

18th December, 1944.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 Roche, Moran, Gaul, Crosbie and Sinnott.

It was decided to have the public lights in the Town lighting all night on Saturday and Sunday next the 23rd and 24th instant.

Complaint was made regarding the carrying out of repairs to Corporation houses, and the Town Clerk was asked to devise some system whereby the Rent Collectors would have a duplicate book to take notes on complaints made by tenants and pass them on for attention.

#### LAND - ST. JOHN'S RD.

The Town Clerk pointed out that there was a small piece of ground at the rear of Mr. William Gaynor's property at St. John's Road, which he held from the Corporation. Since the erection of a new school there entrance to this piece of ground was now impossible except through Mr. Gaynor's property, and Mr. Gaynor desired to have it let in with his land for the unexpired term of his original lease. The matter had been before the County Manager, who recommended the Corporation to lease the land to Mr. Gaynor for the unexpired period of his original lease at a rent of 1/- per annum, Mr. Gaynor to be responsible for the legal costs incurred. As the members were not quite familiar with the piece of ground in question it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting, and in the meantime, the Mayor undertook to see the place.

Complaint was made regarding the entrance to No. 52, Whiterock View, occupied by a person named Saunders.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish* TD  
Mayor

Chairman.....



8th January, 1945.

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 Gaul, Hadden, Roche, Sinnott, Moran and Crosbie.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 4th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on 4th and 18th ultimo; Town Planning Committee on 4th ultimo. After the heading of the minutes had been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patk. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor, on the death of his mother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul and supported by all the members present.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. J. J. O'Leary, Rate Collector, on the death of his son. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by all the members present, as well as by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

Complaint was made by the Mayor on the number of lights out on the Town from time to time. On Sunday last he complained that 4 or 5 lights were out from Spawell Road to Rowe Street, a list of which he had given to the Town Clerk that night. The Town Clerk intimated that he had called to the Electricity Supply Board Offices on Monday morning and complained about these lights being out, and was informed that they were short of lamps and hoped to have them in that day when they would be made good. The Mayor, however, thought that there should be more supervision by the Electricity Supply Board over the Public Lighting System, as it was becoming necessary for members of the Corporation to call the attention of the Board to lights being out for two or three nights in succession, and he proposed "that we enter an emphatic protest against the treatment meted out to the Corporation by the Electricity Supply Board." Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted.

#### WATERWORKS SCHEME

Complaint was again made regarding the failure of the booster on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and a lengthy discussion followed on the scheme generally. In this connection the Town Clerk read a lengthy letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the question of renewing the main from Coolree to Wexford, in which the Minister pointed out that the matter was one for a decision, in the first instance, by the Local Authority, acting on the advice of their Consulting Engineers. The Minister also pointed out certain aspects of the matter which should receive special consideration before a definite decision was made. The Town Clerk intimated that this letter had been before the County Manager that afternoon, who had ordered that a copy be sent to the Consulting Engineers and the Borough Surveyor for their observations.



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The present meeting suggested that when forwarding the letter to the Consulting Engineers that they should be asked for a quick decision on the points raised by the Minister.

#### DEPUTATION

A letter was read requesting the Corporation to receive a deputation from the residents of King Street, whose houses were flooded there on two occasions during the past two months, and it was unanimously decided to receive this deputation at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee due to be held on the 22nd instant. It was also decided that Mr. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Sewerage Scheme, should be asked to make his report on the King Street area available as soon as possible, and to attend the meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 22nd instant. ~~ON the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided on the recommendation of the County Manager~~

#### PLOT OF GROUND

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided on the recommendation of the County Manager, to lease to Mr. William Gaynor of St. John's Road, a small plot of ground at the rear of his residence for the unexpired term of his original lease at a rent of One Shilling per annum.

#### CART

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to provide a "covered in" Scavenging cart for the collection of house refuse on the Main Street. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### RELIEF WORK

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be asked to give an explanation as to why no Relief Work was available for the unemployed during Xmas. In this connection the Town Clerk explained that the County Manager had asked him to inform the Corporation that immediately he got sanction for the Relief Grant work he had put the scheme into operation. A number of men were at present employed at Kerlogue quarry quarrying stones for the work, but the scheme was not proceeding to his satisfaction owing to lack of gelignite for blasting purposes. In this connection the Mayor proposed that the Manager be asked to call the attention of the appropriate Minister to the fact that Relief Grant work was held up through lack of gelignite, and if gelignite could not be procured that the Manager consider having the work carried out with gravel. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

#### HOUSING

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that at the next meeting of the Corporation the Manager should submit a report on the steps which have been taken to enable the building of houses to commence immediately after the present emergency. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the seal of the Corporation was affixed to a deed of a small plot of ground at St. John's Road, Wexford, leased to Mr. Thomas P. Clarke, at a 1/- per annum.



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### RESOLUTION

Referring to minutes of the Corporation in November when a resolution was adopted calling on the Government to increase the benefits paid under the National Health Insurance Acts the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister intimated that any suggestion of the Corporation in regard to such benefits would receive consideration.

### DANCING

Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation appoint a deputation to await on His Lordship the Bishop to discuss with him the present restrictions on the hours of dancing in the Town with a view to their relaxation. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, which gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which the motion was defeated by six votes against to two for. Alderman Byrne thereupon demanded a poll, when the voting was for the motion - Councillor Roche and Alderman Byrne (2) against the motion - Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Sinnott, Hadden, Gaul and the Mayor (6). The motion was declared lost.

### FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Councillor Roche moved that the Freedom of the Borough be conferred on the Mayor on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Mayor of Wexford. When this motion was proposed Alderman Corish vacated the Chair, which was occupied by Councillor Sinnott. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which appeared to be unanimously received by the Corporation, but the Town Clerk intimated that this could not be decided at the present meeting, and notice of motion would be required so that every member of the Council could be informed of the proposal. Councillor Roche thereupon gave notice that he would move at a Special meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 22nd instant that the Corporation grant the Freedom of the Borough to Alderman Corish on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Mayor.

The meeting then terminated.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting when the same members were in attendance.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Wexford Harbour Board enclosing copy of a letter received from the Minister for Industry & Commerce in connection with the payment of a Grant to the Harbour Commissioners, subject to an equal sum being provided by the Local Authorities. The Corporation had agreed last year to provide the equivalent of a rate of 4d in the pound, and it was now unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that subject to statutory authority being provided the Corporation would pay the Harbour Commissioners 75% of the Grant as soon as the necessary order authorising it was received from the Government, and the balance on receipt of the Audited Accounts of the Commissioners for the year ending 31st March, 1945. The Mayor also moved that, if necessary, the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health could be sought to the obtainment of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £300 to enable 75% of the Grant to be paid to the Commissioners until the full amount was raised in the rates for the year 1945/46.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - ORD. A/C.

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## OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - ORD. A/C.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the obtainment of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £5,000 on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation up to the 31st March next.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Consh T.D.  
Mayor

Chairman.....



22nd January, 1945.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day in accordance with a decision arrived at on the 8th instant.

The members present being:

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Kevin Roche, Dr. Hadden, and James Gaul.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Sinnott should preside.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider a motion, notice of which had been given by Councillor Roche on the 8th instant, that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred on Alderman Corish on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Mayor of Wexford.

Thereupon Councillor Roche proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Byrne and resolved:-

"That by virtue of the Provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this Ancient Borough of Wexford be conferred on the Right Worshipful Richard Corish, T.D., on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Mayor of Wexford."

The above motion was supported by Councillor Dr. Hadden and unanimously adopted.

It was also agreed that the Freedom should be conferred at a Banquet to be given by the Citizens of Wexford at the Talbot Hotel on the 28th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish T.D.  
Mayor of Wexford*

Chairman.....



22nd January, 1945.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting, with the addition of the Mayor who now occupied the Chair.

The Wexford County Manager, Mr. T. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Town Sewerage Scheme, were also in attendance.

Mr. O'Connor submitted a report dealing with the flooding in the King Street area, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and after a general discussion on the report a deputation from the residents of King Street, who were affected by the flooding, was received. The deputation submitted a memorial setting out a number of points which they considered should receive the attention of the Corporation, and the meeting unanimously decided to have the suggestions of the deputation examined and, if possible, given effect to. After the deputation had withdrawn the Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor, intimated that he would consider and report on various suggestions made at the meeting with a view to abating the flooding of King Street, and would make a further report on the matter in the near future.

The meeting then terminated.

*R. Smith T D*  
*Mayor*

Chairman.....



THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE, ACT, 1876.  
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ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.  
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION  
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD ON THE TWENTY-SECOND  
DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND  
FORTY-FIVE, THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH  
WAS CONFERRED ON THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RICHARD  
CORISH, T. D., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SILVER  
JUBILEE AS MAYOR OF WEXFORD, ON THIS TWENTY-  
EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE-  
HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE.

*Richard Corish T D* SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

*James Smith, J.B.*

DEPUTY MAYOR.



TOWN CLERK.

Chairman.....



5th February, 1945.

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 Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, George Hadden, and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor stated that since the last meeting of the Corporation Councillor Coffey had died, and he proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives in their bereavement, and that the meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk personally, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the late William Byrne, Foreman of Works and Storekeeper to the Corporation. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion, which was also supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Moran on the death of his cousin, the late Miss Moran, Parnell Street. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by the members present, the County Manager and Town Clerk, and was also adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish T.D.*  
*Mayor*

Chairman.....

19th February, 1945.

An adjourned Statutory 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 Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Roche, Hadden and Corish.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 8th and 22nd ultimo and 5th instant; General Purposes Committee on 8th and 22nd ultimo. After the headings of the minutes had been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read in detail and approved. The minutes were then signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late Councillor Coffey; the relatives of the late William Byrne and from Councillor Robert Moran.

#### WATERWORKS

Alderman Byrne referred to the recent shortage of water in the Town and other members also complained of this. It was explained that during the recent heavy frost a large number of service pipes in the Town had burst as a result of which it was impossible to give water to the high levels by the gravitation portion of the system. Even up to the present, although the services had practically all been repaired or sealed up, it had been found impossible to get water to the John Street, School Street, level. The County Manager explained that in accordance with an agreement reached between the Corporation and himself he had asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval to the laying of a new 12" main from Coolree to the Town, which he was advised by the Engineers would give an adequate supply of water. He read correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Consulting Engineers and the Borough Surveyor on this matter, but up to the present as a layman he was not perfectly satisfied that a new main would get over all the difficulties. He intimated to the meeting that he was going to Dublin during the week-end and he would discuss the matter further with the Engineers and report back to another meeting of the Corporation.

#### FIREMEN'S STIPEND

The Mayor intimated that he had interviewed the Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposal of the County Manager to increase the remuneration paid to the members of the Fire Brigade and hoped to have a decision in the course of a week or two.

#### TRAIN SERVICE

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that in the present circumstances it was not possible to meet the request of the Corporation to extend the train service from Rosslare Strand to Kilrane.

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## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEMAND

There was submitted to the meeting the demand of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1946. The demand amounted to £640, which was an increase of £46 over the demand for the current year. On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to include the full demand in the Estimates for 1945/46.

## HOUSING

The next business was to receive a report from the County Manager on the steps taken and proposed to be taken for the provision of Working Class houses after the Emergency. The Manager stated that the Housing Survey of the Town had just been completed during which 1104 houses were inspected. Of these 535 were found to be unfit for human habitation; 411 were unfit but were capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense; 151 were found to be fit and 7 had been demolished since the Survey was commenced. To re-house the persons residing in the 535 unfit houses would require 696 dwellings, and as well it was seen that a further 776 houses were needed to meet unsatisfied demands. From the above figures the Manager pointed out that 872 new houses were needed to meet the urgent needs of the Borough, and to satisfy this demand he pointed out that the active co-operation of all concerned in this important social work would be required, particularly, if their provision was not to cast an unbearable burden on the ratepayers.

Continuing the Manager pointed out that the Corporation had already erected 664 houses. 134 of these were erected prior to and during the 1914/18 war and 530 were erected since 1922. Of the 664 dwellings erected, 30 had been sold out and out and entailed no further liability to the ratepayers, while 40 were being acquired on the Tenant Purchase System and were also self-supporting. The balance of 594 were let to weekly tenants and entailed a subsidy from the rates of £3120, which represented an average annual charge of £5. 5. 0. per house.

As regards the provision of houses during the post war period the Manager stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order had already been made and an Inquiry held into the proposal to acquire land at Slippery Green which would accommodate 102 houses. Negotiations were practically completed for the purchase of a field from Mr. Laurence Kirwan of Ballinagee at Whiterock, which would accommodate a further 40 houses, and preliminary steps had been taken to acquire the Batt Street area.

The members saw that if the Housing problem was going to be solved a serious effort would have to be made by the Local Authorities and the State to provide these dwellings so that they could be let at rents which the tenants could meet, and at the same time would not increase to any great extent the present burden on the ratepayers. After some further discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should meet as a General Purposes Committee on Monday next the 26th instant at 7 p.m. to consider this entire problem.

The following matters were raised by members:-

The delay in repairing streets and footpaths after openings in connection with underground services.

The delay in repairing the streets disturbed by the Contractor for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

The closing up of Water Lane, King Street.

The repair of the water channel near the Air Raid Shelter at King Street.

The provision of seats for the Town.

The position regarding the proposed Public Park.

Trespass on the gardens of the houses at William Street due to the demolition of houses at the junction of Fisher's Row and William Street.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting to consider the draft Estimates of the Town Rates for the year 1945/46.

The draft Estimates showed an increase of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, and the only item which the members could see at the moment in which any reduction could be made was in the estimate for A.R.P. Services, and this could only be done by dispensing with the services of the A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the estimates until the 26th instant, and in the meantime the details of the various estimates, together with the County Manager's report thereon, were to be available.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Coad TD*  
*Mayor of Wexford*

Chairman.....



26th February, 1945.

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 Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Dr. Hadden, Sinnott, Moran, and Crosbie.

The members had been supplied before the meeting with details of the Estimated Receipts and Expenditure, together with the County Manager's report thereon for the year ending 31st March, 1946, which showed that the Total Estimated Expenditure out of the Town Rates for the year was £43,480, and the Receipts £25,107, leaving the net estimated expenditure £28,373. To meet this there was an estimated credit balance of £350, leaving £28,020, to be provided for by rates which would require a Total Town Rate poundage of Sixteen Shillings and tenpence, or an increase of One Shilling and Sixpence over the current year.

The Estimates, a copy of which will be found attached to the minutes ~~for~~ the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 5th proximo, were examined in detail by the Committee, and the only item in respect of which any reduction could be made was in the A.R.P. Services, which had been increased by £200 to meet the expenses of an A.R.P. Officer and Local Fire Prevention Officer. Of this £200, however, it was explained that £120 would be recouped from the Central Government, and the net saving to the Corporation by the deletion of this sum would be £80, or the equivalent of One Penny in the pound. Nevertheless, it was unanimously agreed that the extra £200 provided this year to meet the salary of the A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer be deleted and this brought the Borough Rate to Twelve Shillings and one penny.

It was also pointed out that owing to the death of William Byrne, Store-keeper and the appointment of a member of the staff in his place it might be possible to further reduce the estimate by another sum of £100, making the total reduction £180, or the equivalent of 2d in the Pound.

It was then unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to agree on a Town Rate of Sixteen Shillings and eightpence and to dispense with the services of the A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer.

#### HOUSING

The meeting then went on to consider the question of Housing. An examination was made of the recent returns of the Survey, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to at first concentrate on the houses which the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor intimated were possible of being rendered fit for human habitation. It was also agreed that they should be classified as follows for the convenience of the members:-

- (1) List of houses unfit for human habitation and which could not be made fit.
- (2) Houses at present unfit but which could be made fit by the installation of sanitary conveniences.
- (3) Houses unfit but which could be made fit by structural alterations or internal or external repairs.

The proposed plan for houses at Slippery Green was also examined, and it was agreed that the County Manager should apply immediately the Compulsory Purchase Order was confirmed for a site development Grant.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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*Richard Corish TD*  
Mayor of Wexford



5th March, 1945.

A Statutory Meeting (which was also the Estimates Meeting in accordance with an Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) 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 Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Hadden, Sinnott, Moran and Crosbie.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on the 19th ultimo, and Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 19th and 26th ultimo. After the headings of the Minutes had been read, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

#### PLOT OF GROUND

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul a lease of a piece of ground at St. John's Road, Wexford, to Mr. William Gaynor, was executed on the part of the Corporation.

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Westmeath County Council calling on all political parties to agree on a person to be nominated as President was marked read.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

#### REMUNERATION - FIRE BRIGADE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the Corporation request the County Manager to increase the remuneration of the Fire Brigade.

It was explained to the meeting that as far back as 1942 the County Manager had adopted a scale of fees for the members of the Brigade, which was satisfactory to them, but so far the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had not been obtained. The Mayor explained that he was in touch with the Department on the matter and he hoped to have a satisfactory reply in the course of a week or two.

A motion standing in the name of Alderman Byrne that before the Estimates were adopted the County Manager be requested to supply the following information, i.e., the number of houses repaired during the Financial Year 1943/44, giving the names of the tenants and the actual cost per house, was withdrawn as the Alderman understood from the Town Clerk that the information would be available to him in the course of a couple of weeks and circulated to the members of the Council.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, a resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the Government to reconsider their attitude towards Old I.R.A. Pensions.



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On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously decided that the Government be asked to increase Old Age Pensions and to abolish the Means Test.

#### TOWN RATE ESTIMATE

The next business was to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound (in respect of Town Rates) for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1946, and to agree on the rates in the pound for that period.

It was explained to the meeting that the Poor Rate Demand had not yet been received from the County Council and consequently, it was not possible to submit a Poor Rate Estimate. The Estimates and the report of the County Manager which had been circulated to the members had been considered by the General Purposes Committee on the 19th and 26th ultimo, when the General Purposes Committee recommended that the following Rates be agreed on:

- (a) A Borough Rate of 12/- in the Pound.
- (b) A special rate in lieu of County Cess of 1/8d in the pound.
- (c) Water Rates 3/- in the pound.

To achieve a reduction of 2d in the Pound in the Borough Rate the General Purposes Committee further recommended that the increased amount of £200 in the estimate in respect of A.R.F. and Local Fire Prevention be deleted, and that a further sum of £100 be deleted from the Borough Rate Estimate in view of the reduced staff caused by the death of the late William Byrne, Storekeeper.

Before the Estimates were adopted a lengthy discussion took place on the position of the Waterworks, as a result of which the following decisions were taken:-

- (1) That a copy of the local paper of the 3rd instant be forwarded containing a letter from Mr. James Furlong, local Master Plumber, on the recent failure of the water system, be sent to the Consulting Engineer for his observations.
- (2) That a meeting of the General Purposes Committee be held on the 12th instant at 7 p.m. to which Mr. Maconchy, Consulting Engineer, be invited to attend to consider the laying of a new Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford; and
- (3) That a Special Meeting of the Corporation be held on Monday 12th instant at 8 p.m. to consider and adopt, if thought desirable, any decision arrived at by the General Purposes Committee after consultation with the Consulting Engineer.

The Estimates were then examined by the Corporation in detail and no further reductions than those suggested by the General Purposes Committee could be seen.

The Mayor, however, pointed out that for some years past the Corporation had been making a contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts of 9d in the pound on the Gross Valuation, which was more when calculated on the net valuation. He pointed out that since the passing of this Act the contribution of the Central Government towards the Unemployment Assistance fund had been considerably reduced, and thought that a proportionate reduction should be made in the contributions by Local Authorities. He, therefore, proposed that the Minister for Industry & Commerce be asked to reduce the contribution paid by Local Authorities in the same manner as the State contribution had been reduced. Alderman

Chairman.....



