to the General Purposes Committee for consideration and report.

HOME ASSISTANCE

A letter was read from the Supt. Home Assistance Officer setting out the various types of persons liable, under Section 27 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, for the maintenance of their relatives.
The Town Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of the letter to each member for guidance in recommending persons for Home Assistance.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 83) ORDER

A lengthy discussion followed a proposal by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, calling on the Government to withdraw Order No. 83, which stabilised wages.
Councillor Hadden proposed as an amendment

"That the Government having stabilised wages, should take effective steps to control the price of things that wages buy."

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Councillor Coffey seconded the amendment.
On a show of hands the motion was defeated by five votes against to four for, and Alderman Byrne's motion declared carried by six votes for to one against.

An addendum moved by Councillor Flusk and seconded by Councillor Moran: "That Emergency Powers (No. 166) Order be amended to permit of a larger increase of bonus was agreed to."

RESOLUTION FROM DUNGARVAN U.D.C.

A resolution from the Dungarvan U.D.C. regarding the price of essential foodstuffs and Orders 83 and 166 was deemed to have been disposed of by the discussion which took place on the immediately preceding motion.

LETTERS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Replies were read from the County Manager on the following matters which had been raised by members.
(a) Wages of Caretaker of Bathing Place.

"With reference to the transmitted resolution of the Wexford Corporation, passed on the 7th inst., requesting reconsideration of Order No. 9 of the 31st August, last, please inform the Corporation that the Order has been fully reconsidered. Please inform them also, that the Manager cannot see any justification for amending the Order.

The following facts should be brought to the notice of the Corporation:-

1. The rate of 47s. per week, or 1s. an hour, being paid in the case, is the highest rate obtaining locally;

2. With this rate there was the advantage of perquisites;

3. The request for an increase had been refused by a Committee of the Corporation on the 20/7/42. The suggestion that it had been passed by the Corporation is incorrect; the Committee recommendation of the 10th August was not confirmed by the Corporation."

Members thought that this man should have been granted the increase as he was working seven days a week and the Manager intimated verbally that when an appointment was being made next year he proposed to give the matter further consideration having regard to the number of hours he worked and the opportunity of perquisites. This was considered satisfactory.

(b) List of Payments made.

"I beg to refer to transmitted request of the Corporation of the 7th inst. regarding lists of payments made at Finance Meetings, and in this connection to request that the Corporation be asked if the deposit of the books of Financial Statement on the Council Chamber table does not give sufficient information as to payments.

The Financial Statement can be made available at other times for inspection, if desired."

The Manager verbally explained that having regard to the time involved and the present shortage of paper he could not agree to the request. This view was accepted for the present.

(c) Painting of Artizans' Dwellings.

"I beg to acknowledge transmitted resolution of the Wexford Corporation on the 7th inst. in connection with painting of Artisans'

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Dwellings, and to refer to Order No. made in this connection.

I would point out to the Corporation that no money was provided in the Estimates for the current year for painting of Artizans' Dwellings and would further point out that a sum of £800 only was provided for the repair of the 613 houses."

The Manager verbally explained that he had instructed the Surveyor to paint a certain number of houses, but so far he had been unable to secure paint of a suitable quality. The members could not accept the Borough Surveyor's explanation in this matter and the Manager further explained that he would have the question of obtaining paint further examined.

(d) Housing Scheme at Slippery Green.

The County Manager directed that the following report from the Borough Surveyor be made available to the Corporation:-

"I have gone into the matter of erecting houses with rubble masonry walls on the proposed site at Slippery Green. I have prepared alternative layout plans for this site and I purpose erecting 2 storey 4 roomed houses of types C.7 and No. 69 (or la).

The C.7. house with rubble masonry walls and tiled roofs or asbestos cement slates would cost approximately £650 per house, and the No. 69 Type (or la) would cost approximately £630 per house, exclusive of development of site. The development of the site would cost approximately £80 per house.

In the event that quarry slates are used approximately £80 per house additional cost may be added.

	Building.	Development.	All-in-cost.
C.7. house tiled roofs or asbestos cement slates	£650.	£80.	£730.
69 or la type do. do.	£630.	£80.	£710.

The above prices are purely approximate and it is assumed that supplies of materials are easily obtainable. In my opinion, however, it is most inadvisable to attempt any type of building works under present conditions."

In this connection the Manager intimated to the meeting that he proposed to have the estimate examined by the Housing Inspector of the Department, and pending this examination the Corporation did not discuss the report.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Town Clerk be authorised to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to overdraft accommodation in the sum of £2,500 up to 31st October, 1942; and that for the future the Town Clerk be authorised, after consultation with the Mayor and County Manager, to apply to the Minister for sanction to such overdraft accommodation as may be required from time to time."

SCHOOL MEALS

The County Manager intimated to the meeting that he might have to request the Council to increase their allocation in the current year for the provision of School Meals owing to the difficulty of procuring supplies and the increased cost of food as well as the increased cost of providing

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substitutes for various commodities it was not now possible to obtain.