5th March, 1945.

Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. As regards the Rate Estimates (a copy of which will be found attached to these minutes) the resolutions of the General Purposes Committee were first taken up, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously decided that the sum of £200 provided for the service of an A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer be deleted.

It was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the sum of £100 be deleted from the Borough Rate estimate in view of the reduced staff caused by the death of the late William Byrne, Storekeeper.

The deletion of these two items would enable the Borough Rate to be reduced from 12/2d in the pound, recommended by the County Manager, to 12/- as recommended by the General Purposes Committee.

It was also unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the sum of £360 be included in the estimate as a contribution from the Corporation to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to meet the deficit on the working of the Harbour for the year ending on 31st March, 1945.

The Determination of the Rates in the pound was thereupon taken up, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, a Borough Rate of 12/- in the pound was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, a Special Rate in lieu of County Cess of 1/8d in the pound was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, a water of 3/- in the pound (a Domestic Water Rate of 1/6d and a Public Rate of 1/6d) was unanimously agreed to.

The Determination of the Rates in the Pound was thereupon signed by His Worship the Mayor, and countersigned by the Town Clerk.

#### LAND - GREEN ST.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to sell to the Christian Brothers 31.5 square perches of land at Green Street for the sum of Ten Pounds, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health..

#### LAND - SLIPPERY GREEN

The County Manager reported that he had been in negotiation for some time with Mr. Laurence Kirwan of Ballinagee, for the purchase of two fields at Slippery Green containing a net acreage of 2 acres 3 roods and 6 square perches, together with a house. Mr. Kirwan would not sell the property for less than £600, and having regard to the fact that there was a house thereon and the cost which the Corporation would have to meet in connection with arbitration proceedings he did not think the price unreasonable. The Borough Surveyor had recommended its purchase and considered the site a suitable one for Working Class houses, of which 42 two storey houses of the 3 bedroom type could be accommodated.

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the County Manager be recommended to purchase the site for the sum of £600.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941, to change the name in the Rate Book of John Rudd, North Main Street, to that of H. B. Semple and T. J. Whitty, and the name of Luke Hynes, North Main Street, to that of Bridget Hynes.

It was also unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to have repairs carried out to the bridge over King Street Avenue.

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The Mayor stated that he had been approached by Mrs. E. M. White, of Charlestown Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin, the owner of a house at Abbey Street, Wexford, occupied by Mary Wilson, where a W.C. had recently been installed by the Corporation under the provisions of the Public Health Acts at a cost of £45. 16. 7. Mrs. White, he stated, was unable to meet this account in one sum, and had offered to pay it at the rate of £1 per month, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to accept payment from Mrs. White by monthly instalments of £1.

#### DECLARATION OF VACANCY

On the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following declaration of vacancy in the membership of the Corporation was adopted:-

#### 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 VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD CORPORATION

"WHEREAS on the 19th day of August, 1942, Robert A. Coffey was elected a member of the Wexford Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the said Robert A. Coffey died on the 1st February, 1945;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the said Robert A. Coffey to be vacant;

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 vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this fifth day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five."

It was also unanimously agreed that the vacant seat should be filled by the Corporation at their Special Meeting due to be held on the 12th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*Richard Corish TD*  
*Mayor of Wexford*

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

TABLE A.

## EXPENDITURE

HOW RAISED.	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3 £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 4 £
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS.	URBAN ROADS:		
	REPAIR	1,100	1,100
	IMPROVEMENT	7,275	7,275
	TOTALS	8,375	8,375
BOROUGH RATE.	EXPENSES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS -----	11,342	11,242
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	12,685	12,685
	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT -----	20	20
	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION -----	1,565	1,565
	OTHER EXPENSES -----	5,304	5,104
	MATERIALS & MACHINERY EXPENSES	350	350
	TOTALS	31,266	30,966
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	3,839	3,839



TABLE B.  
RECEIPTS.

APPLICABLE IN RELIEF OF 1	NATURE OF RECEIPT.  2	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL
		3 £	4 £
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS.	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	6,235	6,235
BOROUGH RATE.	GOVERNMENT GRANTS -----	11,094	10,974
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES -----	5,400	5,400
	PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS -----	400	400
	OTHER RECEIPTS -----	1,098	1,098
	TOTALS	17,992	17,872
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	870	870
	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	10	10
	TOTALS	880	880

R A T E S	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.	NET ESTIM- ATED EXPE- NDITURE.	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	AMOUNT LEVIABLE	VALUATION	RATE IN THE POUND.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS.	8,375	6,235	2,140	NIL	350	1,790	21512	1 - 8
BOROUGH RATE	30,966	17,872	13,094	NIL	NIL	13,094	21862	12 - 0 x
666 WATER RATES	3,839	880	2,959	NIL	NIL	2,959	DOMESTIC 18480 PUBLIC 21120	1 - 6 1 - 6

x BOROUGH RATE:- 1/- FOR GENERAL TOWN PURPOSES AND 11/- FOR GENERAL SANITARY PURPOSES.

# CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT ~~(AN ADDENDUM OF)~~ THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 1945, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C, AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATES SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINAN CIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

SIGNED *Richard O'Leary TD* MAYOR.

COUNTERSIGNED *John Byrne* TOWN CLERK.

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12th March, 1945.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.0. o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Gaul, Crosbie, Sinnott, Moran, Roche and Hadden. The County Manager, Mr. Maconchy (of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers for the Waterworks Scheme), the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider the position which had arisen in the Town during the recent heavy frost when a large section was without water. The meeting also had under consideration correspondence which had appeared in recent issues of the local papers regarding the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. The Consulting Engineer, Mr. Maconchy, gave the Committee a lengthy review of the whole Waterworks Scheme and dealt in detail with the correspondence which appeared in the Press. From the Consulting Engineers explanations it was clearly seen that there was no justification whatever for the correspondence. Mr. Maconchy assured the meeting that the Waterworks Scheme as designed by his Firm had not yet been completed, and would not be until the Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford was either scraped or renewed and the Water Tower provided ~~in the original~~ in the original scheme erected. If these two items were provided he had no hesitation in saying that there would be an ample supply of water of adequate pressure for every house in the Town, and that if a further 7 to 200 houses were erected by the Corporation within the next 10 years the present water system would be absolutely capable of supplying them. There was no need whatever he stated, for the provision of an 18" Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford as a new or scraped 12" main should allow 50 gallons per head per day with the present system. At the present time there was a loss of head of 30 feet at the filters, 50 feet at the booster and 70 feet due to friction in the present main. With the restoration of the full size of the 12" main the saving in frictional loss would enable sections at present being served by the booster to be served by gravitation.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Maconchy again reviewed for the benefit of the public the entire Waterworks Scheme and the correspondence in the local paper.

A copy of the local paper containing practically a verbatim report of this meeting is attached to these minutes.

As regards the provision of a Trunk Main the Town Clerk intimated that with a State Grant of 40% the cost to the Corporation would be £7,200, which if repaid in 30 years at 4½% would mean 6½d in the pound on the Rates, and with a State Contribution of 50% would mean 5½d in the pound on the rates. After the entire position had again been discussed in detail it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the Corporation agree to the provision of a new Trunk Main

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from Coolree to Wexford together with a Water Tower as provided for in the original Scheme, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that in view of the very heavy expenditure which the Corporation had incurred on the Waterworks in recent years that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to make available an unusually large State Contribution towards the cost of this new work.

## VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

The next business was to fill the vacant seat on the Council caused by the death of the late Robert Coffey, and on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Thomas Buckland, of South Main Street, Wexford, be chosen to fill this vacancy.

At the request of Councillor Gaul the County Manager agreed to again investigate the case of Isaac Robinson, who had been reduced from the permanent scavenging staff to the status of a temporary labourer with a consequent reduction in wages.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Carish T.D.  
Mayor of Wexford*



12th March, 1945.

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The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Gaul, Crossie, Sinnott, Moran, Roche and Hadden.

The County Manager, Mr. Maconchy, (Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers) the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

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There was no need whatever, he stated, for the provision of an 18" Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford as a new or scraped 12" main should allow 50 gallons per head per day with the present system. At the present time

Chairman.....



26th March, 1945.

An adjournment of the Estimates Meeting held on the 5th instant was continued 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 Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Hadden, Moran, Crosbie, Gaul, Roche, Sinnott and Buckland.

At the outset Councillor Buckland returned thanks to the members for his selection to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Robert Coffey. Councillor Buckland thereupon signed the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.  
~~The next business was to consider the County~~

#### POOR RATE ESTIMATE

The next business was to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the rate in the pound in respect of the Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1946.

From the County Manager's report it was seen that the County Council Demand for the ensuing year had increased £720, which represented a rate increase of eightpence in the pound. The Manager further estimated that there would be a debit balance of £1763 on the Poor Rate at the 31st instant, and that in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor in his report on the audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the Financial Years 1942/43 and 1943/44, this estimated debit had been included in the determination of rates in the pound, and accounted for a further increase of 1/8d in the Pound, which would make the Poor Rate for the coming year 12/-. The members saw that they could make no alteration in the County Council Demand, but strongly objected to making provision for the estimated debit balance in the current year on the ground that several items of expenditure in the Town Rate estimate would not recur in future years, and in the Estimates for 1946/47 an effort could be made to provide for the wiping out of the debt to the County Council.

In this connection the Mayor referred to the demand of the Minister for Industry & Commerce under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, and pointed out that since the introduction of these statutes the Government contribution towards the Unemployment Assistance Fund had been consistently reduced year by year, until for the ensuing year it was £110,000 less than for the first year while the contributions made by Local Authorities were the same, and the Mayor thought some reduction should be made to Local Authorities as well as to the State. In reply to a query on this matter the Town Clerk intimated that he had also communicated with the Minister for Industry & Commerce on this matter which had been raised at the original Estimates Meeting.

In connection with the Poor Rate Estimate the following three resolutions were thereupon put to the meeting:-

- (1) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously agreed to delete from the determination of the rate in the pound the debit balance of £1763 estimated by the County Manager.
- (2) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the estimate of expenses in Table A submitted by the County Manager was adopted.

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- (3) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and fourpence in the pound for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1946, was unanimously agreed to.

The County Manager and the Mayor referred in very strong terms to a report submitted by the Borough Surveyor to the effect that one of 26 trees planted in the Town during the past week had been damaged by a knife cut, and made a strong appeal to the parents, guardians, and teachers of children to impress on them the need for a respect for public property.

#### SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Patrick McCabe, a former member of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

#### FIRE BRIGADE REMUNERATION

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had now agreed to sanction the rate of remuneration for the Fire Brigade proposed by the County Manager.

*Richard Conish TD  
Mayor of Wexford*





B O R O U G H   O F   W E X F O R D .

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATE IN THE POUND (POOR RATE)  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

T A B L E   A .

EXPENDITURE.

HOW RAISED  1	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE  2	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3 £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 4 £
	MONEY TO BE SUPPLIED TO COUNTY COUNCIL -----	9,674	9,674
POOR RATE	CONTRIBUTION UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTS -----	350	350
	OTHER EXPENSES -----	780	780
TOTALS-----		11,304	11,304

T A B L E   B .

R E C E I P T S - N I L .

# CALCULATION OF RATE IN POUND

RATE	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	AMOUNT LEVIABLE	VALUATION	RATE IN THE POUND.
1	2 £	3 £	4 £	5 £	6 £	7 £	8 £	9 s - d.
POOR RATE	11,304	NIL	11,304	<del>11,304</del> B.	NIL	<del>11,304</del> 11,304 B	21,862	<del>10 - 4</del> 10 - 4 B

## CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH , 1945, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C, AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATE SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATE IN THE POUND OF THE POOR RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1945,

SIGNED Richard Curish.....MAYOR.

COUNTERSIGNED [Signature].....TOWN CLERK.

I certify the foregoing (as amended in green) to be a true copy of the Poor Rate Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rate in the Pound adopted by Wexford Corporation at an adjournment of the Estimates Meeting held on the 26th March, 1945.

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26th March, 1945.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

## SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that the Corporation be recommended to create a Sub Committee of Civic Amenities to bring to the attention of the Corporation matters which may concern the amenities of the Town and its environments. Councillor Miss Kelly seconded this motion. In reply to a query Dr. Hadden stated that he did not intend such a committee to be confined to members of the Council. The motion did not appear to be favourably received, and a number of members thought that the creation of such a committee just before an election of a new council was not desirable. Councillor Moran then proposed that the matter be adjourned until after the Municipal Elections. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

On a show of hands six members voted for the amendment and three against. Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion lost and the matter was adjourned until after the Local Elections.

## A.R.P. &amp; L.F.P. OFFICER

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 5th instant when it was decided to delete from the Estimates for the year 1945/46 financial provision for the employment of an A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures under date of the 15th instant by letter No. ARP/2197, urged the Corporation to reconsider this decision and pointed out the need for the employment of this officer. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the necessary financial provision be made for the employment of an A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer up to the 30th June, 1945, when the matter would be further considered in the light of the progress reports made by this Officer.

## PLOT - WILLIAM ST.

The Town Clerk referred to the proposal to re-acquire a piece of ground from Messrs. Springs Ltd. at William Street, and pointed out that the Borough Surveyor had reported that in his opinion it would not be an economical site to develop for Housing owing to the outcrop of rock along the entire frontage. After some discussion it was decided that the site should be inspected on Thursday the 29th instant by the members of the Town Planning Committee with Councillor Buckland at 4 p.m., and in the meantime, the Borough Surveyor was to have trial holes made and to have a man in attendance with a crow bar so that the site could be examined by the members.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the General Purposes Committee on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7.30. p.m. together with a meeting of the Old Age Pensions Committee.

## INVITATION

It was also decided to accept the invitation of the Easter Commemoration Committee to be present at the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday, at 11 a.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*Richard Corish T.P.*  
Mayor of Wexford

3rd April, 1945.

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 Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Crosbie, T. Buckland, and George Hadden.

#### PLOT - WILLIAM ST.

The Sub Committee which inspected the ground proposed to be re-acquired from Messrs. Springs Ltd. at Maudlintown reported that they were inclined to agree with the opinion of the Borough Surveyor that it would not be easy to erect houses on this site owing to the outcrop of rock, and they had asked the Borough Surveyor to submit sketches of houses on certain parts of the site together with a sketch of a playground. Pending the receipt of these plans it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter.

#### PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that plans, etc., for the proposed public park at Grogans Road/Green Street had been submitted by the Corporation's Architect. They were now enclosed and should be re-submitted to the Department with the County Manager's Order thereon.

The meeting unanimously decided to request the County Manager to take whatever steps were necessary to have this park provided as soon as possible.

#### REPORT - TOWN SEWERAGE

The meeting next considered the report of Mr. Thos. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Town Sewerage, on his recent inspection of the King Street area. They also considered Mr. O'Connor's general report on the Town Sewerage System at length, and after examining it carefully together with the maps which accompanied the report, the following decisions were arrived at:

- (1) The Committee could see no necessity for any elaborate treatment of the Sewerage System in the North end of the Town.
- (2) To enable further consideration to be given to Mr. O'Connor's proposals that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a map showing the existing sewers in the Town as Mr. O'Connor's maps only showed the existing sewers it was proposed to retain in the new scheme.
- (3) Mr. O'Connor was to be communicated with and asked to reply to the following queries:-
  - (a) If the Corporation erected a large number of houses in the Western end of the Town (i.e., Distillery and Whitemill area) what were his proposals to deal with the sewerage problem which would arise.
  - (b) What is the difference in the levels between the present sewerage outlets and the outlet of the proposed new tunnel under Parnell Street?

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- (c) If there was any danger of water backing up in the proposed new Parnell Street outlet.
- (d) For what distance is it proposed to cover in the King Street sewer?

#### COMMITTEE

The following were appointed as sub-committee to meet after the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 9th instant to consult with Councillor Dr. Hadden regarding his proposal that the Corporation should appoint a Civic Amenities Committee:-  
Councillors Buckland, Hadden, Sinnott and the Mayor.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Conih TD  
Mayor of Wexford*

9th April, 1945.

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 Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Sinnott, Moran, Crosbie, and Hadden.  
The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-  
Minutes of Corporation on 5th, 12th and 26th March; meeting of General Purposes Committee on 12th and 26th March, and 3rd April. 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.

#### PIANO

The Mayor referred to a recent decision of the County Manager permitting Mr. Henry F. Doyle to keep a piano in the Town Hall. He stated that it was freely talked of in the Town that he and members of his Party were instrumental in having Mr. Doyle put a piano in the Town Hall with the object of having Mr. Laurence Grannell's piano removed. He (Mayor) emphatically denied that he or his Party knew anything at all about the transaction in connection with the piano. Mr. Grannell, however, had informed him and also informed the Town Clerk that the County Manager told him on the 4th instant that it had been proposed by Councillor Sinnott at a meeting of the Corporation some time ago that the Corporation should purchase a piano themselves to keep in the Town Hall, but that the County Manager had stopped it. Councillor Sinnott and other members also emphatically denied that the matter had been raised at the Corporation, and the County Manager strongly denied that he had ever made such a statement to Mr. Grannell as was quoted by the Mayor. The Manager also stated that he understood Mr. Grannell's piano had been removed from the Town Hall at the beginning of Lent and Mr. H. Doyle had approached him to put a piano there for the benefit of people using the Hall for dances and he had granted that permission. He had also granted similar permission to Mr. Grannell.

#### A.R.P. & L.F.P. OFFICER

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Moran, a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee was unanimously agreed to that financial provision be made for the retention of the services of an A.R.P. and Local Fire Prevention Officer up to the 30th June next.

#### MEETING - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

The next business was to appoint a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. The Mayor moved that Councillor Moran attend this meeting, but Councillor Moran intimated that he would be unable to attend and asked to be excused. The Mayor then proposed that Councillor Gaul be appointed, and Councillor Crosbie seconded <sup>the motion</sup> which was unanimously agreed to.

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## CONFERENCE - MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

A letter was read from the Secretary to the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities intimating that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held on the 2nd or 3rd week of September in Ballina, and asked that if the Corporation had any motions to bring forward at that Conference they should be sent within the next month or so. This matter was adjourned to enable the members to consider what motions, if any, they desired to bring forward at the Conference.

## REPORT - WATER SUPPLY

The County Medical Officer of Health forwarded copy of a report received from the Department of Pathology, University College, Dublin, on a recent sample of water from the town supply, and intimated that the examination revealed a very good result.

In this connection the Mayor asked what was the position regarding the proposal to lay a new main from Coolree to Wexford, and the Manager and Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Corporation's proposal had been submitted to the Department but so far no reply had been received. In this connection the Mayor then moved a resolution to the effect that the Corporation were surprised that no reply had been received to this very urgent proposal. Alderman Byrne seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

In this connection the Manager intimated that he had been in telephonic communication with the Department and had been informed that the matter was ready but due to the absence of the Department's Engineers in connection with enquiries, so the Mayor suggested that the resolution be not forwarded for a few days to see if a reply would be received.