KEYSER'S LANE

The County Manager was requested to examine the question of making a Clearance Order in respect of the area known as Keyser's Lane.

TOWN PLANNING

Councillor Hadden requested that the Town Planning Adviser be asked to intimate to the Council an outline of the lines on which he was thinking of the Town Plan.

ORDERS BY COUNTY MANAGER

The Town Clerk read for the meeting a synopsis of the Orders made by the County Manager since last meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL

The County Manager submitted a Scheme prepared under Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order 1941, (Amendment) Order, 1941, and Emergency Powers No.(108) Order, 1941.
The Scheme provided for the distribution of a half-cwt. of timber and a half-cwt. of turf each week to persons in receipt of Home Assistance, persons in receipt of Pensions under the Old Age Pensions Acts, Blind Persons Acts, Widows & Orphans' Pension Acts, persons in receipt of Unemployment Assistance and householders with low weekly incomes.
Home Assistance Recipients would receive the fuel free of charge; Pensioners would make a contribution of 6d per cwt.; Unemployment Assistance Recipients would make a contribution of 1/- per cwt; and needy householders a contribution of 2/- per cwt. It was proposed to commence the Scheme on the 26th instant and continue it until 31st March, 1943.
The entire cost of the fuel supplied to Home Assistance Recipients would have to be borne by the Wexford County Council as the Public Assistance Authority. The State would make a contribution towards the fuel supplied to the other recipients and the balance would have to be met from the Wexford Rates.
The net cost of the Scheme was estimated at £1237 and up to the present the definite allocation of the State contribution had not been fixed.
The Scheme was welcomed by all members and the Town Clerk was directed to give a copy of it to the Press.
The County Manager paid tribute to the civic spirit of the local Fuel Merchants for the manner in which they had met him as regards price and the distribution of the fuel.

A synopsis of the various Orders made by the County Manager since the last meeting of the Council was read by the Town Clerk, and arising out of these the Manager was asked to examine the charges for the Town Hall and see if it was possible to make any reduction.

RATE COLLECTION

Arising out of the report of the Rate Collection, Councillor Hadden referred to the fact that two Collectors seemed too many in the Borough, but it was pointed out that nothing could be done to amalgamate the collection until one of the offices became vacant.

SWIMMING POOL

Councillor Sinnott raised the matter of a swimming pool for the Town, and this was referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration. Councillor Sinnott also gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that the Government be asked to provide a scheme for the provision of [illegible]
The meeting then terminated.

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26th October, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Michael Flusk, Miss Annie Kelly, James Gaul, Kevin Roche, Raymond E. Corish, James Crosbie, and George Hadden.

Arising out of the reading of the Manager's Orders since last meeting, it was decided to recommend the Corporation to set up a Committee to advise the County Manager on Allotments during the coming season.

RELIEF GRANT PROPOSALS

Arising out of Relief Grant proposals for the coming year the following works were suggested:-

1. Resurfacing of Upper Back Street in macadam.

2. Resurfacing of the Main Street from Gibson Street to King Street.

3. The widening of the junction of Waterloo Road and Grogan's Road.

There was submitted to the meeting a draft plan of the proposed public park at Grogan's Road and Thomas Street which was examined by the members and approval expressed to it.

Complaint was made regarding the following matters:-
The condition of the junction of Gibson Street and Harpur's Lane; the painting of Artisans Dwellings; the condition of the house at Patrick Square formerly occupied by a man named O'Connor; the repairs to the house at Bride Street occupied by a person named Davis: the condition of the roofs of Roche's Terrace houses.
The Town Clerk intimated that he would place these complaints before the County Manager at his next meeting.
A suggestion was also made that where possible the County Manager should arrange to have houses repaired instead of making Demolition Orders.

Alderman Byrne asked if an order had been made regarding the removal of dustbins on the Main Street and if so, who had made it. The Town Clerk replied that no order had been made but he had prepared a circular addressed to the residents of the Main Street requesting them to have their dustbins on the footpath not later than 8.15.a.m. in order to help the scavengers as he did not think it right that dustbins should be emptied on the main business thoroughfare of the town during business hours. Alderman Byrne, however, objected to this and the Town Clerk intimated that he would defer issuing the circulars until he had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the County Manager.

The matter of examining the Bye-laws referred to the Committee at last meeting of the Corporation was adjourned as most of the members were anxious to attend the meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.
The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor.
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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Byrne.

Councillors: Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Coffey, Raymond E. Corish, Michael Flusk, Robert Moran, James Gaul, James Crosbie, George Hadden, Kevin Roche and James Sinnott.

The Wexford County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of meetings of the Corporation on the 12th ultimo and the General Purposes Committee on the 26th ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.
Arising out of the minutes Alderman Byrne asked if anything had been done about a crossing at Gibson Street and Harpur's Lane which he had raised at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and the Town Clerk informed him that the County Manager had given directions to the Borough Surveyor to have this attended to.