## LABOURERS' WAGES

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the labourers employed by the Corporation in a casual capacity be paid at the rate of £2. 10. 0. per week, with a cost-of-living bonus at the rate of 2½d per hour. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that a somewhat similar proposal made last year by the County Manager had not received the sanction of the Department, but they had agreed to a bonus of 8/- per week, which would bring the wages of casual labourers to 45/- per week. Councillor Gaul seconded the Mayor's proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

## HOUSING SCHEME

In accordance with a motion in the name of Councillor Gaul that the County Manager be requested to state the present position regarding the proposed housing scheme at Slippery Green, the Manager intimated that the Compulsory Purchase Order had not yet been received, but that he had been recently in the Department and had been informed that it was in course of preparation. As soon as the order was received he proposed in accordance with the request of the Corporation to apply to the Department for a grant to develop the site.

## SEATS

Councillor Sinnott moved that the County Manager be requested to proceed immediately with the erection of seats in various parts of the Town as previously agreed to. The Manager explained that he had already made an Order directing the Borough Surveyor to have these seats made, and he understood he was awaiting the hire of the necessary mould from the County Engineer but he would take steps to hurry the matter up.

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## RESOLUTION

Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be requested to introduce the necessary legislation to compel landlords to sell their holdings to leaseholders so as to prevent a recurrence of the Carndonagh affair. Councillor Moran seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

## INCREASED RENTS

Both Councillor Crosbie and the Mayor complained that rents of the Corporation houses had been increased during the past week, and the Town Clerk intimated that this was automatic and in accordance with the increase in the rates for the current financial year.

## OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £8,500 up to the 30th September, 1945."

Alderman Byrne raised a question regarding the housing of M. Farrell, Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Manager promised to look into the matter.

Complaint was also made regarding the non-completion of the fences at the end of the William Street houses.

*Richard Corish TD*  
Mayor

A meeting of the Special Sub-Committee appointed to consult with Councillor Dr. Hadden regarding the civic amenities of the Town was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden, Sinnott and Buckland.

The meeting discussed at length Dr. Hadden's suggestions regarding civic improvements which the Dr. proposed at first should be confined to old graveyards.

In this connection the Mayor intimated that he had been speaking to the Guardian of the Friary in connection with the Franciscan Churchyard, and he was anxious to secure the co-operation of the Town Clerk in finding out the owners of the various graves there so that some steps could be taken to have the condition of the burial ground improved.

It was unanimously decided as a first step that the Town Clerk should request the Guardian of the Friary to meet the Committee on Monday next to inspect the graveyard and to discuss with him his ideas on the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish TD*  
Mayor



16th April, 1945.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Hadden, Sinnott and Crosbie.  
The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

#### ENTRANCE - ST. JOHN'S RD.

There was submitted to the meeting a plan of the proposed new entrance to the Convent of Mercy Schools at Davitt Road North. The proposed entrance was between two blocks of houses owned by the Corporation and was 6' wide 62' 6" in length. It was explained to the meeting that this passage way would require to be taken off the garden of the house occupied by a man named Byrne, and before coming to a decision on whether or not to dispose of the ground to the Sisters of Mercy it was agreed to find out if Byrne, the occupier of the house, would be prepared to permit of the 6' being taken off his garden.

The meeting then examined the list of houses recently surveyed which were shown as at present being unfit for human habitation but which could be made fit at a reasonable cost. It appeared that two lots of houses at Trinity Street owned by Miss Duggan and Mr. Peter Kelly could be made habitable by the provision of sanitary conveniences and yard drainage, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to issue notices on the owners requiring the provision of W.C.'s, and when this was done to have a consultation with the owners to see if it would be possible to induce them to provide this convenience so as to prevent the houses condemned as unfit for human habitation.

As regards a block of houses at Maudlintown in respect of which similar defects were noted in the Survey a doubt was expressed as to whether or not the sewerage there would be capable of taking the drainage of these houses if the provision of water closets were insisted on, and before coming to a decision of this it was decided to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor as to whether or not the sewerage at St. Magdalen's Terrace would be capable of taking the sewerage of the adjoining block of houses.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish* TD  
Mayor  
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7th May, 1945.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council 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, Esquire, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Buckland, Hadden, Crosbie, Sinnott, Moran, Gaul, Roche and Miss Kelly.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 9th ultimo; Special Committee on the 9th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 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.

#### RATES

The first business was to formally make Town and Poor Rates for the Financial Year 1945/46. Before the rates were made Councillor Buckland raised a question out of the audited accounts for 1942/43 and 1943/44, from which he stated it would appear that there should be a Credit Balance of approximately £3,000 on the Housing Account. The Town Clerk stated that this could not be the case as Councillor Buckland was not abstracting all the figures from the Rates. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to adjourn this matter to enable the Town Clerk to examine the complaint of Councillor Buckland and submit a report to the next meeting. The making of Rates was then formally proceeded with, and the following four Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Moran

"That a Borough Rate of Twelve Shillings in the pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Eleven Shillings 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 of the Municipal Administration of the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1946, as considered and adopted on the 5th March last."

- (2) On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott,

"That an assessment of One Shilling and eightpence in the pound be made in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1946, 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 5th March, 1945."

- (3) On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Moran,

"That an assessment of Three Shillings in the pound (a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and sixpence and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling and sixpence) on the rateable value of property within the Borough of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1946, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, etc.,) Confirmation Act, 1876; the Public Health (Ireland) Act,



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1878, and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 5th March, 1945."

(4) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie,

"That a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings and fourpence in the pound for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1946, be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Borough of Wexford as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th day of March, 1945."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing four rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### BOOSTER

Reference was made to the failure of the booster plant in pumping water to the high levels in the Town, and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had already reported the matter to the Consulting Engineers, and that the Turncock and Mr. Crosbie were at present engaged on trying to effect repairs.

#### ROAD GRANT

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to allocate a Grant to re-surface John Street.

In moving the motion the Mayor intimated that a certain amount of money had been allocated in the year 1940/41 from the Roads Fund towards the resurfacing of portion of this street, but that owing to the emergency the Road Improvement Grant had subsequently been suspended. He now suggested that the Corporation should pass this resolution asking for the Grant allocated in 1940/41 to be reinstated. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### SEATS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the County Manager be asked when seats were to be provided in the Town, and the Manager replied that the Surveyor had been given instructions to have these seats made within the coming week.

#### ROAD

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hadden moved that the County Manager be asked to make available an all-weather road across the South Slob to Rosslare Strand for the benefit of walkers and cyclists.

In this connection it was explained that this matter had been discussed before by the Wexford County Council and a road had been carried a certain distance, but difficulties arose in connection with the level crossing and the project was abandoned.

The County Manager explained that of course he could not provide this road unless the County Council made available the necessary funds. Councillor Hadden accordingly amended his motion to read that the Corporation request the County Council to make available necessary funds to enable the County Manager to provide a road across the South Slob to Rosslare Strand. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.



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Under date of the 17th instant, by letter No. E.B.286547, the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's resolution calling for a reduction in the contribution payable by Local Authorities under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, and after explaining the working of the fund the Minister stated that an alteration in the contribution by Local Authorities was not feasible.

#### GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the wages paid to James Healy, gravedigger, at Crosstown Cemetery, and the Town Clerk intimated that as already promised the Manager had reviewed this man's wages on the 5th ultimo. It was ascertained at the time that for the 12 months ended 31st March last Healy's average wage had amounted to £2. 5. 0. per week, and as his normal working hours were from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with one hour for dinner, the Manager did not feel justified in making any alteration.

The Manager also explained his views personally, but Alderman Byrne moved that the Manager be again asked to review the matter and Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

#### REPORT

Dr. Hadden on behalf of a committee of Civic Amenities made the following report:-

##### St. John's Graveyard:

The enclosure is surprisingly pleasantly situated. We proposed to try to make it a place of resort for the people of the neighbourhood in the same restricted sense as for householders in City Squares - particularly for old folks. Comfortable park seats. Make keys available at 1/- rent (2/6 deposit or replacement) with undertaking to safeguard the amenities. Appoint a small local committee to assist in supervision, and to transmit suggestions to the Corporation.

Plant rambler roses to festoon out over the walls; preferably to flower at different dates. Replant large trees, preferably Beeches well back from the walls where appropriate spaces may serve. Find some method to care for the grass, possibly by the use of sheep.

##### St. Michael's Graveyard:

A surprisingly beautiful viewpoint. Should certainly be made available to the people of the neighbourhood as above. Trees need study. Grass and seats as above.

##### St. Mary's Graveyard:

The belfry arches need attention. Plant big trees to form a background to houses, &c. from The Old Pound. Festoon rambling roses as above over the lane-boundary wall. Acquire the derelict site by ----- Lane; and open up a vista from the Main Street. Plant trees on the raised graveyard site to fill in the vista. The place itself has no views; but it might be made a very pleasant place under the trees. Access and amenities as above.

##### St. Patrick's Graveyard:

Clean up the ruins; remove ivy; consolidate the tops of the walls; repair the belfries; replace as much as possible the window traceries. Mend derelict tombs. Remove the big trees now breaking the gables and undermining the Town Walls. Re-plant trees all round after study. Care for the amenities, and make available to the neighbourhood as above.



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It was unanimously decided that copies of this report should be made available to the members of the Council for consideration.

Councillor Crosbie complained of the condition of a fence at Devereux Villas, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to make a report.

Councillor Sinnott complained of dampness in a house at Parnell Street which had been plastered some time ago by the Corporation, when they had removed two derelict houses from the corner there, and it was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to make a report on this matter.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Cairns T.D.*  
*Mayor of Wexford.*  
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4th June, 1945.

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 Byrne,

Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Sinnott, Buckland, Gaul and Hadden.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the Corporation on the 7th ultimo were submitted for approval and signature, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the Rev. M. Doyle, C.C. on the death of his mother.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mr. Joseph Sinnott, a Corporation employee, on the death of his brother John, who had also worked from time to time with the Corporation.

#### SEATS

It was suggested that further seats should be erected at the junction of William Street and Byrne's Lane, the junction of John Street and Reilly's Lane, the junction of Green Street and Talbot Street and the junction of Clifford Street and Bride Street.

#### AIR RAID SHELTERS

Arising out of a query as to when it was proposed to demolish the Air Raid Shelters the Town Clerk stated that tenders were being invited by public advertisement for their demolition, and Councillor Hadden suggested that as regards the shelter outside the Town Hall that one wall should be left standing a certain height to form a ballustrade in front of the Town Hall, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor, County Manager, and Dr. Hadden should meet with the object of seeing if Dr. Hadden's suggestion was practicable.

#### REPORT

A report from the Cemetery Committee (a copy of which had been circulated to the members) was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

#### RESOLUTION

The following resolution was submitted from Glun na Gaedilge

"That the Corporation of Wexford be asked to consider the adoption of Loch Garmain as the only official name for Wexford Town, and to further consider the same procedure in respect of the street names of the Town."

As regards the adoption of the name Loch Garmain the Town Clerk pointed out he knew of no statutory authority for this, and the Mayor moved that

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inquiries be made with a view to ascertaining if it was possible to adopt the name Loch Garmain without a special Act of Parliament. As regards the suggestion to change the names of the streets of the Town it was decided to leave this matter over to the new Corporation.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

The County Manager reported that the Contract for public lighting for the current year, which he had just received, was approximately £125 more than the amount estimated for in the current Financial Year. This was due to general increases in the charges for electricity all over the State, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that the estimate for public lighting services, in which the public lighting estimate was calculated, be increased by the sum of £125.

#### RESOLUTION

The following resolution from the Corporation of Cork was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne,

"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to introduce legislation so as to provide for superannuation for manual workers employed by Local Authorities."

#### HOUSING ACCOUNT

With reference to the query raised by Councillor Buckland at last Statutory Meeting to the effect that there was a balance of approximately £3,000 on the Housing Account for the year 1942/43, the Town Clerk now stated that the assertion of Councillor Buckland was entirely without foundation. In the year 1942/43 Rents (including Rates) amounted to £5831; subsidy received was £6599, and the Grant under the Housing Act, 1908, £49, making the total receipts £15,179. Expenditure for the year amounted to £11,726, leaving a balance of £3453. From this, however, should be taken the rates which amounted to £2,100, and arrears of subsidy £2638, making a total of £4738, so that the net loss on the Housing Services for the year 1942/43 was £285. Councillor Buckland accepted the Town Clerk's statement.

Reference was made to the recent regulation that all goods forwarded to the traders in the Town were carriage paid home, and it was pointed out that this regulation would deprive persons engaged in carting goods from the Railway Stations to the various business premises of their livelihood, and a resolution of protest against this regulation was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.



25th June, 1945.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Town Hall at 12 o'clock noon in accordance with the Provisions of Section 10 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, as amended and extended.

Alderman R. 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 14th instant answered their names. They were as follows:-

Alderman R. Corish, T.D., St. Ibar's Villas  
 Alderman G. Hadden, Wygram Place  
 Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, St. John's Road  
 Alderman Robert Moran, Paul Quay  
 Councillor Thomas Byrne, Columba Villas  
 Councillor James Gaul, Carrigeen Street  
 Councillor James Sinnott, Kevin Barry Street  
 Councillor Patrick Bierney, Whiterock View  
 Councillor Thomas Buckland, South Main Street  
 Councillor Frank Cullimore, South Main Street  
 Councillor Thomas Roche, St. John's Road  
 Councillor Kevin Morris, Carrigeen Street.

The twelve aldermen and councillors had already made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was the election of a Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st day of July, 1946, and until his successor was appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Sinnott moved that Alderman Richard Corish be re-elected Mayor for the 26th year in succession. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion.

Councillor Morris proposed that Councillor T. Roche be elected Mayor, Alderman Moran seconded this proposition. On a poll being taken there voted for -

Alderman R. Corish:

Councillors Buckland, Bierney, Sinnott, Gaul, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, Alderman Hadden, and Alderman R. Corish. (7)

Councillor T. Roche:

Councillors Morris, Roche, Cullimore and Alderman Moran. (4)

Declined to vote Councillor Byrne (1).

As Alderman Corish had a majority of the members present voting he was elected Mayor to hold office until the quarterly meeting due to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st day of July, 1946, and until his successor was appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The re-elected Mayor thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1840, for Mayors.

In returning thanks for his re-election Alderman Corish said that now the election was over they should get away from the election atmosphere and settle down to work in harmony for the benefit of the Town. He referred to difficulties experienced by the Corporation during their last three years of office, particularly <sup>the</sup> almost complete cessation of house



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building due to shortage of materials, etc.

He also referred to the post war work that was in front of the new Corporation and the serious question of the financing of the Housing problem.

At this stage Councillor Morris stated that it had been rumoured down the Town that he had approached Councillor Buckland and asked him to stand for the office of Mayor. He emphatically denied that statement and Councillor Buckland stated that he had not been approached by Councillor Morris.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to the 3rd June, 1946, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Nicholas Corish that the three quarterly meetings of the Council be fixed for:-

1st October, 1945, at 7.30. p.m.  
7th January, 1946, at 7.30. p.m.  
3rd April, 1946, at 7.30. p.m.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The next business was to appoint the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee in accordance with the Provisions of Section 9 (2)(b) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

It was explained that the Committee would be composed of fourteen 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.

Councillor Gaul proposed Councillor Sinnott. This was seconded by Councillor Bierney. The Mayor proposed Alderman George Hadden and Alderman Nicholas P. Corish seconded. Councillor Buckland proposed the Mayor and Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Cullimore proposed Alderman Moran and Councillor Byrne seconded. The Mayor proposed Councillor Buckland and Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Sinnott proposed Councillor Gaul, and Councillor Bierney seconded. Alderman N. Corish proposed Councillor Bierney and Councillor Sinnott seconded. Councillor Byrne proposed Councillor Roche, and Councillor Morris seconded. Councillor Roche proposed Councillor Byrne and Alderman Hadden seconded. Alderman Moran proposed Councillor Morris, and Councillor Cullimore seconded. A discussion then arose as to the method of electing the eight members out of the ten proposed. Alderman Hadden proposed that the election be by ballot, and Alderman N. Corish seconded. Alderman Moran proposed a show of hands and Councillor Morris seconded. On a show of hands being taken eight members voted for Alderman Hadden's proposal that the election be by ballot and four voted for Alderman Moran's proposal that the election be by a show of hands.

On a ballot being taken the following was the result:

Councillor Sinnott	11
Alderman Hadden	11
The Mayor	8
Alderman Moran	5
Councillor Buckland	12
Councillor Gaul	10
Councillor Bierney	9
Councillor Roche	5
Councillor Byrne	7
Councillor Morris	5



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It was seen that seven members were elected by this ballot, namely, Councillors Sinnott, Alderman Hadden, the Mayor, Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Bierney and Byrne.

A poll was then taken as between the three candidates with five votes each, namely, Alderman Moran, Councillors Roche, Morris, when there voted for Alderman Moran:

Councillors Morris, Cullimore, Buckland, Bierney, Sinnott, Gaul, Byrne, Alderman N. P. Corish and the Mayor (9).

For Councillor Roche:

Alderman Hadden and Councillor Roche (2).

Alderman Moran did not vote.

Alderman Moran was accordingly declared elected to the eighth seat to be filled by members of the Corporation on the Vocational Education Committee.

The election of six persons as non members of the Corporation was then proceeded with, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that two seats should be allocated without a division to the Rev. G. Murphy, Catholic Administrator, and the Rev. Canon Hazley, Protestant Rector. This left four non member seats to be filled and the following were proposed:-

Mr. R. Redmond, of Melrose, proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Roche. James Browne, Distillery Road, proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore. Mr. Ed. J. Howlin, South Main Street, proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche. Mr. James Crosbie, Roche's Terrace, proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott. Mr. Moses O'Leary, Maudlintown, proposed by Alderman Moran, seconded by Councillor Morris. Mrs. Kelly, South Main Street, proposed by Alderman N. P. Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney. Mr. Michael Crosbie, Trinity Street, proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott. Mrs. McTaminey, South Main Street, proposed by Alderman Moran, seconded by Councillor Morris.

On a ballot being taken for the four remaining seats the following was the result:-

R. Redmond,	8
James Browne	5
E. J. Howlin,	4
James Crosbie	7
Moses O'Leary	4
Mrs. Kelly	6
Mr. Crosbie	6
Mrs. McTaminey	4

Accordingly Messrs. R. Redmond, James Crosbie, Mr. Crosbie, and Mrs. Kelly were declared elected to the remaining four seats.

The votes in connection with this election were scrutinised by the Wexford County Manager, the Corporation Solicitor and the Town Clerk. The Vocational Education Committee for the Borough of Wexford for the ensuing three years was composed as follows:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Kevin Barry St.  
 Alderman G. Hadden, Wygram Place.  
 Right Worshipful R. Corish, T.D. Mayor of Wexford,  
 St. Ibar's Villas.  
 Councillor Thomas Buckland, South Main St.  
 " Patk. Bierney, Whiterock View.



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Councillor James Gaul, Carrigeen St.  
 " Thomas Byrne, Columba Villas.  
 Alderman R. Moran, Paul Quay.  
 Rev. G. J. Murphy, Adm., The Presbytery.  
 Rev. Canon Hazley, The Rectory, Spawell Rd.  
 Mr. Rd. Redmond, Melrose.  
 Mr. James Crosbie, Roche's Tce.  
 Mr. Michael Crosbie, Trinity St.  
 Mrs. Kelly, South Main St.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Old Age Pensions and General Purposes Committee of the Corporation be composed of the entire Council, and the appointment of other committees adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation.

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on Monday the 2nd prox. be adjourned until Monday the 9th prox.

It was also unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of the Guardian of the Franciscan Convent, Wexford, to attend the High Mass and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to be held in the grounds of the Friary on Friday next the 29th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corin TD*  
*Mayor of Wexford*

9th July, 1945.