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It was also intimated to the meeting that it was proposed under the 1942/43 Relief Grants to concrete the Main Street from the junction of Harpur's Lane to Gibson Street to King Street as the Department of Local Government and Public Health had only allocated 50% of this year's grant towards the work on the Public Park and the remaining 50% to be expended on Road Works.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A letter was read from the relatives of the late Thomas Hayes of Grattan Terrace, acknowledging a vote of sympathy passed with them on the 5th ultimo.

LOAN - GREEN ST. HOUSES

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a loan of £3,700 be raised to discharge outstanding and prospective liabilities in connection with the erection of 34 and 5 houses at Green Street. It was pointed out to the Corporation that no loan had ever been raised in connection with the erection of 5 houses and it was always intended to include the extra cost of the 34 house scheme in the loan to be raised for the 5 house scheme.
The following Statement showing the all-in-cost of the Scheme was circulated amongst the members.

Total cost of 34 houses (including land and site development for 39 houses, legal expenses, etc.)	£19,214. 18. 10.
Total cost of 5 houses.....	2,430. 19. 6.
Estimated cost of land for five houses including, arbitration, compensation, compulsory purchase order and Law Costs.....	300. 0. 0.
The erection of division fences for the 39 houses is estimated to cost.....	500. 0. 0.
C/D.	£ 22,445. 18. 4.

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Mortgages and incidental expenditure are estimated to cost.....		£22,445. 18. 4.
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		£22,455. 0. 0.

The receipts were:-

Loan raised for 34 houses	£16,305.	
Grant towards site development	£ 2,450.	18,755. 0. 0.
Balance to be raised by Supplementary Loan.....		£ 3,700. 0. 0.

The total cost of the 39 houses is £22,455 less State Grant of £2,450 towards development costs, leaving the net cost £20,005 or £513 per house.

RENT CALCULATION

Repayment of £513 @ £6. 5. 6.% =	£32. 4. 0.
Administration Expenses (Including Insurance ..... and Collection).....	4. 10. 0.
	£36. 14. 0.
Deduct 2/3rds subsidy on £350.....	14. 12. 10.
	£22. 2. 2.

Weekly Economic Rent = 8/6d per house.

When first considering the rents of these houses you calculated on an all-in-cost of.....	£412
You did not, however, take into consideration your contribution towards the cost of site development amounting to £3,000, but only the sum of £450 paid for the land - a difference of £2550 or per house.....	65
You estimated the War Clause would be £25 per house, whereas it was actually £40 per house - difference per house of.....	15
Miscellaneous expenditure on advertising, mortgages, inquiry, legal expenses, etc. was not taken into account and amounted per house to.....	10
Land, etc. for five extra houses amounts per house to.....	8
The increased cost of fencing now amounts " " ".....	3
	£513

You fixed the rent of the first houses completed at 6/6d each per week, inclusive of rates (which were estimated at 2/6d per week) leaving the rent at 4/-.

If the dwellings were let on this basis the annual loss to the Rates would amount to 4/6d x 52 or £11. 14. 0. per house, and a total of £456. 6. 0. which is the equivalent of approximately fivepence in the £.

Arising out of the reference to rents in the statement a question was raised as to whether the County Manager proposed to increase the rent of 6/6d fixed by the Corporation some time ago for these houses, and it was pointed out that the question of rents was entirely a matter for the County Manager, but that when coming to a decision on the rents to be charged had made an Order on the 29th ultimo "that the rent of 6/6d per week fixed by the Corporation for these houses some time ago be charged temporarily until the final rent is fixed by the County Manager." The Manager himself also pointed out to the meeting that whatever rent he would fix for the houses would be exclusive of rates and that he was bound by law to adopt this course. The rates of course, would be collected weekly in the rents and the rents would be adjusted each year in accordance with the upward or downward movement of rates. The Mayor, however,

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proposed that the County Manager be requested not to charge rents for the Green Street houses in excess of the figure already fixed by the Corporation. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which met with general favour, but a suggestion that the County Manager should discuss this matter further with the Corporation before coming to a final decision was adopted and the Mayor's motion withdrawn.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the Wexford County Manager to raise a loan of £3,700 to discharge outstanding and prospective liabilities in connection with the erection of 39 houses at Green Street.

VACANCY - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to fill a vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Thomas Hayes. Councillor Moran proposed that Mrs. English, Custom House Quay, be appointed and Councillor Flusk seconded. The Mayor, however, proposed that Mr. Michael Crosbie, of Trinity Street, be appointed and Alderman Byrne seconded. On a poll being taken there voted for:-
Ml. Crosbie, - Councillors Sinnott, Roche, Hadden, Crosbie, Gaul, Corish, Coffey, Miss Kelly, Alderman Byrne and the Mayor. (10).

For Mrs. English - Councillors Moran and Flusk. (2).

Mr. Crosbie was declared elected.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Sinnott moved that the entire Corporation be appointed an Allotments Committee to advise the County Manager on the administration of the Allotments Scheme for 1942/43. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

RATE COLLECTION REPORT

The report of the Rate Collection showed that the Poor Rate Collection on the 31st October was 40% as against 37% at the corresponding period of 1941; and the Town Rate Collection 49% as against 46% at the 31st October, 1941.
The arrears of rents of Artisans Dwellings at the 31st October amounted to £491. 7. 10. as against £567. 2. 6. at the end of October, 1941.
Both these reports were considered satisfactory.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the Government to formulate a scheme of family allowances. On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Flusk it was agreed that the Government be asked not to tax foodstuffs in the Budget for 1943/44.

On the suggestion of Councillor Flusk it was agreed that the Orders made by the County Manager from time to time be made available to the Press immediately after they had been submitted to the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, James Crosbie, Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, Kevin Roche, Raymond Corish, Robert Moran, George Hadden, and James Sinnott.

VACCINATION

Arising out of the reading of the Orders made by the County Manager since last meeting Alderman Byrne protested against the Order enforcing the Vaccination Acts and pointed out that it was no time to enforce vaccination on hungry children.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Complaint was made regarding the public lighting at Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked some time ago to quote for this work, but as it would take a considerable amount of material to extend their network they did not consider the use of the material justified at the present time for the sake of a few public lamps unless the network would also serve a number of consumers, and the Board was endeavouring at the present time to secure these consumers.
The Town Clerk was requested to get in touch with the Electricity Supply Board by phone and urge on them the need for a decision on this matter.

CENTRAL STORE

Regarding the proposal of the County Manager to rent the premises at Custom House Quay formerly a Bus Depot as a Central Store objection was taken to this on the grounds of the high rent of approximately £100 per annum and on the grounds that the premises would be subject to periodic flooding. It was suggested that before coming to a decision on the matter the Manager should have the premises known as Lacey's Yard, Westgate Yard and the store adjoining McCabe's premises at Westgate examined with a view to ascertaining if they were suitable for stores.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

Councillor Sinnott referred to a notice which had been served on the owner of a house at Faythe, occupied by Mrs. Sarah Doyle, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and complained that the house should not be condemned as unfit for human habitation. The Town Clerk pointed out that this was entirely a matter for the County Manager and that the owner, Miss Meyler, would have an opportunity of making proposals for putting the house in a habitable state.

FOOTPATH - WILLIAM ST.

A report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the footpath at William Street from Tuskar View to the junction with the Faythe; the Surveyor intimated it would cost £130 to lay a proper footpath. The Surveyor also pointed out that the footpath in question was along side the main road and the County Council would be required to provide the cost of same. The Surveyor also suggested to the Manager that owing to the difficulty of obtaining chippings and tar, or tar-bitumen that the present arrangement with the County Council whereby the

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Corporation maintain the Main roads in the Borough should be discontinued after the 31st March next.
As regards the footpath at William Street, members of the Corporation who are also members of the County Council, undertook to raise the matter at the next County Council meeting, but as regards the proposal to discontinue the present arrangement with the County Council for the maintenance of Main Roads within the Borough it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Coffey, that the County Manager be requested not to accept the Borough Surveyor's recommendation.

BYE-LAWS

The Town Clerk again raised the matter of consideration of draft bye-laws for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cess pools, and nuisances, and the removal of house refuse, but it was decided to put this matter down for a discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

On the suggestion of Councillor Flusk it was agreed to request the County Manager to examine the question of providing public lavatories in the Town.
It was also agreed at the request of Councillor Sinnott to request the County Manager to have the swan replaced at the Faythe.

FIREWOOD

Complaint was made regarding the difficulty of people in Town securing supplies of timber for firewood. It appeared that the local Fuel Merchants in accordance with arrangements made with the County Manager were reserving supplies of timber for persons in receipt of Fuel Vouchers under the Fuel Scheme, and as a result the ordinary person outside the scope of this Scheme could not secure supplies.
It was also pointed out that large quantities of timber were held by Messrs. Fuel Importers in Wexford as a reserve, and it was unanimously decided to communicate with Fuel Importers and the Department of Supplies requesting them to release some of this timber for firewood.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cearnaigh TD
Mayor of Wexford
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30th November, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors: Robert Coffey, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Raymond E. Corish, James Sinnott, George Hadden, Michael Flusk, Kevin Roche, and Miss Annie Kelly.