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 Moran, Nicholas P. Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland, James Sinnott, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Thomas Roche, James Gaul and Patrick Bierney.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 4th and 25th ultimo. After the headings of the minutes had been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Nicholas Corish, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the minutes as submitted by 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 relatives of the late Edward Byrne, former Sub-Sanitary Officer for the Borough. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present, including the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and the County Manager, and was adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Byrne proposed that for the future copies of the minutes of the Corporation and the General Purposes Committee be circulated to the members. Councillor Morris seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Alderman Moran proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Sean T. O'Ceallaigh on his election as President of Eire. Councillor Morris seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Byrne, Sinnott and Buckland, but objected to by His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Gaul on the grounds that Mr. O'Ceallaigh was a political nominee. The vote of congratulation was however, declared carried without a division.

#### COMPLAINT

Councillor Byrne complained that he had recently been speaking to a visitor from Scotland, who had called to the offices of the Irish Tourist Association asking for information regarding holiday accommodation in Wexford when he had been informed that Wexford was a bad centre for holidays and was recommended to the County Wicklow. He thought this was bad treatment for Wexford by the Irish Tourist Association and proposed that their action be strongly condemned.

The Mayor intimated that he had received a similar complaint to Councillor Byrne's and that he had already taken up the matter with the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association with a view to obtaining an explanation. The matter was left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor, who was a Director of the Irish Tourist Association, to look into.

#### WAGES - CASUAL LABOURERS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Moran moved that casual labourers

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employed by the Corporation be paid at the same rate of wages as labourers who are constantly employed, namely, £2. 10. 0. per week, with a bonus of 10/- . Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Byrne, Roche, and Sinnott. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that at a recent meeting of the Corporation the motion had been adopted on the proposal of the Mayor that casual labourers be paid at the rate of 50/- per week of 47 hours, plus a bonus of 2½d. This proposal, he stated, was still before the Department of Local Government and Public Health awaiting sanction, and if it was sanctioned the wages of casual labourers would be approximately £2. 19. 0. per week. It was unanimously agreed, however, to recommend the County Manager to adopt the proposal made by Alderman Moran.

## ESTIMATE

In accordance with notice given His Worship the Mayor moved that an estimate be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee setting out the cost of laying concrete footpaths to the houses at Maudlintown. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul and unanimously agreed to.

## A.R.P. SUPPLIES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the Government be asked to dispose of all A.R.P. supplies locally, preferably to hand over such stores to local charitable organisations for distribution to necessitous families. Alderman Nicholas Corish seconded this motion, which was supported by Councillors Roche, Byrne, but Alderman Hadden and Alderman Moran suggested that first preference to purchase any of these stores should be given to members of the A.R.P. Services, who had come forward during the time of the emergency to help the State. During the debate on this motion it was pointed out that if these supplies were brought to Dublin and sold at a central auction they would possibly be purchased by syndicates in large quantities at very low prices, and then re-sold to the public at anything from 500 to 1,000 per cent profit. If the goods were disposed of locally or even given free to charitable organisations for distribution to the necessitous poor the actual loss would not be comparable with the social gain to the poor, who were at present unable to purchase some of the articles which were held as A.R.P. stores. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

## SWIMMING POOL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden recommended that the County Manager be instructed to take the necessary steps to convert the Crescent Quay into a swimming pool. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion. The County Manager explained that some time ago he had been approached by a public spirited citizen, who was prepared to meet the cost of filling in the Crescent if a straight road was constructed across it by the County Council, and to convert the remaining portion of it into a small park. The Crescent Quay was owned by the Minister for Industry & Commerce as foreshore and he had already applied to the Minister for a lease of the Crescent in the name of the Corporation. In these circumstances he suggested that no action should be taken by the Corporation on Alderman Hadden's resolution (which in his opinion was not feasible) until such time as he had received the necessary lease and was in a position to put concrete proposals before the Corporation to deal with the matter. When such proposals came before the Corporation it was open to them to reject them and to again consider the proposal of Alderman Hadden, but at the present time he thought it would be injudicious to come to a definite decision until the necessary lease had been made by the Minister for Industry & Commerce.



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It was unanimously agreed to adjourn Alderman Hadden's proposal until the proposals of the County Manager took concrete form.

#### BATHING

In connection with bathing Alderman Nicholas Corish asked that the Order of St. John of God be requested to permit of the people of the Town passing through the "dairy fields" at Ferrybank in order to reach Ardavan Strand for the purpose of bathing. Alderman Corish's proposal was agreed to.

#### COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Roche, the following were appointed a committee to interview the proprietors and architects of the proposed new cinema at Georges Street with a view to ensuring, if possible, that the final layout of the cinema would be such as would preserve the view of the old Town Wall and Westgate Abbey, namely, Alderman Hadden, Councillors Sinnott, Roche, the Mayor and the County Manager.

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution was received from the Irish Labour Party asking the Corporation to call on Coras Iompair Eireann to reinstate a Sunday Train Service from Wexford to Rosslare Strand in view of the recent decision to run Sunday trains from Dublin to Bray, Waterford to Tramore, and Cork to Cobh and Youghal. His Worship the Mayor proposed the adoption of this resolution which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, Alderman Hadden was appointed as the representative of the Corporation on the committee in charge of the maintenance of the Redmond Memorial Park.

#### COMMITTEES

The appointment of Standing Committees for the ensuing three years was referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration with a view to making recommendations to the next meeting of the Corporation.

#### CLERICAL ASST.

Councillor Sinnott asked what was the position of the Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, who carried out the duties of the latter while on holidays; if he would receive the remuneration of the Town Clerk while doing such duty.

It was explained to the meeting, however, that this matter had been discussed by the Corporation on previous occasions and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had refused to sanction the proposal that an official acting for a senior official should receive extra remuneration. Nevertheless, Councillor Sinnott proposed and Alderman N. Corish seconded a resolution to the effect that any official doing duty for a senior official while on holidays should receive the same remuneration as the official for whom he was acting.

#### COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding flooding to the houses at the corner of King Street and Joseph Street, and regarding the condition of the Main Street at the junction of Keyser's Lane.

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It was also decided to examine the possibility of having a seat erected at Bishopswater.

#### WAGES - GRAVEDIGGER

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the wages of the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, and the County Manager intimated that he would again examine this matter.

Councillor Sinnott gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the means test established by law in connection with Old Age Pensions be abolished.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being present as at the Statutory Meeting.

The Town Clerk read the following letter from the Corporation Solicitor regarding the recent suggestion of Glun na Gaedilge to change the name of Wexford to "Loch Garmain" and to adopt a similar procedure regarding the street names.

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. and we have looked through the various Acts of Parliament dealing with your question of the changing of the name of the town of Wexford and of Wexford Corporation but we cannot find any statute which would enable us to do it. In our opinion it would require an Act of the Oireachtas to change the name from Wexford to any other name.

To seek an Act of the Oireachtas would be a very expensive procedure and it occurs to us that an application to change the name of Wexford to Loc Garmain might meet with a considerable amount of objection because there is nothing whatever to show, as far as we know, that 'Loc Garmain' was in fact the name of the town of Wexford at any time. We are fortunate to have in our possession a number of very old histories of this part of the world. We have searched through them and there is nothing to show that 'Loc Garmain' was ever the name of this town. It is possible that 'Loc Garmain' could have been the name of the district but from our research we are inclined to think that it would have applied much more to the Beg Erin part of the County because there was of course a much earlier settlement in Beg Erin where Saint Ibar had his monastery.

Under the Constitution the English or Irish translation of any name may be used. We cannot see anything to show that 'Loc Garmain' is the Irish translation of the word 'Wexford'. In fact we have no hesitation whatever in saying that it is not.

The word 'WEXFORD' is merely the modern spelling and pronunciation of the word 'Weisford' in the same way that Tuskar is the modern spelling and pronunciation of the earlier word 'Tuscard'.

With reference to the question of re-naming the streets, the procedure is that which is laid down under the Public Health Amendment Act, 1907, Section 21. We are aware that some years ago the question of changing the names of certain streets was referred to the rated occupiers of each street. We believe that with one or two exceptions

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the ratepayers voted against a change. We think it would be advisable for you to look up the result of that referendum because it occurs to us that there are on certain streets plates containing names of persons purporting to be names of streets which in our opinion are illegally erected. Before any private person takes proceedings against the Corporation we think that these name plates should be removed and the former ones restored except in the cases where the change of name was duly authorised. The section referred to provides for penalties."

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was unanimously decided to forward a copy of this letter to Glun na Gaedilge for their observations.

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A meeting of the Corporation as an Old Age Pensions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, and the decisions of the Committee will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

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Councillor Roche said it was fitting that they should pay tribute to the memory of the late Alderman Corish. He knew him for a long time. Alderman Corish represented Labour officially, of course, but somehow most of his constituents, particularly the people of the town, looked upon him as a wise counsellor and personal advocate. The invariable advice given to those in trouble was, "Go to the Mayor! see Corish about it."

The housing schemes embarked on during Alderman Corish's administration were a lasting monument to him; the streets once covered with stones, called out his name to them, told them of his zeal and interest. His death was a tragic loss, especially to his wife and family. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Councillor Buckland said he believed it was the saddest occasion on which the Corporation had ever met in its long history. He knew Richard Corish from his schooldays and all through life enjoyed his friendship. He never spared himself to further the cause of the people. The poor and helpless were his first consideration, and his services were always at their disposal. He loved his native town and he dedicated his life to the interests of all the people. He would be mourned throughout Ireland as well as in his native town and county. His wife and family would miss him most, and it was to them that their sympathy would go out.

Councillor Morris said that Alderman Corish and he did not see eye-to-eye politically. He supposed that he "should not have been so hot" with the late Mayor, but he had no animosity towards him. Only three or four years ago he had the pleasure of proposing Ald. Corish as Chairman of the Co. Board of the N.A.C.A., knowing that he took a great interest in sport. He had not the time to devote



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to it or he would have continued in the Chair.

Councillor Cullimore said there had been nothing left for him to say. He sincerely sympathised with the wife and family. Alderman Nicholas Corish said that, in adding his tribute to those already paid to "Dick" Corish, he wished to state that his death was due to his love of his town and county. His death was due to the fact that he worked for his people unceasingly, never slackening up for a day, and spending his time while at home in the Mayor's office, while in Dublin he was probably one of the most conscientious attendors in An Dail. Sunday and Monday and every day were working days for Ald. Corish, and he never took a holiday in recent years. The sedentary occupation imposed by him upon himself for the sake of his townspeople and constituents was undoubtedly the cause of his death. In him Wexford had a martyr for his people and his country. All, no matter what their politics, revered his memory. Even on his sick bed he was working for his people. One of his last acts for Co. Wexford was to procure the broadcasting of the Wexford-Offaly football final. This extract from a letter from **Seamus O Braonain, Director of Broadcasting**, would show it was "Dick" Corish who got them the privilege of at least hearing the commentary on the match:

"It was only last week he was on the phone with me to see if I could do anything about having the commentary on the Wexford-Offaly match, and when I rang An Dail on Wednesday to say it was all right, Deputy O'Leary told me he was away ill."

The speaker continued that no one was in closer contact with the late Mayor than he himself, from whom no secrets were held. He saw, too, in the Mayor's office the kindness shown to all who came to him to seek a favour. Rich and poor, old and young, looked upon him as a counsellor, and a queue was usually seen outside his office during his week-ends in Wexford when An Dail was in session.

As a relative of the Mayor, he thanked the members of the Corporation on behalf of the family. No words of his or of theirs could express their gratitude to the Town Clerk (Mr. Byrne) for his magnificent gesture in their time of trouble: he took into his own hands all the funeral arrangements.

To all the public bodies in town and county, to the football clubs, to the clergy, the members of An Dail and Seanad, and, most of all, to the people he loved - his own townsfolk - he would like to extend the thanks of the late Mayor's family for the manner in which all paid so grand a tribute to the memory of a good husband, a loving father, and Wexford's patriot and martyr.

Having read messages of condolence to the Corporation, the Town Clerk said it was his sad duty on behalf of all the officials and employees to associate himself with the resolution of sympathy. He had been closely associated with Alderman Corish for the past 20 years - 17 of which had been as an official with an intimate knowledge of the work the Mayor had done for Wexford and for all sections of the community. He had worked unceasingly for friend and foe alike, ever realising that he was Mayor for all the town. The tributes which had been paid to him by all sections of the Corporation proved that, though they had differed from him in many ways, all realised that his whole life had been devoted to the advancement of his native Wexford and its people.

After so long and close an association it was difficult to realise that such a loyal friend and colleague had so suddenly passed away, and it was even more difficult to pay to his memory the tribute he so richly deserved. "May he rest in peace."

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Mr. Geo. A. Cannon, B.A., Sec. of the Co. Council and Deputy County Manager, said he was sorry that the first time he met the Corporation it should be such a sad occasion. He had not known Ald. Corish so long or so well as they, but he felt the sense of loss and really realised what the town had lost. He knew Ald. Corish meant more to Wexford than any Mayor or Chairman meant to any other town - Alderman Corish was Wexford. He had met Alderman Corish once or twice at conferences a few years ago, and found that he was appreciated everywhere. He knew that the affairs of the Corporation were safely and wisely run by Ald. Corish, as Mayor, with the very able assistance of Mr. Byrne, his Town Clerk. He was sorry that his acquaintance with the Mayor should have been cut off so suddenly. The resolution was passed, the members and officials standing in silence.

*James Smith*

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A Special 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:-

Aldermen: George Hadden, Robert Moran and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Gaul, Berney, Roche, Morris, Buckland, Cullimore, Byrne, and Sinnott.

The meeting had been convened to elect in accordance with the Provisions of Section 83 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st July, 1946, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office. This election was necessitated owing to the death of the 19th instant of Alderman Richard Corish, who had held this office for the past twenty-six years.

Alderman N. Corish moved that Councillor Sinnott take the Chair, Councillor Bierney seconded.

This proposal was unanimously agreed to and Councillor Sinnott occupied the Chair.

Before the election of a Mayor was proceeded with Councillor Byrne proposed that the office of Mayor should rotate amongst all parties, and Councillor Morris seconded. The Corporation Solicitor who was present at the meeting advised that such a resolution could have no binding effect on future Corporations, and the Chairman ruled it out of order.

Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that Councillor James Sinnott be elected Mayor until Quarterly meeting due to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st July, 1946, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office. Alderman Nicholas Corish seconded.

Councillor Morris stated that as a mark of respect to the late Alderman Corish the members of the Fianna Fail Party intended to support Councillor Sinnott (the Labour Party's nominee) on this occasion. Councillor Byrne and Councillor Roche also intimated that they intended to support the nomination of Councillor Sinnott.

As there was no other nomination for the office of Mayor, Councillor Sinnott was unanimously elected.

Councillor Sinnott thereupon made and subscribed the declaration of office laid down by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, and returned thanks to the members for the honour they had bestowed on him.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Sinnott*

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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Corish, and Hadden.

Councillors: Gaul, Buckland, Morris, Roche, Cullimore and Byrne.

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor with Councillors Roche and Buckland be nominated to witness the affixing of the seal by the Wexford County Manager to any documents in connection with the Corporation business.

It was also unanimously agreed to hold the August Statutory Meeting of the Corporation on Tuesday, August 7th, 1945.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the question of the appointment of committees had been referred by the Corporation to the General Purposes Committee for recommendation.

#### COMMITTEE

After a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gaul that a committee of five with the Mayor be appointed to form a Housing, Town Planning and Amenities Committee. Alderman Hadden seconded. Some members, however, considered that there was no need for such a committee and that all the business could be transacted by the General Purposes Committee. On a show of hands being taken, five members voted for Councillor Gaul's proposal and five against it, and the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the proposal of Councillor Gaul that a Special Committee be appointed. As regards the members of the Committee the following were proposed and seconded. Councillor Gaul proposed Alderman Corish, Alderman Hadden seconded. Councillor Cullimore proposed Alderman Moran, Councillor Morris seconded. Alderman Hadden proposed Councillor Byrne, Alderman Moran seconded. Alderman Corish proposed Alderman Hadden, Councillor Byrne seconded.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the proposal now adopted was only in the form of a recommendation and could be rejected or amended by the Corporation when it came before them. It was unanimously agreed that the existing Child Welfare Committee with the addition of Councillor Roche be recommended to the Corporation for appointment.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The next business was to recommend the Corporation to continue their membership of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, and to recommend the appointment of two delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association to be held in September next. Alderman Corish proposed that the Corporation be recommended to continue their membership of the Association and that the Town Clerk be appointed as one of the delegates. Councillor Buckland seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

As regards the second delegate the Mayor proposed that Councillor Gaul be recommended, and Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposition, which was also agreed to unanimously.

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## WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk stated he had been instructed by the County Manager to submit to the Corporation the estimate of the Consulting Engineers for the proposed new 12" main from Coolree to Monument Cross. The estimate for the 12" main was £12,486. 14. 0., which was practically the same as the preliminary estimate given by the Engineer. In addition, however, the Engineer had added -

Contingent works on the old main at	£206
By-passes and meter in the town	331
<b>Automatic sump pump at the booster</b>	<b>102</b>
Automatic screens, cleaning plant at Edenvale	280
Housing-in chlorinator at Filter plant	37
Spare pipes and joints	34
making a total of	<u>990</u>

In addition the Engineering fees and expenses, Clerk of Works, and compensation to land owners, brought the Total Estimate to £15,037.

The members of the Corporation decided to question the need of the automatic sump pump and drain at the booster, and the provision of by-passes and meters in the Town, and instructed the Town Clerk to put the following queries to the Consulting Engineers:-

- (1) What was the objection to natural drainage by means of an ordinary drain pipe, and the cost of same?
- (2) What was the necessity for an automatic pump?
- (3) Whether the situation would not be met by having a portable pump available when needed?
- (4) What was the need for by-passes and a meter in the Town?

It was also decided that if satisfactory answers to these queries were not forthcoming from the Consulting Engineer that he should be invited to attend the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation. In the meantime, it was unanimously decided that the Corporation agree in general with the proposals and to avoid any further delay that they should be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval.

## PROPOSED PARK

A letter was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposed new park for Wexford, and it was unanimously decided to forward a copy of it to the Architect for his observations.

Complaint was made regarding the condition under which a family named Duggan were living in Cornmarket, and the Town Clerk pointed out that the house in question had been condemned as unfit for human habitation and the occupants would be rehoused as soon as a house was vacant.

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The motion submitted by Alderman Hadden for discussion at the August Statutory Meeting was referred to by Alderman Hadden himself, and it was decided to have the motion in question copied and furnished to each member as soon as possible. It was also decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Hadden that the following committee be appointed to meet on Wednesday the 1st prox. to examine this resolution, and to make any recommendations considered desirable to the Corporation: namely, Alderman Moran, Hadden, Councillors Byrne and Roche.

In connection with the list of houses considered unfit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit at reasonable expense, it was decided to request the agent for property at Trinity Street, which came into this category, to meet the Corporation at their next meeting with a view to discussing the carrying out of repairs necessary to render the houses fit for human habitation.

#### COMPLAINT

Alderman Corish raised the question of the carting of materials from the Horse River, and pointed out that there was a number of carters idle and that he understood the work was being done by lorry, but it was pointed out to him that the lorry in question was the property of the Corporation and in view of this no action was taken on the complaint.

Alderman Hadden raised the question of the proposal of the County Manager in regard to the Crescent Quay, and inquired if **permission would be granted to him to raise this matter at the meeting of the Special Committee to be held on the 1st proximo,** when the Mayor intimated that he saw no objection to this.