LIGHTING OF QUAYS

The Town Clerk submitted a recommendation from the County Manager that the Corporation undertake the lighting of the Quays.
The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that some two weeks ago a deputation from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners had waited on the County Manager and pointed out that owing to the rationing of gas and the financial position of the Commissioners there was no lighting on the Quays, and this was considered dangerous.
The Manager had considered this matter carefully and had decided to enter into an agreement with the Harbour Commissioners whereby the Corporation would undertake the lighting of the Quays and the Harbour Commissioners would pay the actual cost of this service as and when funds were available for the purpose. In addition, the Manager proposed to charge the Harbour Commissioners interest at the rate of 4% on the instalments outstanding under the present agreement, as well as on instalments outstanding under the 1936 agreement whereby the Corporation undertake the maintenance and lighting of the streets leading from the Quays.
This matter was carefully considered by the Corporation and it was agreed that the Harbour Commissioners were not in a position at the present time to undertake the lighting of the Quays, which were at present in a very dangerous condition due to the lack of any form of public lighting, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the recommendation of the County Manager be approved, and that the Corporation enter into an agreement on the lines recommended, subject to a clause being inserted in the agreement that the matter be reviewed at periods not later than 5 years.
As regards the number of lights, it was thought that 8/10 lights would suffice, and that those at the corners of King Street, Crescent Quays, and Common Quay Street should be pilot lights.
With reference to the lighting of Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas, the Town Clerk reported that as promised at the last meeting he had been in touch by 'phone with the Electricity Supply Board and had been informed it would take a considerable amount of materials to make the necessary extension from the Board's network to carry out this lighting, and for the sake of a few public lamps they did not consider that the use of this material in the present emergency would be justified unless it could be made to serve consumers as well. The Board, he stated, were endeavouring to secure consumers and promised him a decision on the matter at an early date, but up to the present he had heard nothing from them.
The Mayor undertook to interview the Secretary of the Board in connection with this matter.

FIREWOOD

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies intimating that Fuel Importers were now in a position to supply the needs of the Town with turf, and that consequently, authority could not be issued for the release of the timber dumps which were stored in the event of an absolute emergency.

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HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Howlin of 53, South Main Street, Wexford, in connection with his application for a house at William Street. The letter complained that the house had first been advertised for letting and subsequently advertised a second time for sale on the Tenant Purchase System. A number of members considered that as they had nothing whatever to do with the letting of houses they should not consider Mr. Howlin's complaint, but Councillor Flusk insisted that the matter should be referred to the Statutory meeting to be read when the County Manager could reply to it.
This course was agreed to.

CENTRAL STORE

In connection with the proposal of the County Manager to acquire premises at Custom House Quay as a Central Store, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough Surveyor had reported that neither of the three premises suggested at last meeting as an alternative to the Custom House Quay premises would be suitable as a Store, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to authorise the leasing of the premises at Custom House Quay as a Central Store.
In connection with the present Corporation Store at Trinity Street, it was reported that the Manager had received an offer of £300 for these premises.
As the disposal of the premises, however, was a reserve function under the Management Act the matter was one for decision by the Corporation.
A lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which some members held that if the offer was not accepted it might be lost, and that if the premises were put up for public auction the Corporation would not receive £300 for it. Councillor Flusk, however, insisted that the premises should be advertised and offers invited, so it was eventually decided to invite offers of £300 or over for the store.

HOUSE - ROCHE'S TERRACE

Complaint was made by Alderman Byrne regarding the decision of the County Manager to seek possession of the house at Roche's Terrace occupied by Mrs. James. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that Mrs. James had applied to have the range in her house replaced by an open firegrate which she would supply herself. The County Manager had agreed to Mrs. Jame's request on condition that the range was returned to Corporation Store, and the necessary alteration had been carried out by the Corporation employees, but when they went to remove the range to store Mrs. James refused to part with it. It was made clear to Mrs. James in a letter by the Town Clerk before the range was put in that it was only on condition that the range was returned to store that the Manager agreed to her application.
Members stated however, that Mrs. James wished to instal the range in a back kitchen on her premises but the Town Clerk pointed out that this was the first occasion on which this had been mentioned, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to reconsider his decision to seek possession of Mrs. Jame's house, and if she applied to allow her to instal the range in the back kitchen.

FOOTPATH - TALBOT ST.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath on the land side of Talbot Street, and the Town Clerk was requested to ask the County

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Manager to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor on its condition.

DRAFT - BYE-LAWS

Once again the Committee adjourned consideration of the draft Bye-Laws which hadbeen before them on a number of occasions and which had been specially set down on the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
4-12-42

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7th December, 1942.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, Annie Kelly, James Gaul, James Crosbie, George Hadden, James Sinnott and Raymond Corish.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 2nd ultimo, General Purposes Committee on 16th and 30th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Philip McGuire, a former member of the Council. Councillor Coffey seconded the motion.
The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Moran on the death of his cousin which had occurred under tragic circumstances during the week. Councillor Coffey seconded.
The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James Furlong, a very prominent member of the Gaelic Athletic Association in Wexford. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion. All three motions were supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

LETTING OF HOUSE

At the request of Councillor Flusk the following letter regarding the letting of a house was read:-

"I would be grateful if you would place this letter before the members of the Corporation at their next meeting so that they might discuss the position re the letting of house at No. 7, St. Brendan's Road. The following questions if answered might clear the position. At the same time I do not hold that the Corporation as a body had anything to do with the matter, but being the elected representatives of the People of Wexford I presume that they are left with the power to discuss such matters:

1. Why was the house advertised to be let and when five applications were received, the position suddenly changed and it was decided to dispose of the house on Hire Purchase terms?