Complaint was also made regarding tinkers parking horses and carts at Wellington Place, especially on Saturday nights, causing a nuisance, and the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Gardai with a view to having these itinerants removed.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Smith*

Chairman.....



1st August, 1945.

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

The members present being:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Hadden and Moran.

Councillors Roche and Byrne.

The meeting considered in detail the present position with regard to house at present considered as unfit for human habitation, but which could be made fit at a reasonable expense having regard to a draft motion which Ald. Hadden proposed to submit to the next meeting of the Corporation.

After discussing this matter at length it was decided

- (1) To invite the agent for the Duggan and Kelly properties at Trinity Street to attend a meeting of the Committee on the 10th instant, to discuss whether or not the owners would be prepared to put these houses into a state fit for human habitation without official action on the part of the Corporation.
- (2) That Ald. Hadden's motion be left over and then drafted in the light of the discussion with the agent mentioned at (1) above.

The meeting further discussed the question of the provision of a swimming pool at the Crescent Quay and left the matter over for discussion at the Corporation meeting on a motion by Ald. Hadden.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Sinnott*

Chairman



10th August, 1945.

A meeting of a Special Committee was held this day at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Mayor presided, and the other members present were:

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish, and Moran, with Councillors Byrne and Roche.

The Agent for the Duggan and Kelly Estates at Trinity Street also attended to discuss the making of these dwellings fit for human habitation.

During the discussion it was made clear that the main difficulty with most of the property owners would be the provision of the necessary capital and it was finally decided that Ald. Hadden should submit to the next meeting of the Corporation a motion dealing with this matter in the light of the discussion at this meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Smith*

Chairman.....



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

The members present being:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Moran, Hadden, Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Roche, Bierney, Buckland.

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 9th ultimo; Special Committee on 23rd and 27th ultimo, 1st and 10th instant; General Purposes Committee on the 30th ultimo.** On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Messages of sympathy on the recent death of Alderman R. Corish, T.D., Mayor, were read from:

The Corporation of Cork.  
 The Irish Tourist Assn.  
 Fuel Importers Ltd., Wexford.  
 Mallow U.D.C.  
 Mr. C. Culleton, (former M.C.C.).

#### SYMPATHY

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Gaul on the death of his brother. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members, the County Manager, and Town Clerk.

The Mayor also proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the boy who was recently drowned at Ferrybank. Alderman Corish seconded the proposal, which was also supported by the members and officials. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

#### FOOTBALL TEAM

The Mayor proposed that the County Football Team be congratulated on winning the Leinster Championship; and that the best wishes be extended to them in their efforts to win the All-Ireland Championship. The Mayor also mentioned that a Training Fund had been opened and hoped that the people would subscribe generously. Ald. Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

#### COMMITTEES

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne a General Purposes Committee recommendation that the existing Child Welfare Committee be reappointed with the addition of Councillor Roche was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Moran, the full Corporation was appointed a Town Planning, Housing and Civic Amenities Committee.

#### LIGHTING - WHITEROCK VIEW

On the motion of Councillor Bierney, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it



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was agreed to try and have a public light erected at the Whitmill end of the dwellings at Whitereck View.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

On the motion of Ald. Moran, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously agreed

- (a) That the Corporation continue its membership of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland; and
- (b) That Councillor James Gaul and John J. Byrne, Town Clerk, be appointed as delegates for the coming three years; and
- (c) That if either or both of the delegates be elected to the Executive Committee of the Association that they be authorised to attend the meetings of that Committee.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS & MEANS TEST

Arising from a resolution from Cotrom na Feinne; and a motion in the name of the Mayor, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by the Mayor, that the Government be asked to increase Old Age Pensions to a basic rate of One Pound per week, with a graduated scale according to the income of the applicant; and a modification of the means test to permit a pension to all whose income was not more than 30/- per week.

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Councillor Roche, a resolution from the Dungarvan U.D.C. calling on the Government to immediately increase the salaries and pensions of National Teachers was adopted, with an addendum that Secondary and Vocational Teachers be included.

#### OFFICE OF MAYOR

The following motion in the name of Councillor Byrne was ruled out of order by the Mayor, viz:

"That in view of altered circumstances the Office of Mayor be rotated in future."

Councillor Byrne would not accept the Mayor's ruling, and gave notice of motion that the Corporation Solicitor attend the next meeting to explain why the motion was not in order.

#### DISPENSARY DOCTORS CAR PERMITS

Councillor Byrne moved that the Minister for Industry & Commerce be requested to re-issue Motor Car Permits to the two Dispensary Doctors in the Town so as to permit them to give better attention to the poor of the District. Ald. Moran seconded the motion which was agreed to.

#### SHIPPING - WEXFORD & ROSSLARE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Ald. Moran, it was unanimously agreed to request Irish Shipping Ltd. to consider Wexford and Rosslare Harbour as ports of call for their ships.

#### VACANT SEAT

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the following declaration of vacancy in the membership of the Corporation was adopted:-



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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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DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD CORPORATION.  
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WHEREAS on the 19th day of August, 1942, Richard Corish was elected a member of the Wexford Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the said Richard Corish died on the 19th July, 1945;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the Office of Alderman held by the said Richard Corish to be vacant;

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 vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this 13th day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five.

CRESCENT QUAY

On the motion of Ald. Hadden seconded by Councillor Roche, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That before further steps are taken in the disposal of the Crescent we request the County Manager to cause a full investigation to be made into the need or otherwise for adequate bathing facilities in the Town for women and men; the location of possible sites, and the value or otherwise of the Crescent as such a site."

On the motion of Ald. Hadden seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following motion was agreed:

"That the County Manager investigate alternative uses of the Crescent in the service of the Town, and that he report to the Corporation for their guidance."

HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Corish, Ald. Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board for the ensuing year.



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### HOUSING

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the housing scheme at present before the L.G.D. for sanction embraced the erection of about 100 houses at Distillery Lane. Last year a compulsory purchase order was made for the site and an inquiry was held. So far the Corporation had not received the result of the Inquiry. The County Manager and himself had asked the Department about it several times. Councillor Byrne asked if anything could be done to expedite it. He was horrified by the condition of a house he saw recently in Cornmarket and there was urgent need for new houses. The Mayor said the Co. Manager and Town Clerk would use every endeavour to expedite the scheme before the Department.

### LACK OF STOUT

Ald. Corish proposed that representations be made to Messrs. A. Guinness Sons & Co. regarding the inadequate supply of stout to the Town recently which had resulted in unemployment. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

### TELEPHONE SERVICE

On the motion of Ald. Corish seconded by the Mayor, it was agreed to call the attention of the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to the inadequate long distance telephone service from Wexford.

### CERTIFICATE FOR BRAVERY

The Mayor, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, presented a certificate to Mr. Thos. Wade, The Faythe, recognizing his bravery in rescuing a child from drowning at the Quays.

### HOUSING

The following motions were tabled by Ald. Hadden:-

- (1) That, in view of the very disturbing report on housing conditions in Wexford, and of the widespread absence of modern sanitary arrangements in the Town; in view of the now chronic housing shortage that has resulted, during this present week, in 140 applications for a single house recently vacated; and in view of the financial impossibility of rebuilding the major part of the Town during the present generation; we urge on the Government the necessity of finding some way of reconditioning a large number of existing houses for the use of the present generation while the reconstruction of the Town is proceeding.
- (2) Further, we note as a simple fact that most of the poorer houses in the Town are the property of small owners; we note that the general rise in housing standards since the houses were built demands in most of them the new provision of modern sanitation; we note the difficult situation created by the fall of nearly 50% in the value of the money in which the fixed rents are paid, and the rise of nearly 300% in the cost of repairs, and builder's work of all kinds; we note, as a matter of observation, the cumulative disrepair of houses resulting from these conditions; and we are conscious of an utter hopelessness in the outlook.
- (3) Therefore, we urgently request the Government to promote legislation enabling Municipalities -

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- (a) when owners, desirous under the Housing Acts of bringing their houses up to approved standards, lack the necessary capital, to lend on the security of the property up to 2/3rds of the capital required; the loan, with reasonable interest, to be repaid by the rent-increase authorised by the Increase of Rent Act, over a period of 15 years; after which the rent-increase due on the borrowed part of the expenditure shall cease to be chargeable.
- (b) When owners are unable, or unwilling, to make their houses "fit for human habitation" to the satisfaction of the Public Health Authorities, to take over such houses, paying to the owners a life annuity approximating to the net profit from the existing rent.

Motion (1) was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Motion (2) was also adopted on the proposal of Ald. Hadden seconded by Councillor Roche.

As regards part (a) of motion (3) it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Hadden seconded by Councillor Roche to adopt it with an addendum suggested by the County Manager that the repayment of the advance should be met as to 60% by the borrower and as to 40% by the Central Fund.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Smith*

Chairman.....



4th September, 1945.

A Statutory 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Robert Moran, Nicholas P. Corish and Dr. George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, and James Gaul.

#### MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval. Copies of these Minutes were furnished to the members with the Agenda for this meeting:- Minutes of a Special Committee on the 1st and 10th ultimo; and Minutes of Corporation on 13th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes as submitted were approved, and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the Representatives of the late Ald. Richard Corish, and Councillor James Gaul.

#### SYMPATHY.

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Michael Murphy on the death of his wife. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence.

#### OPENING OF GRAVE.

Councillor Gaul asked if some delay had occurred in the Cemetery during the week-end in connection with the opening of a grave, and inquired what were the facts of the case. The Town Clerk intimated that the Gravedigger had been asked to open a grave which had been covered with the clay taken from an adjoining grave, and had refused to do so. Ald. Corish, on behalf of the relatives of the person who was buried in the grave which the gravedigger had refused to open, appealed to the County Manager not to take any harsh action against the man on this occasion. It was eventually decided to request the County Manager to allow the matter to drop.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to make an order to have the public lights reconnected immediately instead of at 1st October.

#### THOMAS DAVIS CENTENARY.

The Mayor referred to the coming centenary of Thomas Davis and requested the Corporation to direct that the Flag be flown over the Town Hall from the 9th to the 16th instant.

#### ROTATION OF MAYORALTY.

In accordance with notice given, <sup>Chairman</sup> Council for 1945 resolved that the



Corporation express their views on the rotation of the office of Mayor.

The Corporation Solicitor was present in connection with this matter and read for the Corporation Section 43 of the Local Government Act, 1941, which laid down the procedure in the election of a Mayor. The Solicitor explained that so far as he was aware no other procedure could be adopted, and that the present Corporation could not bind a future Corporation to act in any particular way and when such an election took place each member was free to vote as he wished.

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Corporation Solicitor, the Mayor thought that the matter was entirely out of order, but Councillor Byrne persisted in moving his motion, which was seconded by Alderman Moran.

On a show of hands five voted for and five against, and the Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote against the motion.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Councillor Byrne also moved that the Government be asked to intimate their plans for the relief of unemployment during the coming Winter. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to, and the County Manager intimated that he had already received notice that the sum of £32,000 would be available for relief work in the Wexford area commencing next Spring.

#### CHURCH HOLYDAYS & WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAYS.

Councillor Roche moved that the Corporation recommend "That where a Church Holyday occurs on any day except Thursday, that Shop Assistants, etc., be allowed their usual half-holiday."

Councillor Morris seconded this motion.

The Town Clerk intimated that this matter was governed by the Shops (Hours of Trading) Act, 1938, which was not administered by the Corporation, and after some discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the employers and employees.

#### CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND.

Councillor Roche also moved that the County Manager be recommended to purchase the vacant plot of ground in Mary Street for the purpose of a childrens' playground. Ald. Hadden seconded the motion, and suggested that the matter be referred to the Town Planning Committee.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

#### TENANT-PURCHASE OF HOUSES.

A motion by Councillor Roche that the Corporation appoint a Committee to draft a scheme for the tenant-purchase of all Corporation houses, was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

#### MILITARY BARRACKS FOR HOUSING.

Ald. Corish moved that the Government be requested to permit of the former Military Barracks being used for housing.

Councillor Gaul seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

#### TRANSFER OF LAND AT SUMMERHILL.

The Mayor moved that the exchange of land between the Corporation and the G.A.A. at Summerhill be carried out as soon as possible. The Town Clerk explained that the sanction of the Minister had now been received to this exchange and that the County Manager had made an order that morning to draw up the necessary Deeds of Transfer.

Chairman .....



## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Bierney moved "That the Government be requested to immediately increase the amounts paid as National Health Insurance benefit pending the implementation of the scheme suggested for social insurance."

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted.

## ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES.

A motion in the name of Ald. Hadden that the Corporation acquire such derelict sites in Cornmarket as were governed by the definition of the Section in the Act, was referred to the Town Planning Committee.

## OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution from the Dublin City Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That this meeting of the Wexford Borough Council views with the deepest concern the present unhappy plight of the Old Age pensioners in Eire, and that we call upon the Government to introduce legislation forthwith in order to provide a substantial increase on the existing pensions so as to ensure a more reasonable standard of life: That we request a modification of the present means test and the substitution of a more just and equitable method in the calculation of individual income."

## MARINE AND COAST WATCHING SERVICE.

The following resolution from the Arklow Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Ald. Moran, seconded by Ald. Corish:-

"That we, the Wexford Borough Council, deplore the decision of the Government to disband the Marine and Coast watching Service, which Service is, from our local knowledge and experience, essential to the safety of our shipping in Peace time as well as in time of War, and we, the representatives of one of the principal Sea-faring towns in the country, respectfully ask the Government to re-consider their decision in this matter."

## RATS &amp; MICE DESTRUCTION ACT.

A letter was read from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, relative to the enforcement of the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919, calling attention to the ravages caused to food stocks by these pests, and urging the Corporation to take steps to enforce this Act strongly.

It was unanimously decided to issue an advertisement and instructions to the owners or occupiers of food stores and the places where these pests abound, calling attention to their responsibilities under the Act and giving instructions as to the best manner of eradicating them.

## REMOVAL OF AIR RAID SHELTERS.

It was agreed that the Department of Defence be asked to expedite sanction to the removal of the Air Raid Shelters in the town.

The Meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*



A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting; the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

#### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION IN TRINITY ST. Etc.

It was decided to write to the owners of houses in Trinity Street, Trinity Place, Clifford Street and Bride Street, intimating that unless Water Closets were provided for these dwellings that the Corporation would be compelled to use their powers under the Public Health Acts to enforce their provision. Such powers have the effect of debarring the owner from making any increase in rent for such provision.

#### GRANT TO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

A letter was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners requesting the Corporation to make the same grant towards the maintenance of the harbour for the year 1945/46 as for 1944/45, but before coming to a decision in the matter it was decided to request the Harbour Commissioners to supply the Corporation with the following information:- (1) Amount expended; (2) the contribution received from the State, the County Council, and the Corporation; (3) what steps the Commissioners propose to take to liquidate the present heavy debt due to the Corporation in respect of the lighting and maintenance of the Quays and the streets leading thereto.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

A letter was read from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, on the subject of Diphtheria immunisation. The Medical Officer intimated that he had arranged with the Dispensary Doctors to carry out immunisation in the local Dispensaries on the four Wednesdays of each month between 10.30 a.m. and twelve, noon. The local Dispensary Doctors had informed Dr. Daly that they would prefer remuneration on the basis of £2. 2. 0. per session instead of the rate already fixed in paragraph 9 of the Scheme for the Urban District of Wexford. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that no provision had been made for Diphtheria immunisation in the current year's estimates, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the sum of £50 be made available in the current year to give the scheme a trial on condition that payment was made to the Doctors on a per capita basis, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The following matters were raised by members:- (1) the condition of the oped adjoining the Transformer Station at St. John's road; (2) the provision of a seat at Bride Place; (3) the condition of a fence at the end of O'Connell Avenue; (4) the position of a light at King Street; and (5) the condition of the Water Lane, King Street.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*James Smith*



17th September, 1945.

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 were:-

James Simmott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, Robert Moran, Dr. Hadden.

Councillors: P. Berney, K. Morris, F. Cullimore, T. Byrne and T. Roche.

This meeting was convened for the purpose of co-opting a member in the place of the late Alderman Richard Corish, T.D. Alderman N. Corish proposed the co-option of Mr. James Crosbie, who he stated, was a member of the Irish Labour Party to which the late Alderman Corish also belonged. Councillor Berney seconded this motion. Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed the co-option of Mr. Edward Howlin, who he said was a young man who took a lot of interest in public life. Councillor Roche seconded this proposition. On the motion of Alderman Corish it was decided to take a poll, the result of which was as follows:-

For Crosbie -

Councillors Berney, Dr. Hadden, Alderman Corish and the Mayor (4).

For Howlin -

Councillors Morris, Cullimore, Byrne, Roche, and Alderman Moran (5).

The Mayor thereupon declared Mr. Edward Howlin co-opted.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*James Simmott*



17th September, 1945.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance.

In answer to a letter from the Corporation a reply was now read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners stating that they were not in a position at the moment, to make any proposals to liquidate the debt due to the Corporation for the maintenance and lighting of the Quays and the streets leading thereto.

A long discussion took place, and finally, on the motion of Alderman Moran it was decided to recommend the Corporation to give the same grant to the Harbour Commissioners next year as they were doing this year. Councillor Roche seconded this proposition which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Roche raised a question of the payment of rates on different houses in St. John's Road, and asked for a report on same by the next meeting.

The question of cleaning the pikeman in the Bull Ring was raised, and on the suggestion of Dr. Haddon the acting Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary, Royal Irish Academy, for guidance as to the proper method of cleaning this bronze statue.

The acting Clerk was also directed to get in touch with any member of the Old '98 Committee who were responsible for the erection of this statue in order to find out if they had any funds at their disposal for doing this work.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to report on the following points raised at the meeting:-

1. Gateway at house in Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Wm. Browne.
2. The question of providing new seats at
  - (a) Bride Place and Roches Road.
  - (b) Whitelock View.
  - (c) Around the monument in the Bull Ring.
  - (d) Bishopswater Cross.
3. Water gully at Air Raid Shelter, King Street.
4. Grating outside P. Cullimore's shop, South Main St.
5. Dumping of sand in Horse River, near Pierces.
6. Condition of gate of fire escape shed at John's Gate St.
7. Footpath at Slancy Street at entrance to C.I.E. yard.
8. The provision of a square nut on the tap at Green Street to prevent wastage of water by children.
9. Condition of the footpath at Distillery Road.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*



A 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Moran, Dr. Haddon, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Roche, Cullimore, Howlin, Gaul and Berney.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Mr. Edward Howlin who was co-opted a member on the 17th ultimo, made the Declaration of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: (copies of which were furnished to the members before the meeting) Minutes of Corporation on 4th and 17th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on 17th ultimo.

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

Councillor Byrne raised a question of a plague of rats in a house at Cornmarket occupied by O'Connor, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would have the Sanitary Inspector report on it immediately.

Councillor Gaul referred to the co-option which had taken place on the 17th ultimo, and intimated that he was blamed by his non-attendance for losing the seat for the Irish Labour Party, but the members were aware that he had been delegated some time before to attend a Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities at Ballina on the 19th and he had to leave Wexford on the morning of the 17th to be there in time for the Congress.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following acknowledgments of resolutions adopted at previous meetings were read: From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that the allocation under the Relief Schemes Vote for the Borough during the coming winter had been made available to the County Council for the completion of the scheme for the concreting of William Street and Trinity Street. From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation in relation to Old Age Pensions. From the Minister for Education acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation urging an increase in the salaries of teachers. From the Irish Shipping Ltd. intimating that they regretted they could not see their way to have their vessels call to Wexford and Rosslare Harbour.

Arising out of a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the concreting of William Street, Councillor Byrne asked if rotational employment was still being carried out, and on being informed that it was he proposed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to examine the position of rotational employment with a view to its abolition. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Cardinal McRory on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was submitted from the Irish Labour Party :

"That the Government's intention to retain summer time during the winter months should be reconsidered as it is detrimental to the agricultural population of the country who never recognise it, and it is detrimental to school children who have been required for a long number of years to bear this unnatural burden."

Councillor Bernoy proposed the adoption of this resolution which was seconded by Alderman Corish, and after some discussion a vote was taken when four voted for it and six against. The resolution was accordingly declared lost.

The following resolution was also submitted from the Labour Party

"That the members of the Corporation deplore the non-retention of Most Rev. Dr. Dignan as Chairman of the National Health Assurance especially as he has - after many years practical experience - evolved a scheme which would be beneficial to an overwhelming majority of the people of our country, and we call on the Government to examine his scheme with a view to organising a social service which will be of benefit to all classes of workers whether employers or employees."

Alderman Corish proposed the adoption of this resolution which was seconded by Councillor Bernoy. There was a short division of opinion on the first part of this resolution and Councillor Byrne moved the deletion of the words from "that the members" down to "people of our country." Councillor Howlin seconded the amendment. On being put to a vote six members voted for the amendment and four against. Accordingly the amendment was declared carried and the following resolution unanimously adopted:-

"That we call on the Government to examine the Scheme of social insurance prepared by the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan with a view to organising a social service which would be of benefit to all classes of workers whether employers or employees."

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved

"In view of the fact that the cost of living has increased by at least 70% the basis on which income tax is levied be altered to enable wage earners to enjoy a living in frugal comfort as laid down by the different Popes in their Encyclicals."

Councillor Bernoy seconded this motion, and after some discussion it was agreed to adjourn it for a month to enable the members to study its implications and obtain some further information on the matter.

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Arising out of a motion in the name of His Worship the Mayor that a Relief Grant be sought for the preparation of housing sites the Town Clerk intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had now confirmed the Wexford (Slippery Green) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1944, and that immediate application was being made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of developing the site, plans for which had already been prepared and for sanction to such plans. He also intimated that it would be necessary for the Corporation to borrow their portion of the cost of acquisition and development, and the Mayor gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that the Corporation borrow whatever sum was necessary to acquire and develop this site.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that an estimate be prepared for the concreting of the footpath from 2 Distillery Road to Browne's, Bishopswater. Councillor Howlin seconded.

It was pointed out however, that this road was a main road under the jurisdiction of the County Council, so it was decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer and ask him to provide for having a new footpath constructed.

Councillor Byrne also moved that an estimate be prepared of the cost of resurfacing the road from Wolfe Tone Villas to Bishopswater.

Councillor Byrne also moved that a proper hygienical scavenging cart be provided, and Councillor Berncy seconded. It was explained, however, that there was a possibility of the electric scavenging cart being delivered in the near future, and in view of this the motion was deferred for a month.

#### FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the cost of providing concrete footpaths to 65 of the houses at Maudlintown would cost approximately £320, and that there was also a considerable number of houses at Wolfe Tone Villas which required to be done. Councillor Gaul gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the necessary amount be borrowed to relay these footpaths in concrete.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £2,500 up to the 31st October, 1945."

#### SYMPATHY

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to ex-Councillor Cashman on the death of his wife. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*



15th October, 1945.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish.

Councillors: ~~Moran~~ Moran, Roche, Byrne, Berney, Howlin, Buckland and Gaul.

The Town Clerk raised the question of the proposal of Councillor Roche at a meeting of the Corporation on the 3rd September last, and it was decided to adjourn this matter further to enable Councillor Roche to ascertain what tenants of the Corporation houses would be desirous of purchasing on the Tenant Purchase System.

Correspondence was read from the Harbour Commissioners requesting the Corporation to give them the same grant for the year 1945/46 as for 1944/45, and after some discussion it was agreed to request the Harbour Commissioners to send a deputation to discuss this matter with the Corporation before a final decision was arrived at.

Councillor Gaul gave notice that he would move at next Statutory meeting that an extra 1/- bonus be granted to the Corporation employees.

#### MEETINGS

After a discussion on the question of calling meetings of the committees such as General Purposes and Town Planning Committee, it was unanimously agreed that a committee meeting be held only on the third Monday of each month except where some important business turned up when it would be open to the Town Clerk and Mayor to convene a special meeting if they considered it necessary.

#### COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding the condition of a house at Hill Street occupied by a man named Comerford, which it was stated, was infested with bugs, and it was decided that the Sanitary Inspector should make a report thereon.

#### PLOT - MAUDLINTOWN

A question was raised regarding the proposed re-purchase of a site at Maudlintown from Messrs. Springs Ltd., and the Town Clerk intimated that Messrs. Springs Ltd. had agreed to sell this site to the Corporation, but so far, the Council had not decided as to what they proposed to do with the site, and it was useless for him to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to issue sanction for this purchase if the Corporation could not make up their minds what they proposed to do with it. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report as to what would be the best use for the ground.

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## FOOD &amp; FUEL COMMITTEE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, Councillors Howlin and Morris were appointed to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Food & Fuel Committee.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, agent for property at Trinity Street, asking him for his proposals as to the installation of W.C.'s there.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked for reports on the condition of the house at Bride Street, occupied by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Walsh, and on the house at Selskar Street, occupied by Michael Murray.

The Mayor gave notice that he would move at next statutory meeting that steps be taken to provide a public lavatory.

A question was raised regarding the provision of a pound and the provision of a proper fair ground, and Dr. Hadden gave notice that he would move a resolution at next Statutory Meeting on this subject.

## BUS CENTRE

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of a bus centre for the Town at Commarket, and after some debate on the matter it was adjourned to give the members an opportunity of considering the proposals in this connection submitted by Alderman Dr. Hadden.

## OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £7,500 up to the 31st December, 1945."

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

James Smith

5th November, 1945.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Gaul, Buckland, Berney, Howlin, Byrne, Roche, Morris, and Cullimore.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 1st October, General Purposes Committee on 15th October. On the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor. Councillor Morris drew attention to the fact that the name of Alderman Moran had been inadvertently entered in the minutes of the 15th October in place of him (Councillor Morris).

#### SYMPATHY

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Patrick Lacey, an old employee of the Corporation, on the death of his mother. Alderman Moran seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Mayor intimated that he had received an acknowledgment from the relatives and clergy of the Diocese of Armagh on the resolution of sympathy passed on the death of the Cardinal.

#### SUITS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Roche moved that dungaree suits be provided for the cleansing staff in order to protect them from infectious disease. Councillor Morris seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted, but before the County Manager gave effect to the resolution it was to be ascertained if similar suits were provided by any other Local Authority. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates for these suits, and consequently, would have to be included in the estimates for 1946/47. Thereupon Councillor Roche moved that the sum required be included in the estimate of rates for 1946/47, and Councillor Morris seconded. This resolution was also unanimously agreed to.

#### GRAVEDIGGER

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the County Manager be recommended to employ a gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery at full Urban Trade Union rate of wages and for a full 47 hour week. Councillor Byrne seconded this proposal which was agreed to.

Councillor Buckland gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that steps be taken to enlarge the present cemetery at Crosstown.

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In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Town Planning Adviser be asked to include in his Town Plan for an adequate number of public lavatories. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.

Councillor Morris moved that the road at present known as "Road from Wygram Place to Summerhill" be changed to "Thomas Davis Place." Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, and it was agreed that the County Manager should take steps to give effect to the change at a favourable opportunity.

#### BONUS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the bonus of 10/- at present paid to Corporation employees be increased to 11/-. Alderman Corish seconded this proposal which was also agreed to.

Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be asked to state at next meeting the number of proposals adopted by the Corporation and implemented by him since the formation of the present Council. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was agreed to. Councillor Byrne also moved that the County Manager be asked to state why the present scavenging cart was not altered in accordance with the wishes of the Corporation. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion and it was explained to the meeting that the reason why the request of the Corporation had not been given effect to was that they were given hopes of obtaining the new electric scavenging cart at an early date, but it was decided by six votes for to five against that the present box cart be altered.

#### TOWN PLANNING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that in view of the proposal of our Town Planning expert to make a fair green along the Redmond Road that we request the County Manager to obtain the guidance of a competent landscape gardener in the layout of the proposed ground. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, but after some discussion it was decided to defer it for a month.

Alderman Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to plant the avenue to St. Ibar's Cemetery with beeches. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was amended to provide for an estimate being submitted by the County Manager.

Alderman Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to state the possibilities of retaining the present bridge closed to "wheel traffic" when the proposed new bridge is erected. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.

Alderman Hadden also moved that in anticipation of the rebuilding of the old bridge that the County Manager be requested to study the river side road to St. Ibar's Cemetery with a view to planting it as an avenue promenade. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and agreed to.

#### FOOTPATHS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the Corporation borrow the sum of £750 to provide concrete footpaths to 65 houses at Maudlintown and 87 houses at Wolfe Tone Villas. Councillor Berney seconded this motion. Councillor Byrne moved as an amendment that the matter be adjourned for further examination, Councillor Morris seconded.

Councillor Buckland moved that the matter be adjourned to enable an estimate to be obtained to provide these footpaths in tarmacadam. Alderman Moran seconded. On the amendment of Councillor Byrne

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being put to the meeting it was defeated by six votes to five. Councillor Buckland's amendment was thereupon put to the meeting and eight voted for it. Councillor Buckland's amendment that the matter be adjourned to enable an estimate to be prepared of the cost of providing these paths in macadam was declared carried.

## INCOME TAX

Alderman Corish moved a resolution adjourned from last meeting that the Government be requested to alter the basis on which Income Tax was levied so as to provide for larger allowances than £150 per annum. Councillor Berney seconded this motion which was agreed to.

## RESOLUTIONS

**A resolution from the Rosslare Harbour Development Board calling for the resumption of the Rosslare/Fishguard passenger service was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland.**

A resolution from the Wexford Amnesty Committee calling on the British Government to release all Irish political prisoners was adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was agreed that a scheme be drafted under the Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945.

## REPORT

Alderman Hadden made a lengthy report on a recent visit of his to Dublin where he had interviewed a number of officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with housing and other matters, and also a visit to the Dublin Corporation Cleansing Department where he was shown the latest methods for the eradication of bugs, etc. During the course of his remarks Alderman Hadden stated that he considered it would be advisable to send the Sanitary Inspector to Dublin for a short course of training in these modern methods of dealing with vermin.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

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19th November, 1945.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, Town Planning and Amenities 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Gaul, Buckland, Berney, Byrne, Roche and Morris.

#### DEPUTATION

A deputation consisting of Messrs. H. W. Saville, T. A. Furlong and J. J. Scallion attended on behalf of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to urge on the Corporation the need for giving the Harbour Commissioners the same Grant in the current year as in the year 1944/45. The deputation and the Corporation discussed at length the need for the maintenance of the Harbour and the work which had been carried out during the past year with the aid of a Grant from the State, the Co. Council and the Corporation, and after the deputation had withdrawn Councillor Gaul proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded that the Corporation be recommended to give the same grant as in 1944/45.

#### DRAFT TOWN PLAN

Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, attended the meeting and submitted the draft Town Plan for Wexford. The plan as submitted by Mr. Donnelly was carefully examined by the members and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Buckland to recommend the Corporation at their next meeting to formally adopt the draft plan.

Arising out of this Town Plan the Mayor proposed that the Corporation be recommended to acquire a site from Messrs. Springs Ltd on terms previously arranged for conversion into a playground.

The Mayor mentioned that as the December Monthly meeting was due to fall on the eve of a By-election in the Constituency that the monthly meeting of the Corporation should be adjourned until the 10th prox., and this was unanimously agreed to.

A circular was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities (a copy of which had been furnished to the members) asking for suggestions for the amendment of the Act from the Corporation. This circular gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which there appeared to be a divergency of opinion as to whether or not any proposals for the amendment of the Act other than asking for complete abolition should be considered, and eventually Councillor Gaul proposed and Ald. Corish seconded, that no action be taken on the circular requesting the submission of amendments. On a vote being taken 4 voted for Councillor Gaul's motion and 5 against. It was thereupon decided to adjourn consideration of actual amendments to the next Statutory Meeting. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*



10th December, 1945.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Moran, Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Roche, and Gaul.

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 5th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 19th ultimo. Copies of these minutes had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments were read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce and the Manager of the Great Western Railway regarding the resumption of the Rosslare/Fishguard Mail Service.

A letter was read from the Minister for Defence stating that the Coast Watching Service had been disbanded after full consideration of all the factors involved and he could not make a recommendation to the Government to alter that decision.

#### A.R.P. STORES

A question was raised regarding the disposal of A.R.P. Stores, and the Manager was requested to consider if it was possible to dispose of such equipment as blankets or other clothing to some local charitable Institution.

It was also decided to ask the Minister for Defence to permit the retention of rubber boots by all members of the A.R.P. Service.

#### DRAFT PLAN

The Town Planning and Amenities Committee recommended the adoption of a draft plan submitted by Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser. The Committee recommendation was unanimously agreed to on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish.

#### COMMITTEE

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, Alderman Moran, Councillor Gaul, Alderman Hadden, and the Mayor were appointed as representatives of the Corporation to attend a conference to be held at the County Hall on Monday the 17th instant at 2 p.m. to consider the question of whether a fixed or opening span should be provided in the proposed new bridge from the Quay to Ferrybank.

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### RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Dungarvan Urban District Council calling on the Minister for Education to ensure that in all schools in Eire pupils be given instruction in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and the National Flag was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish.

Arising out of this Councillor Morris complained of an incident which had taken place in the Main Street on the night of the 3rd instant when a flag belonging to the Fianna Fail Organisation was taken from the bearer and torn. Alderman Corish complained that the Fianna Fail procession had forced their way through the body of Labour Party supporters while the latter were playing the National Anthem.

Councillor Morris also proposed that the cinemas be asked to close the doors while the National Anthem was being played and to have a proper record of the Anthem used. Alderman Moran seconded the motion which was agreed to.

### FAIR

On the motion of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Wexford Town Fair be held on Friday the 23th December, 1945, in lieu of Tuesday the 25th December.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING

Complaint was made regarding public lighting, and it was stated that a number of lamps were out at night and that the lights were still going out before daylight in the morning. The Town Clerk was asked to take up this matter with the Electricity Supply Board.

### WIRE BASKETS

In view of the recent influx of oranges in the Town it was considered that any of the wire waste paper baskets which were available should be again replaced on the lamp standards on the Main Street.

### AMENDMENTS - CO. MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

The next business was to consider a letter from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities asking for suggested amendments to the County Management Act, 1940.

A copy of this letter had been furnished to the members before the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee when it was discussed, and the only amendments received were the following from Councillor Byrne:-

- (1) that the Council representatives be given a bigger say in the letting of Corporation houses;
- (2) that all tenders received on behalf of the Council be opened at a Public Meeting; and
- (3) That the Council be empowered to instruct the Manager to carry out such Public Works as the Council may deem necessary in the interests of the Town.

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At the outset Councillor Gaul intimated on behalf of the Irish Labour Party that as they were entirely opposed to the Management Act they did not propose to take any part in the discussion. The Town Clerk pointed out that in so far as the suggested amendment of Councillor Byrne was concerned there was no provision in the County Management Act, 1940, enabling the Corporation to make regulations regarding the receipt and acceptance of tenders and that there was ample power in the Act to enable the Corporation to instruct the Manager to carry out any public works which the Council deemed necessary. Councillor Byrne thereupon moved his amendment no. (1) above regarding the letting of houses, and after some discussion he amended his proposal to read "that the Council be given power to examine applications for Corporation houses and to make recommendations to the County Manager." Arising out of this matter Councillor Byrne complained certain members of the Council were informing applicants for houses that they had been successful before official word was received from the Town Clerk. In this connection the Town Clerk stated that if any member of the Council asked him who had been allocated a house he saw no reason of withholding the information, but he promised he would discuss the matter with the County Manager and see if some arrangement could be made to inform members of the Council when a vacant house had been let. Alderman Moran seconded the motion and on a vote being taken six voted for the motion and the remainder declined to vote.

#### PLAYGROUND

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee was unanimously adopted agreeing to use the plot of ground proposed to be re-acquired from Messrs. Springs Ltd. as a childrens' playground.

#### GRANT

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Moran, a General Purposes Committee recommendation that a grant of £360 be made in the current financial year to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners towards the maintenance of the harbour, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was agreed to, and that this amount be raised in the rates for the year 1946/47.

#### SEATS

A question was raised regarding the provision of seats at the corner of Bride Street and at Bishopswater, and the Town Clerk undertook to take the matter of the seat at Bride Street up with the Boro' Surveyor and the one at Bishopswater with the County Manager as he understood the Manager had agreed to provide this from County Council funds.

It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the condition of the surface of Grogans Road and to ask that some of the metal being taken off the surface of William Street be spread on Upper Batt Street.

#### REPORT

The next business was to receive a report from the County Manager on the proposals made from time to time by the present Corporation and implemented or rejected by him. This report showed that the following proposals had been made:-

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- (1) A proposal to increase wages of casual labourers from £2. 10. 0. to £3 per week, had been implemented to the extent of an increase of 5/10d.
- (2) A proposal to lay concrete footpaths to certain houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas was still under consideration by the Corporation regarding financial provision.
- (3) A proposal to establish a swimming pool at the Crescent was still under examination.
- (4) A proposal to establish a childrens' playground at Mary Street had been deferred pending consideration of the proposal of the Town Planning Adviser for this area.
- (5) A Scheme for active immunisation against diphtheria for which the Corporation had made a financial provision of £50 had been given effect to.
- (6) A proposal to appoint a gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery on a full time basis at Urban Trade Union rate of wages was still under consideration.
- (7) A proposal to provide dungaree suits for the workmen would be subject to a special report from the Manager at a later stage of the present meeting.

Referring to a proposal of the Corporation on the 5th November that the County Manager be recommended to provide dungaree suits for the cleansing staff, the Manager reported that such provision had not been made in any other town and that the Wexford Corporation staff were treated at least as well as elsewhere. The Manager did not feel justified in agreeing to the Corporation's recommendation. It was therefore unanimously resolved on the motion of Alderman Moran that the Manager be asked to reconsider this decision and to provide dungaree suits.

#### AVENUE - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Referring to the proposal at last meeting to request the County Manager to have the Avenue at Crosstown Cemetery planted with beech trees the Manager reported that he had asked the Engineer to examine this proposal and the following report from the Borough Surveyor was read:-

"I have considered the advisability or otherwise of planting beech trees on each side of the avenue at St. Ibar's Cemetery and I would advise against same. My reasons for doing so are as follows:-

- (1) This is a comparatively narrow avenue enclosed between fields which are not the property of the Corporation.
- (2) The avenue to my mind is more suitably lined with the decorative type of shrub and the planting of beech trees or for that matter any other type of forest trees would mean the uprooting of many of these shrubs.
- (3) A beech tree must reach its full growth in order to be impressive and in my opinion would need plenty of space. At St. Ibar's Cemetery we are confined between the narrow limits of two fences and a rather short approach.
- (4) Forest trees particularly the broad leaf variety should only be planted in places where pruning would not be necessary. Parkways and such other open spaces are the most suitable for such plantings.