2. Why was the Hire Purchase method not adopted in the first instance?

3. Why were the original applicants not informed of the decision of the Co. Manager, and not left to find out for themselves.

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As stated in my application I am A.R.P. Group Warden for the area in which this house is situated and as such considering all the talk we hear about Civil Defence, I expected a little more consideration. However, I expect the house will go to someone not connected with the Civil Defence Organisation and the usual excuses made.

In conclusion, the only thing left for me to say is that is it my first taste of the Managerial System which we heard so much about before being put into operation, but if that is the system then I am afraid it will take more than the Civil Defence Services to save Ireland."

The County Manager explained that when these houses were originally provided he understood the Corporation had found it difficult to procure tenants for them at an economic rent, as a result of which some of them had to be let at a rent of 12/6d each per week, which was a loss of 5/6d to the rates. When he found he could dispose of one of them on the Tenant Purchase System and consequently relieve the ratepayers of some of the burden placed on them he had taken the opportunity to do so, and had directed that the house be re-advertised for letting on the Tenant Purchase System in the same manner as it had been previously advertised for letting.
The original applicants were personally informed at the Town Clerk's Office of the change of letting and all had the opportunity of re-applying for the house on the altered conditions.
As regards the writer of the letter, the Manager stated he was informed that some few years ago this man had received a loan from the Corporation under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts with which to erect a house on St. John's Road, but that at one time the arrears of instalments amounted to no less a sum than £96.
No action was taken on the letter.

LIGHTING OF QUAYS

The General Purposes Committee at the request of the County Manager had agreed to recommend the Corporation to undertake the lighting of the Quays which was a liability of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.
The Town Clerk read the following letter which he had addressed to the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners explaining the position and the conditions under which the County Manager would recommend the Corporation to undertake this work:-

"I am directed by the Wexford County Manager to refer to the interview with your Chairman, and Mr. Furlong on Monday last when they suggested on behalf of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners that, owing to the depleted finances of the Commissioners and the rationing of gas, the Wexford Corporation should undertake the lighting of the Quays by Electricity.

As pointed out to the deputation, Section 54 of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, places the responsibility on the Commissioners of lighting the Quays and the streets leading to the Quays, but authorises the transfer of this duty to the Corporation "on such terms and for such consideration payably by the Commissioners to the Corporation as may be agreed upon between the Commissioners and the Corporation." The County Manager's interpretation of this Section is that it contemplates an agreement for convenience or economy and any such agreement should provide for payment to the Corporation of the equivalent of the service rendered.

The County Manager has also directed me to point out that in the year 1936 an agreement was entered into between the Commissioners

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and the Corporation whereby the latter undertook the duty of lighting, maintaining and cleansing the streets leading to the Quays in consideration of an annual payment by the Commissioners to the Corporation of £52. 10. 0. plus the actual cost of lighting(£20) making a total of £72. 10. 0. Since 1938 only £25 has been paid on foot of this Account, leaving due to 31st December, 1941, a total of £192. 10. 0.

The County Manager, however, appreciates the difficulty in which the Harbour Commissioners at present find themselves and realises the potential danger to life of leaving the Quays unlighted especially during the winter months. He has, therefore, decided to recommend the Corporation to undertake the lighting of the Quays by electricity on the following conditions:-

(1) That the Commissioners enter into an agreement to pay the Corporation the actual cost of the lighting as an when, having regard to the provisions of Section 107 of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, revenue is available for the purpose.

(2) That payment be made in two moieties on 1st January and 1st July each year.

(3) That Interest at the rate of four per centum per annum be charged on all outstanding instalments on foot of this agreement and on outstanding instalments under the 1936 agreement in respect of the streets leading to the Quays.

If the Commissioners are agreeable to the foregoing conditions the matter will be placed before the Corporation for approval without delay and the lighting put into operation as soon as possible."

The members agreed that in the interest of public safety the Corporation should approve of the recommendation, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed provided that the proposed agreement be reviewed at periods not exceeding five years.
As regards the lighting of Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in touch with the Manager of the Wexford Gas Company and he had agreed to again undertake the lighting of this area during the time that gas would be available. This was considered satisfactory.

CENTRAL STORE

The General Purposes Committee had also recommended at the request of the County Manager that the Corporation approve of the leasing of the premises at Custom House Quay known as George Stafford's Yard and formerly occupied by the Great Southern Railways as an Omnibus Depot for the purpose of establishing a Central Store.
The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that for some time past the Manager had had under consideration the need of one Central Store for all the Corporation plant, machinery and stocks in lieu of the number of small stores at present being operated. Various premises had been examined for this purpose but this was the only suitable premises available, and Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons were prepared to grant the lease for a period of 50 years at a rent of £100 per annum. When this store was in operation it would be used as a depot for all materials the property of the Corporation and also as a depot where the men could report in the morning and mark the time clock.
On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

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The following Resolution submitted by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, but with Councillor Kelly dissenting.