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Alderman Hadden, the original mover of this resolution, did not agree with the points raised by the Borough Surveyor, and it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the County Manager for further consideration, and in the meantime, a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report was to be sent to Alderman Hadden for his observations.

On the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to examine the necessity and possibility of having St. Ibar's Cemetery extended.

It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the condition of Section B and to submit an estimate of what it would cost to level the ground there to make it suitable for grave spaces.

#### FAIR GREEN

A proposal by Alderman Hadden adjourned from the last meeting that in view of the proposal of our Town Planning expert to make a fair green along the Redmond Road that we request the County Manager to obtain the guidance of a competent landscape gardener in the layout of the proposed grounds. Councillor Buckland seconded this proposal which was unanimously adopted, but it was also agreed that it would be time enough to employ a landscape gardener when the fair green was about to be established there.

#### FOOTPATHS

Referring to the proposal deferred from last meeting to have concrete footpaths provided to 65 houses at Maudlintown and to 87 at Wolfe Tone Villas so as to enable an estimate to be obtained of the cost of providing these in tarmacadam, the Borough Surveyor's estimate was now submitted, which showed that the total cost would be £266 as against £720 in concrete. He pointed out, however, that tarmacadam footpaths for Housing Schemes were only a temporary expedient and would last not more than six years. It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that concrete footpaths be provided for these houses; and it was further agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the sum of £725 be borrowed from the Treasurer to be repaid within five years for the purpose of financing the work.

#### HOUSING

Alderman Hadden referred to a resolution adopted by the Corporation in August last regarding housing, and requested the Corporation to ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to state if they had yet examined this resolution, and if so, whether or not they proposed to give legislative effect to the matters contained therein. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

#### VACANCY - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Councillor Byrne referred to a motion given by Councillor Gaul at last meeting that the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Alderman Corish be filled at the present meeting. He understood that through an oversight this motion had not appeared on the agenda, but he thought when the notice had been given that the present meeting could deal with it. It was pointed out, however, that

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unless every member present agreed to have the vacancy filled it could not be done until the next meeting, and as Councillor Gaul objected the matter was deferred until the January meeting.

Complaint was made regarding the gully at the Air Raid Shelter in King Street, and it was decided to request the County Manager to have something done to prevent stagnant water from lagging there.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of Water Lane, King Street, and it was decided to request the proprietors, Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, to have the opening of the lane way built up as at present it was being used as a public convenience.

The Town Clerk was also asked to get in touch with Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Agent for the owner of houses at Trinity Street, to remind him of his promise to have a sewer and water connections provided for these houses before the concreting of Trinity Street was completed as this work was now approaching where the houses were situated.

Councillor Cullimore complained of a bank of material in the Stonebridge river at the back of his premises, which was a breeding ground for rats, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to have it examined and removed.

The meeting then terminated.

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17th December, 1945.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Roche, Berney, Buckland, and Gaul.

The main business was to deal with Old Age Pensions Claims and Questions so as to permit of the payment of pensions before Xmas.

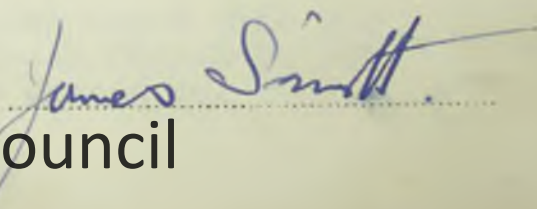
#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The Town Clerk pointed out that overdraft accommodation had only been sanctioned up to the 31st December, and he estimated that the overdraft required would be £5,000 up to the 31st March next. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £5,000 up to the 31st March, 1946."

The meeting then separated.

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7th January, 1946.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Roche, Berney, Buckland and Gaul.

#### MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 10th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor, after Councillor Buckland had drawn attention to the fact that his name had not been included in the minutes for the 10th of December.

#### BONUS

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the bonus payable to members of the Corporation Staff and the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had already granted the full bonus authorised by the recent Emergency Powers Order of 15/- per week, and as soon as that was sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health it would be paid.

#### GRAVEDIGGER

A question regarding the wages paid to the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery was again raised, and after an explanation by the Town Clerk it was decided to adjourn this matter to a special meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on the 14th instant.

#### COMPLAINT

Complaint was made by Councillor Cullimore regarding the condition of the Stonebridge River, and the Town Clerk stated he had already instructed the Borough Surveyor to have this cleaned, and it was decided that the matter be again taken up with the Borough Surveyor with a view to having the work expedited.

#### VACANCY

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Alderman Richard Corish. Councillor Gaul proposed that Alderman Nicholas Corish be appointed to fill this vacancy, and Councillor Berney seconded. Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Roche be appointed to fill the vacancy and Councillor Morris seconded. With the consent of the proposer and seconder Alderman Corish withdrew his name in favour of that of Councillor Roche, and as there was no other nomination Councillor Roche was declared appointed to the vacancy.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the road crossing from John Street to the Franciscan Church be put into proper repair, and this was ~~unanimously~~ agreed to.



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Alderman Corish also moved that the street surface under the former Air Raid Shelters be restored. In this connection it was pointed out that this was part of the contract and would be carried out in the near future, and the explanation was considered satisfactory.

## GRANT

Alderman Hadden and Councillor Howlin had both motions down that the Government be asked to make available a grant for the resurfacing of John Street and School Street, which was a Main Road, and Councillor Howlin moved the resolution which was seconded by Alderman Hadden. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that as far back as May of last year he had asked for a re-instatement of this grant which had been allocated in 1940/41, but so far had received no reply, but he understood from inquiries made that the Main Roads Improvement Grant had not yet been allocated for the current year, and it was decided to again request the Ministry to make available this grant.

## TENDERS - AIR RAID SHELTERS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul asked that the County Manager submit details of the tenders received for the demolition of the Air Raid Shelters in Wexford. The Town Clerk stated that originally three tenders had been received for this work from Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co. who quoted £942. 10. 0. for the demolition and removal of the shelters (this did not include the cost of resurfacing the streets); Mr. P. V. Carson submitted a tender for £68 per shelter which amounted to £816 for 12 shelters and a sum of £28. 10. 0. per shelter for the resurfacing of the streets, which brought his tender to £1172. Mr. M. Murphy submitted a quotation of £60 per shelter for the demolition and clearance of the debris, which amounted to £720, but did not include the resurfacing of the streets. It was subsequently ascertained that when the two shelters at Redmond Road were demolished it would be necessary to rebuild the wall there at an estimated cost of £213.

The Borough Surveyor estimated for the demolition and clearance of debris £708. 12. 0., resurfacing of the streets £134. 8. 0., and rebuilding of the wall £213. 0. 0., making a total of £1056, which was lower than any of the three tenders received.

The County Manager then directed that the work be carried out by direct labour, under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and the Minister for Defence had been asked to sanction an expenditure of £1056 on this work. The Minister had sanctioned this proposal but directed that all the work be carried out by contract.

Subsequently a tender had been received from Mr. Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, for all the work at a cost of £1046. 10. 0. and this tender had been accepted by the County Manager.

The members thought that the original three persons who tendered should have been given an opportunity of revising their tenders, but it was pointed out that they had an opportunity of tendering and the Manager personally gave details of what their tenders would amount to after the Borough Surveyor's estimate for the resurfacing of the streets and the rebuilding of the wall were added to them, and it was seen that they were considerably in excess of the tender he had accepted.

The explanations given by the County Manager and Town Clerk were considered satisfactory.

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In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved "that in view of the uncertainty of tenure of houses which may be liable to condemnation, this Corporation undertake to guarantee up to a period of 12 years any expenditure authorised by the Public Health Authority for reconditioning under the following conditions, viz:- that if, during the period of the guarantee, the house be condemned, the Corporation will take over at an agreed valuation such fittings as plumbing that have been installed under the guarantee, and will refund such costs as those for installation, repairs, etc., executed under the guarantee, to an extent diminishing by 1/12th for each year elapsed."

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion. After a lengthy discussion during which certain members objected to the form in which the resolution was drafted Alderman Hadden asked for permission to withdraw the motion so that he could redraft it in consultation with other members for the next meeting.

#### REPORT

A report was submitted from the County Manager on the proposed new scavenging cart for the Town. This report showed that in 1940 the then Corporation had accepted a tender for the supply of a scavenging cart at £1150 including import duty, which it was considered there was a reasonable chance of having refunded by the State. Due to emergency conditions it had not been possible to obtain delivery of this cart, and a fresh quotation was now submitted by the Manufacturers that the price would be £1745. 10. 0. including £440. 10. 0. duty. After some discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter for six months and in the meantime comparative costs were to be obtained for:

- (a) Horse carts
- (2) Mechanically propelled vehicles prepared by I.C. Engineers; and
- (3) Electric scavenging cart now proposed. As well, some information was to be sought on the life and efficiency of the batteries for the latter vehicle.

#### PLAYGROUNDS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that the Corporation approve in principle of the organisation of playgrounds for children under 14 years of age. The Mayor seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted with the proviso that it was without prejudice to the Corporation's proposal to eventually establish a public park.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne called on the Government to increase Old Age Pensions and to modify the means test. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted with the proviso suggested by Alderman Moran that it would apply to Widows and Orphans and Blind pensioners in addition to Old Age Pensioners.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Government be asked to introduce a Social Security Scheme on the lines laid down by Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert. Councillor Morris seconded this motion, which was agreed to.



## HOUSING

Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be asked to state what steps he proposed to take for the erection of houses. The Town Clerk stated the Manager and he had discussed the question of housing - which had become a "hard weekly" with them - and they had done everything possible to try and get the development of the Slippery Green Housing Site started. From telephone conversations they had had since the Corporation's last meeting and Xmas they had hoped to have had the work commenced before the present meeting on the development of the site. However, up to the moment they had not got the necessary sanction, but both he and the Manager were well aware that the staff of the Housing Department were anxious to facilitate them and were doing their best to have the necessary grant made available. The explanation was considered satisfactory and the matter was left in the hands of the Manager and Town Clerk to expedite the work.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the necessary steps be taken to resurface the road known as the New Lane, off the Faythe. In this connection the Town Clerk explained that arrangements had already been made to have some of the material being taken off William Street spread there and rolled in, which, having regard to the small amount of traffic on this bit of roadway, should make a reasonable good surface.

## STANDING ORDERS

It was decided to have the Standing Orders of the Corporation, which had been adopted some years ago, to conform with the system of Local Government introduced by the County Management Act, and circulated to the members as soon as possible for approval.

## ESTIMATES MEETING

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously decided to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation on Monday the 18th March, 1946, and to have the Estimates considered by the General Purposes Committee on the 11th idem.

## FLOODING

Councillor Roche raised a question on the recent flooding of the Town and asked if inquiries would be made to see if fire pumps could be used to help pump out water from the houses when the floods subsided if they occurred in the future.

Alderman Hadden asked that the Town Clerk should be instructed to make an appointment for him with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to discuss the whole matter of housing on behalf of the Corporation. As this suggestion did not appear to receive general favour the matter was dropped.

## SWIMMING POOL

A question was raised by Alderman Hadden regarding the establishment of a swimming pool at the Crescent Quay, and the Manager gave a report in committee on the present position regarding the acquisition of this site, from which it was seen that unless certain objections were overcome the Minister for Industry & Commerce was not favourably disposed to the leasing of the site.

Councillor Morris raised the question of overcrowding in the cinemas, and it was decided to ask the Inspector for a report on same.

The meeting then terminated. Chairman .....



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14th January, 1946.

A Special 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. to consider the question of the remuneration to be paid to the gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown.

The members present being:-

Jas. Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish, and Moran.

Councillors: Roche, Morris, Gaul, Howlin, Byrne and Buckland.

The general position of wages, etc. of the gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery was considered at length, and after a discussion the following resolution was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That we recommend the County Manager to appoint a gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, at a wage of £3 per week, plus 1/6d per week to cover the employer's contribution under National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts in respect of his assistance; in addition the gravedigger to be paid a fee of 10/- for each grave opened and closed which fee is to be paid to an assistant (to be employed by the gravedigger) for the purpose of assisting him to open and close each grave: the gravedigger to be responsible for stamping his assistant's Insurance Cards."

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed that this would mean an increase in the loss at present being borne in the Cemetery, and it was also unanimously agreed that no objection would be raised by the Corporation to increasing the charges by 50% for the opening of graves at present charged for at the rate of 15/- and 20/-.

The meeting then terminated.

21st January, 1946.

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:-

Jas. Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Roche, Byrne, Buckland, Howlin and Morris.

#### RESOLUTION

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Manager to make a comprehensive study of the possibilities of inaugurating active work on our housing problem under the following Acts:-

- (1) The Housing (Ireland) Act 1919, enabling the Corporation to make loans under certain conditions for reconditioning.
- (2) The Housing & Labourers Act, 1937, authorising a Government Grant up to 25% of the cost.
- (3) The Rent Restrictions Acts permitting rent increases to give an 8% return on the cost of authorised repairs, etc.
- (4) The Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1931, authorising the Corporation, if necessary, to execute needed repairs etc. themselves on the security of a compulsory mortgage."

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to after a lengthy discussion.

#### WEXFORD WATERWORKS

The Town Clerk reported that a lengthy letter had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the proposed new watermain from Coolree to Wexford. One of the clauses in the specification which the Minister suggested should be deleted was that dealing with the percentage of labour to be employed from residents of the Borough and from residents of the rural area, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the clause as set out in the specification should stand and that the Corporation would not agree to any alteration.

#### RIGHT OF WAY

A question was raised regarding a right of way from William Street to the sea, and the Town Clerk promised to get the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor on the matter as soon as possible.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to inspect houses at Trinity Street and Trinity Place where a new sewer had been provided with the object of eventually providing W.C.'s, and to report if he considered the sewerage provided by the owner ample.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

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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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Roche, Gaul, Buckland and Berney.

#### MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 7th ultimo, together with Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 14th and 21st ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris, the minutes as submitted (copies of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### BONUS

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had already made an order directing that the maximum bonus of 15/- per week be paid to the officers and employees of the Corporation and that this proposal had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval, but no decision had yet been received.

#### CINEMAS

Councillor Morris complained of overcrowding in the cinemas particularly at the second house, and it was decided that the Town Sergeant should make regular inspections and report on the position.

#### HOUSING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved his motion on housing which had been discussed by the General Purposes Committee on the 21st ultimo. Particulars of this motion are embodied in the minutes of the latter meeting. As the motion called for comprehensive study by the County Manager of the possibilities of inaugurating active work on the housing problem under four Acts mentioned in the minutes of the 21st ultimo, and as it had been discussed in detail by the General Purposes Committee, the motion as now moved by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Byrne was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given His Worship the Mayor moved that the County Manager be asked to state what steps were being taken to erect houses to relieve the appalling conditions under which the Working Classes were living. In this connection it was explained that active steps had been taken to develop a housing site at Slippery Green, which would accommodate some 90 houses. The site had been acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and proposals for its development had been submitted to the Department but up to date no sanction had been received. It was also explained that both the Manager and the Town Clerk had been in communication with the Department, and it was hoped to have a decision on the proposals submitted in the very near future, and as soon as these were received work on the development of the site would be commenced without delay. This explanation was considered satisfactory.



In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Minister for Industry & Commerce and Irish Shipping Ltd. be again requested to allocate shipping to the port of Wexford. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Councillor Roche moved that the County Manager be recommended to employ a painter in a permanent capacity by the Corporation. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was adopted, but with Councillors Buckland and Byrne dissenting.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris moved that Grogan's Road be re-surfaced, and after some discussion it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the condition of the surface of this roadway.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Minister for Industry & Commerce be requested to send an inspector to Wexford to investigate the quality of the turf being supplied to the public. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was supported by Councillor Morris, and Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Minister for Industry & Commerce be asked to state what steps are being taken to reach agreement with the British Government to ensure that Unemployment Benefit would be available to workers on return to this country in return for Unemployment Insurance Contributions paid into British Funds. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution was submitted from the Castlebar Urban District Council calling on the Minister for Justice to amend the licencing laws to permit the Sunday opening of licenced houses in Urban Districts the same as in County Boroughs. This motion was marked read.

Councillor Gaul referred to the areas which had to be worked by the street sweepers, and asked the County Manager to investigate the position with a view to ascertaining if the areas were not too large for each man.

At the request of Councillor Berney it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the back doors of the 3-roomed houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.

*James Swift*

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

The meeting had been convened to consider an offer from Mr. John Kirwan in regard to the property at Distillery Lane, which had been acquired by the Corporation under a Compulsory Purchase Order. Mr. Kirwan was now prepared to accept the sum of £4,000 for the property, but the Corporation had previously decided that their maximum figure would be £3,000, and it was unanimously agreed to adhere to the Corporation's offer, and if Mr. Kirwan was not prepared to accept it to apply for arbitration.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Swift*



18th February, 1946.

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:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Morris, Roche, Byrne, and Buckland.

#### PUBLIC MEETING

A letter was received from Glun na Gaedhilge requesting the attendance of the Corporation at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall on the 28th instant for the purpose of putting before the public the desirability of reviving the National Language, and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation would attend as a Body.

#### BOOTS

In reply to a query by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that he had issued a public advertisement inviting tenders for the supply of boots for the Corporation workmen, but up to the present had not received a tender, and the Town Clerk agreed to investigate this matter personally with a view to having the boots supplied.

#### RIGHT OF WAY

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he had consulted the Corporation Solicitor regarding the closing of the right of way from William Street to the sea, and had been informed by the law adviser that it was open to any individual affected by the closing of this right of way to proceed in Court to have it re-opened, but that the Corporation had no function whatever in the matter. He had also ascertained he stated that this was a private right of way for which Eoras Iompair Eireann were paying a rent of £5 per year to the estate of the late Mrs. Maud Walsh, and in the circumstances, he did not think the public had any right over the passage-way. After some discussion it was decided to point out to the Solicitor that from time immemorial there had been a pathway from William Street (at the junction of Byrne's Lane) to the lower end of Batt Street used by fishermen to the harbour, and if this did not constitute a public right of way. As well, it was also decided to point out to the Solicitor that the Corporation's Town Plan had counted on that right of way for a new road, and whether or not in view of the provisions of the Town Planning Acts this did not give the Corporation a locus standi in preventing the closing of this right of way.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of the boundary wall between the house at St. Magdalen's Terrace, occupied by John Clancy, and the adjoining housing estate at Maudlintown.

The Surveyor was also to be asked to report on the condition of the drinking fountain at the Bull Ring, and for an estimate of the cost of putting it into proper order.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the ornamental wall at the Bull Ring in front of the property occupied by Traynors (Wexford) Ltd.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to obtain a report from the Turncock on the condition of eave gutters in the Town; inspection to be made on the next wet day.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

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4th March, 1946.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council of the above Borough 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden, Robert Moran.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris and Frank Cullimore.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes (copies of which had been furnished to the members prior to the meeting) were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 4th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 4th and 18th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

Attention was drawn to the fact that Councillor Howlin's name had been omitted from the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

#### SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with the relatives of the late Father Codd, Ferrycarrig, a former Administrator in Wexford. The motion was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

#### REPORTS

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite a report on the condition of the back doors of the 3-roomed houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to expedite a report on the condition of the surface of Grogan's Road, together with an Estimate of the cost of resurfacing.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Department of Education, regarding the instruction of pupils of National Schools in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and National Flag; and from Irish Shipping Ltd., on the subject of a resolution requesting them to allocate portion of their cargoes to the port of Wexford.