> "That in the opinion of the Wexford Borough Council legislation should be enacted without delay to compel Ground Landlords to sell their interests to leaseholders at a fair purchase price."

PUBLIC LAVATORIES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Flusk moved that the County Manager be requested to report on the provision of public lavatories in the Town at suitable points. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

BOOTS AND OILSKINS

In reply to a query by the Mayor, the Town Clerk stated that an order had been made that day to supply the workmen with boots but no decision had yet been taken on the provision of oilskins pending the return by all the staff of the last issue.

FUEL

Alderman Byrne raised a question on the supply of fuel for the Town. He stated that it was impossible for people to procure supplies of firewood and that some people in receipt of Vouchers under the Fuel Scheme had had to accept turf in lieu of fuel and to pay an extra cost of 7d. The County Manager made a lengthy explanation on the entire fuel position and stated that if individual complaints were made to the Town Clerk and himself regarding the failure of the Merchants to supply timber to persons in receipt of Vouchers under the Fuel Scheme he would have them investigated.

FOOTPATH

Councillor Coffey complained that in the excavating of the old footpath at Spawell Road that proper provision was not made to allow people to enter their dwelling houses, and the Town Clerk promised to take this matter up with the men in charge.

LOAN

In accordance with a recommendation by the County Manager, the Mayor gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the Corporation borrow from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. the sum of £3,700 to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of 38 houses at Green Street, the loan to be repaid by half-yearly instalments within a period of 25 years with interest at the rate of 4%, or if the Irish Banks Rate increase in excess of 4½% the interest payable on the loan to increase by the excess of the Banks Rate over 4½% during the period that such excess continued in operation.

RELIEF SCHEMES

The Town Clerk reported that by the end of the current week 78 men would be employed on Relief Grant Works.

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RATE COLLECTION - REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Rate Collection at the end of November was 52% as against 50% at the corresponding period of last year, and the Poor Rate Collection was 42% as against 40% at November 1941.

RENT COLLECTION - REPORT

The Town Clerk also reported that the arrears of rents of Artisans' Dwellings at the end of November was £475. 8. 10. as against £576. 1. 3. at November 1941, and as against £491. 7. 1. at the end of October, 1942.

RANGE

With reference to the resolution of the General Purposes Committee on the 30th ultimo requesting the County Manager to reconsider his decision in the case of Mrs. James, Roche's Terrace, the Manager explained the position exactly the same as it had been explained by the Town Clerk to the Committee, and stated he had made an Order this day to the effect that if Mrs. James was prepared to meet the cost of exchanging the range for the open fireplace he would raise no objection to her retaining the range for use in the back kitchen.

TURF

A Discussion was initiated by Councillor Hadden on the economical burning of turf in the Town, at the end of which it was decided to request the Vocational Education Committee to arrange lectures on the economical burning of turf.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the application of Nicholas Wade, Faythe, for permission to take a water supply from an existing service which application had been refused by the County Manager as it would be contrary to the Waterworks Regulations. The Councillor asked the Manager to reconsider his decision, but it was pointed out that the non-enforcement of this particular bye-law in the past had caused a considerable amount of trouble in recent years, and the Manager informed the Councillor that in the circumstances he could not agree to grant the permission sought.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Department of Supplies relative to the provision of timber for firewood in the Town; from the Department of Finance relative to the taxation of foodstuffs and a scheme of family allowances.

A letter was also read from Mr. Ml. Crosbie returning thanks for his appointment on the Vocational Education Committee.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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21st December, 1942.

A Meeting of the Old Age Pensions and General Purposes 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)

Councillors Miss Kelly, Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dr. Hadden, and Gaul.

A number of Old Age Pension Claims were disposed of and a record of these will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

STORE

Only one offer was received for the purchase of the Corporation Store at Trinity Street. On being opened this was found to be from the Loc Garman Co-operative Society, who offered to purchase the store for the sum of £300, which was their original offer. They stated, however, that in the event of any other tender exceeding this amount they were prepared to advance their offer to £500, but should there be no other tender except their own they expected the Corporation to sell it to them for the sum of £300, which was their original offer for the store before it was advertised. They pointed out that the roof was actually falling down and that it would cost £300 to put same in repair.
Having regard to the condition of this store which the Borough Surveyor had already stated it would take £800 to £1,000 to put right the members considered that the offer of £300 was a good one and should be accepted, so on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to accept the offer and that the Town Clerk should give notice in accordance with the Provisions of Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, of the intention of the Corporation to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to demise the store to the Co-operative Society.

Complaint was made regarding the employment of masons on footpath work under Relief Grants. It was pointed out that the making of footpaths was always considered plasterers work, except when plasterers were not available and only then were masons employed. The Town Clerk was requested to look into the matter and consult with the County Manager and Borough Surveyor with a view to having the complaint remedied , or if not to have the work equitably distributed as between masons and plasterers.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpaths at Wygram Place, Anne Street, School Street, and at the Trinity Street corner of Parnell Street.
Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the surface of the Old Pound.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

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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 being:-

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

Alderman Byrne.

Councillors James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Raymond Corish, James Gaul, Miss Annie Kelly, James Sinnott, George Hadden and Kevin Roche.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 7th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 21st ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Flusk on the death of his father, which had occurred on Xmas Eve at the advanced age of 96 years. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all members present, by the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been asked by the County Manager to apologise for his non-attendance at the meeting tonight as he was confined to bed with a slight illness.

PAYMENT OF MEN (RELIEF)

Alderman Byrne raised a question as on whose authority the men employed on Relief Grant Works were not paid until late on Xmas Eve. In reply, the Town Clerk stated, that it was done on his authority, and that the men's time did not finish until 5 o'clock on December 24th. As a result of bad weather however, the men had been paid at midday on Xmas Eve as they were unable to work in the afternoon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An acknowledgement was read from Councillor Moran on a vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting.

LOAN

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Corporation borrow from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited the sum of £3,256 to defray expenses in connection with the provision of 39 houses at Green Street to be repaid within a period of 25 years by half-yearly instalments with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, which rate would remain in operation unless and until the Irish Banks Rate increased in excess of 4½% in which case the rate of interest will increase by the excess of the Banks Rate over 4½% during the period that such excess continues in operation. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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STORE

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the offer of the Loc Garmain Co-operative Society of £300 for the store at Trinity Street be accepted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
An advertisement had been issued inviting offers for this store and the offer of the Loc Garmain Co-operative Society was the only one received. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Moran, the recommendation was unanimously approved of.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government, through the Department of External Affairs, be asked to appoint officers to look after the general welfare of Eire workers in England. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously adopted, but it was decided that Alderman Byrne should give the Town Clerk specific cases of injustice to Eire workers before the resolution was forwarded to the Department of External Affairs.

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Minister for Finance be called upon in view of the inability of the aged to exist on the bit they are now receiving to increase the Old Age Pensions immediately. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion.
A lengthy discussion followed this matter during which the Mayor read the following motion which the Labour Party had tabled in the Dail dealing with this matter:-

> "That, taking note of the considerable increase in the prices of commodities and the consequent depreciation in the purchasing power of money during the past three years, Dail Eireann requests the Government to introduce proposals for the purpose of providing for persons over 65 years of age, who have ceased being gainfully employed, old age pensions at the rate of 20/- per week; and providing further that, in computing the means of applicants under the old age pensions code, any net income not exceeding £2 per week will not be taken into account."

At the end of the debate it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, to adopt a resolution calling on the Government to give effect to the Labour Party motion at present awaiting discussion in Dail Eireann.

FUEL

Complaint was made that persons in receipt of vouchers under the Free Fuel Scheme were unable to obtain supplies of firewood and were being asked by the Merchants to pay an extra 7d for a cwt. of turf instead of ½ cwt. of turf and ½ cwt. of timber. Complaint was also made regarding the quality of the turf supplied throughout the town generally, it being stated that it was very wet and impossible to burn.
It was decided to ask the County Manager to examine these two matters.

LIGHTS

On the suggestion of the Mayor, it was decided to request the County Manager if at all possible to have the pilot lights on the streets kept lighting all night.

BUS TERMINUS

The Mayor referred to the recent change of the Great Southern Railways Bus Terminus at Wexford and pointed out that great inconvenience was

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caused to people living in the south end of the town through the bus stopping at the north, especially on wet nights, and it was decided to make representations to the Great Southern Railways Company to have the bus travel via George's Street, John Street, School Street, Joseph Street, King Street, Lambert Place, Parnell Street, and the Quays.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the Government to release all untried prisoners.

Councillor Corish read a letter which he had received from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty regarding the supply of cement for Relief Grants. In the letter this firm stated that previously they had obtained 50% of the orders for cement, but up to the present had not received any order for the current works. They requested the matter to be investigated so that they might receive an equitable share of the business.

FOOTPATHS

The Mayor referred to the manner in which the footpaths were being finished in the Town now, and pointed out that in years gone by footpaths were steel floated and the cement brought to the surface which gave them a nice smooth finish. At the present time they were being all ridged, and in his opinion, the sand was being brought to the top and they would rapidly wear away. It was decided to request the County Manager to have this matter looked into.

COMMITTEE

On the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, it was decided to appoint a sub-Committee to confer with the County Manager to see if houses the subject of Demolition Orders could not be made habitable. The following were appointed a Committee:- Councillors Hadden, Sinnott, Miss Kelly and the Mayor.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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