In this connection, it was pointed out that it would be impossible for the boats operated by Irish Shipping Ltd. to enter Wexford Harbour, but it was thought that Coras Iompair Eireann should be approached with a view to having some of the coal imported into this country discharged at Rosslare Harbour.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that the Minister for External Affairs be requested to communicate with the British Government demanding the abolition of partition.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion. Councillor Buckland further moved as an amendment that we deplore partition, and assure An Taoiseach of the support of the Corporation in any steps he might take to abolish it. Councillor Cullimore seconded the amendment, which was unanimously adopted, when the mover of the original motion had withdrawn.

Chairman.....

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## RE FACTORY

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that in view of the large number of unemployed in Wexford, the Minister for Industry & Commerce be asked to use his good offices to secure the establishment of some industry in Wexford. Councillor Roche seconded this motion. It was explained to the meeting, however, that it was not within the province of the Minister for Industry & Commerce to allocate factories to any particular area, all he could do was to supply a list of the various commodities imported into this country which could usefully be manufactured here, and it would be then up to the local people to take steps for the establishment of a factory to manufacture any of the articles imported.

It was eventually decided to ask the Minister for Industry & Commerce to supply a list of articles imported into this country so that it could be examined with a view to see which, if any, of them could usefully be manufactured in the Town of Wexford, when steps would be taken to call a meeting of the traders with a view to the establishment of a factory.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the County Manager be requested to increase the number of sweepers employed on the Corporation scavenging staff. In moving the motion Alderman Corish pointed out that the same number of sweepers were employed in Wexford as in Enniscorthy and New Ross, although the mileage of streets in Wexford was considerably larger than in either of the other two towns. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, and it was eventually decided that the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation should receive a deputation from the mens' Union on a convenient occasion to discuss this matter.

## RESOLUTIONS

A resolution from the Carrickmacross Urban District Council calling on the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to compile the Telephone Directory in alphabetical order instead of its present form was marked read on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris.

A resolution from the Tullamore Urban District Council requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take steps to make loans available to Local Bodies at a rate of interest not exceeding 3% was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

## TIMEKEEPER

Reference was made to the employment of an ex-British soldier as Timekeeper on the development of a Housing Site at Slippery Green, and it was explained that this man had been employed by the Borough Surveyor without the knowledge of either the Manager or the Town Clerk, but that immediately it had come to their notice steps were taken to have an ex-member of the Irish Defence forces employed.

Councillor Morris made strong objection to the course taken in the dismissal of this man, but the Manager pointed out that a number of members of the Irish Defence Forces had served the national necessity during the recent emergency, and in accordance with the wishes of the Government preference was being given to them in any employment under a Public Body.

Alderman Hadden referred to a recent report in the Daily Press of poisoning by the use of D.D.T. and made an interesting few remarks on the use of this insecticide and its safe use.

Chairman

James Liff

4th March, 1946.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

The members made a preliminary examination of the Rates Estimate for 1946/1947, during which it was pointed out that as increased Road Grants had been made available to the County Council it was possible that there would be a reduction in the demand from this Body to the Corporation.

As the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation had been fixed by order of the Minister for the 11th instant it was unanimously decided that the meeting should be adjourned to find out what action the County Council proposed to take to deal with the increased Road Grants, and it was also decided that after the adjournment of the Estimates Meeting the Rates Estimates should again be considered by the General Purposes Committee before being finally submitted to the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Swift*



11th March, 1946.

In accordance with an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Moran, Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne and James Gaul.

#### Sympathy

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Church and the relatives of the late Cardinal Glennon; Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was adopted in respectful silence.

It was reported that the County Council had again adjourned their meeting until the 19th instant for the consideration of the Rate Estimate, and that the Corporation were not in a position to finally decide on the Poor Rate until the County Council Rate had been either confirmed or amended, and accordingly Councillor Byrne proposed the adjournment of the Estimates Meeting until Wednesday 20th March, 1946, at 7.30 p.m. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

11th March, 1946.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present were the same as at the Estimates Meeting, with the addition of Councillors Buckland and Roche.

The meeting again carefully examined the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1946/47, which had been furnished to the members. The Estimate and Determination of the rate in the pound as submitted by the Manager showed that

A Special Rate in lieu of Co. Cess of 1/4d in the pound  
would be required,

A Borough Rate of	13/4d
Water Rates of	<u>2/6d</u>

making the total Town Rates ..... 17/2d.

The Borough Rate Estimate showed an estimated debit balance of £700, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to delete this debit balance, but to leave in the Estimate a sum of £800 to supplement the Employment Grant, which it was thought would not be needed during the coming Financial Year. This would enable the Town Rates to be reduced from 17/2d to 16/6d, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Buckland, to recommend the Corporation, at the adjourned Estimates Meeting to determine the Town Rates as follows:-

Special Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	1/4d
Borough Rate	12/8d
Water Rates	<u>2/6d</u>
Total.....	16/6d

The meeting then examined the Poor Rate Estimate, which showed the County Council Demand for the current year at £11,723, which with arrears of previous year's demands of £3335, made a total of £15,058. To this had to be added £850 under the Unemployment Assistance Acts and £650 to cover Collectors' Commission, legal expenses, printing, advertising, stationery, etc., making the gross total of the Poor Rate £16,558, which would require a rate of 15/2d.

In this connection the arrears of the County Council Demand were examined, and it was pointed out that these arrears were never shown on previous years demands, and the balances for or against the Urban Districts were never before known to the Corporation. After some discussion, however, it was unanimously decided that the arrears of £3,300 due to the County Council should be spread over a period of six years, and to include the sum of £600 in the current year's Estimates on foot of these arrears. This would enable the Poor Rate to be reduced by 2/6d in the Pound, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Moran, it was unanimously decided to recommend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Corporation to agree on a Poor Rate of 12/8d in the pound, subject to any adjustment which might be made by the County Council in their Demand prior to the Estimates Meeting.

Chairman .....



11th March, 1946.

It was reported that approval to the following Capital expenditure was needed:-

(a) Survey of Sewerage System and Report.....	£600
(b) Acquisition of Dorelict Sites.....	200
(c) Demolition of Air Raid Shelters.....	1000
(d) Compulsory Acquisition, and development, of a Housing Site at Slippery Green up to 31st March, 1946.....	<u>1200</u>
T O T A L .....	<u>£3000</u>

It was further reported that no financial provision had been made for these works for the following reasons:--

- (a) The Consulting Engineer was still engaged on the preparation of plans, specification and estimate, and the estimated cost of carrying out his proposals was not yet available. The sum of £600 was to cover Engineers Fees for the preliminary report, travelling, and out-of-pocket expenses.
- (b) Due to a lawsuit the Arbitrators award in respect of the payment of compensation had been quashed and the amount of compensation payable had not yet been finally determined. The sum of £200 was needed to meet legal and preliminary expenses in this matter.
- (c) The sum of £1011 was required to meet the cost of demolishing Air Raid Shelters in the Borough, and 60% of this would eventually be paid by the Dept. of Defence, and the balance would have to be raised either by Rate or Loan.
- (d) The estimated cost of the development of a Housing Site at Slippery Green was £8,200, of which 50% would be met by the State, leaving £4,100 to be provided by the Corporation. In addition, the compensation payable for the site was estimated at £3,500, and preliminary, legal and other expenses £400, making the gross total to be provided by the Corporation £8,000. This sum could be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works when the loan for the erection of houses on the site was being raised, but in the meantime, the work of development, preliminary, legal and other expenses would have to be met. The estimated expenses to 31st March, 1946, were £1200.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved on the proposal of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the expenditure of £3,000 set out at (a), (b), (c) and (d) above be approved. As regards the temporary financing of the foregoing it was agreed that the expenses should be met by way of overdraft on Capital Account, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:-

Proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously resolved:-

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account in the sum of Three Thousand Pounds (£3,000) until final arrangements were made for the financing of expenditure on the following:-

11th March, 1946.

<u>Works</u>	<u>Accommodation now required.</u>
(a) Survey of Sewerage System	£00
(b) Acquisition of Derelict Sites	200
(c) Demolition of Air Raid Shelters	1000
(d) Compulsory Acquisition and development of a Housing Site at Slippery Green up to 31st March, 1946.	<u>1200</u>
T O T A L..... £ <u>3,000</u>	

## SLIPPERY GREEN SITE

In connection with the acquisition of the Slippery Green site it was stated that unofficially Mr. Kirwan had intimated his willingness to accept the sum of £3,500. The Corporation's offer had been £3,000, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but in addition to that the Corporation would have to bear the cost of arbitration estimated at approximately £250, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that if Mr. Kirwan made a formal offer in writing of £3,500 the Corporation would be prepared to make a counter offer of £3,250.

## TENDERS

It was reported that tenders had now been received for boots for the workmen. Three pairs of boots had been tendered for at the following prices:- 29/3d., 37/6d., 42/-. An examination of the boots showed that the 42/- pair of boots was far in excess as regards quality than either of the other two, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to accept the boots quoted for at 42/- but they would have to last the men until September, 1947.

## FENCE

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the fence between Distillery Road and Devereux Villas, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report thereon.

## MEETING

At the request of the Corporation the County Manager agreed to have the Borough Surveyor present at the adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 20th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Swift*



20th March, 1946.

An adjournment of the Estimates Meeting 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Nicholas Corish, George Haddon.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Roche, Thomas Buckland, Kevin Morris, James Gaul, and Patrick Berney.

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

It was explained that a revised Demand had been received from the Wexford County Council in respect of the Poor Rate Demand for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1947, which showed that the amount demanded for the ensuing Financial Year was £11,881. In addition, the sum of £850 was required to be provided as a contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, and £550 in respect of other expenses, making the total to be raised by means of a Poor Rate £13,281 in the coming Financial Year, and this would require a rate of 12/2d in the pound. The previous Demand of the County Council showed that they required the sum of £15,058 from the Corporation, and with the Unemployment Assistance and Other Expenses the total amounted to £16,258, which would require a rate of 15/-, so it was seen by the members that as a result of the amendment of the County Council Demand the Poor Rate in the Borough for the ensuing year could be reduced by 2/10d on the original figures submitted to the Estimates Meeting on the 11th instant.

The reduction in the County Council Demand was due to two factors

- (1) Increased Road Grants which enable the County Council to reduce the amount required for the maintenance of the county roads, and
- (2) That the County Council had agreed at their meeting on the 19th instant to spread the demand over a period of six years of the arrears due by the Urban Districts.

The meeting expressed satisfaction at the result of the meeting of the County Council, and then examined anew the entire Rate Estimate submitted by the County Manager. In so far as the Town Rates were concerned the estimated expenditure for the year was as follows:-

To be raised by means of Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	£7740
By means of Borough Rate.....	31525
By means of Water Rates.....	<u>3394</u>
making the Total.....	<u>£ 42,659</u>

20th March, 1946.

The Estimated Receipts were apportioned in relief of :-

	£
Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	6300
Borough Rate	17648
Water Rates	<u>870</u>

making the total Estimated Receipts..... £ 24816

and leaving to be provided by means of the following Rates

Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	1440
Borough Rate	13877
Water Rates	<u>2524</u>

TOTAL..... £ 17841

In addition to the above it was estimated that there would be a Debit Balance of £700 on the Borough Rate Account at the 31st March next, and this had been carefully considered by the General Purposes Committee when examining the Estimates. The Committee had unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to delete this balance, but to leave in the Estimate the sum of £800 as a contribution to supplement Grants for Employment Schemes, which the Committee considered would not be needed in the coming Financial Year as any road work necessary would be carried out on Main Roads which were the responsibility of the Wexford County Council.

After the Estimates had been discussed at length it was resolved -

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland, that the expenditure in Table A be approved and adopted. This was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Estimated Receipts shown in Table A be approved and adopted.

Before the Determination of Rates was taken Councillor Byrne moved and the Mayor seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted that the estimated Debit Balance of £700 be deleted from Table C.

The following motion determining the Rates in the Pound for the year 1946/47 was thereupon unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Alderman Corish:-

That a rate in lieu of County Cess of 1/4d (One Shilling and fourpence) in the pound be agreed to; that a Borough Rate of 12/8d (Twelve Shillings and eightpence) in the pound (being 1/- for General Town Purposes and 11/8d for General Sanitary Purposes) be agreed to; that a Domestic Water Rate of 1/3d (One Shilling and threepence) in the pound and a Public Water Rate of 1/3d (One Shilling and threepence) in the pound be agreed to, and that a Poor Rate of 12/2d (Twelve Shillings and twopence) in the pound be agreed to.

This made the Total Rates for the ensuing Financial Year 28/8d (Twenty-eight Shillings and eightpence) in the pound.

Chairman.....

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20th March, 1946.

Before the meeting the following matters were raised by members:-

- (1) The planting of trees in various parts of the Town.
- (2) The removal of a blind corner at Batt Street.
- (3) Derelict Sites at Byrne's Lane and South Main Street.
- (4) The lack of fencing around the house at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by a man named Browne.
- (5) The provision of doors to the rear of the 3-roomed houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.
- (6) The question of the utilisation of the site of the proposed new Town Hall.
- (7) The completion of the Town Plan.
- (8) The provision of a new road from Summerhill to Whitemill.
- (9) The distribution of milk under the Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme.
- (10) The provision of public lighting at Devéroux Villas, Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View.
- (11) The alteration in the amount of fuel distributed under the Cheap Fuel Schemes in the summer as compared with the winter.
- (12) The rate of wages paid to men on Relief Grant Work when it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, to recommend the County Manager to increase the bonus from  $1\frac{1}{4}d$  to  $2\frac{1}{4}d$  per hour.
- (13) The attendance of the Rate Collectors at their offices for the purpose of collecting Rates.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*James Smith*

B O R O U G H   O F   W E X F O R D .

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1947.

T A B L E   A .

EXPENDITURE

How RAISED  (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE  (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER. (3) £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. (4) £
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.	URBAN ROADS:		
	REPAIR	500	500
	IMPROVEMENT	7,240	7,240
	TOTALS	7,740	7,740
BOROUGH RATE	EXPENSES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	11,165	11,165
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	12,685	12,685
	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	20	20
	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1,330	1,330
	OTHER EXPENSES	5,975	5,975
	<i>materials machinery &amp; stores</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>350</i>
	TOTALS	31,525	31,525
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	3,394	3,394
	TOTALS	3,394	3,394
POOR RATE	MONEY TO BE SUPPLIED TO CO. COUNCIL	11,881	11,881
	CONTRIBUTION UNDER UNEMPLOY- MENT ASSISTANCE ACTS	850	850
	OTHER EXPENSES	550	550
	TOTALS	13,281	13,281



T A B L E B.

RECEIPTS

APPLICABLE IN RELIEF OF  (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPT  (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER. (3) £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. (4) £
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	6,300	6,300
BOROUGH RATE	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	10,802	10,802
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	5,400	5,400
	PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	350	350
	OTHER RECEIPTS	1,096	1,096
	TOTALS	17,648	17,648
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	870	870
POOR RATE	N I L	NIL	NIL

TABLE C.

## CALCULATION OF RATES IN THE POUND.

R A T E S	ESTIMATED EXPENDIT- URE.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.	NET ESTIM- ATED EXPEND- ITURE.	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY).	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY).	AMOUNT LEVIABLE.	VALUATION.	RATE IN THE POUND.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7 )	(8)	(9)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS	7,740	6,300	1,440	Nil	Nil	1,440	21,512	1. 4.
BOROUGH RATE	31,525	17,648	13,877	Nil	Nil	13,877	21,862	X 12. 8.
WATER RATES	3,394	870	2,524	Nil	Nil	2,524	Domestic £18480 Public £21462	1. 3. 1. 3.
POOR RA TE	13,281	Nil	13,281	Nil	Nil	13,281	21,862	12. 2.

X : BOROUGH RATE: 1/- FOR GENERAL TOWN PURPOSES AND 11/8d. FOR GENERAL SANITARY PURPOSES.

## C E R T I F I C A T E.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C, AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATES SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1947.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

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SIGNED.

MAYOR

COUNTERSIGNED.

TOWN CLERK.



1st April, 1946.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Dr. G. Hadden, N. Corish and R. Moran.

Councillors: T. Byrne, T. Roche, T. Buckland and K. Morris.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 4th, 11th and 20th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 4th and 11th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### RELIEF GRANT WAGES

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding rate of wages paid to men employed on Relief Grant Work, and the Town Clerk intimated that the resolution recently adopted by the Corporation that these men be paid at the rate of  $1/2\frac{1}{4}$ d per hour had been approved by the County Manager and submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for ratification, but that up to date no sanction had been received, and consequently he (Town Clerk) could not pay the men at a higher rate than  $1/1\frac{1}{4}$ d per hour which rate had been sanctioned.

A question was also raised regarding the payment of men employed on Relief Grant Work for St. Patrick's Day, and the Town Clerk explained that unless these men were employed for an average of over 5 days per week during the period of their employment they could not be regarded as workers under the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, but it was not possible to decide this question until the men's services were dispensed with.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Moran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment of wages to men employed on Relief Grant Work in respect of the National Holiday held on March 18th in lieu of St. Patrick's Day.

A question was also raised as to why two men named Berney and Rossiter, who had been formerly employed by the Corporation, were now employed on the Relief Grant, and the Town Clerk explained that the Borough Surveyor had asked for these men specially from the Labour Exchange as key men, and they were employed for six days per week, but they could not be allowed holiday pay in lieu of the Public Holiday on the 18th instant no more than the other men until their period of employment was finished and it could be definitely decided if they were workers within the meaning of the Act of 1939.

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding the change from the Winter to the Summer Fuel Scheme, and held that the change had been carried out a week earlier this year than in previous years, but the Town Clerk explained this was not the case as it was the practice to give the vouchers on the Thursday and Friday before the week they were due.

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### GROGAN'S ROAD

It was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to have Grogan's Road resurfaced at an estimated cost of £40.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Department of Industry & Commerce on the subject of the quality of fuel supplied in the Town of Wexford. This communication stated that regular inspections were made by Officials of the Department and that such an inspection had been made during the month of February when it was ascertained that both the stocks of turf held by the local fuel merchants and available from the dumps were in good condition, and the Minister was of opinion that no useful purpose could be served by a further inspection in the immediate future. It was unanimously decided to communicate further with the Minister and point out that the turf supplied during the months of January and February was very wet, and to request him to be so good as to inform the Corporation of the result of the latest inspection.

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that a large proportion of the coal allocated from South Wales to the Railway Co. had been discharged through the port of Rosslare.

A letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce intimating that the question of a reciprocal arrangement between the British and Irish Government on the subject of Unemployment Benefit was under consideration by the British Authorities.

The Minister for Industry & Commerce intimated that the question of the allocation of ports for the discharge of their boats was one solely for Irish Shipping Ltd., but he hoped that if the supply and shipping situation improved that the flow of trade in smaller ships to the port of Wexford would be resumed.

The Minister for Industry & Commerce also acknowledged receipt of the resolution of the Corporation on the subject of the establishment of Industry in Wexford, and noted the interest taken by the members of the Corporation in this matter. He suggested that a copy of the Department's Publication - Trade & Shipping Statistics, 1938, should be obtained, which would show the imports into this country over the three years 1936, 1937, and 1938, and if more detailed information was desired that the Director of Statistics should be communicated with. In this connection Councillor Byrne moved that an ad hoc Committee be appointed to consider what steps should be taken with the object of establishing industry in the Town. Alderman Hadden seconded this motion, and the following Committee was appointed:- Aldermen Corish, Hadden, Councillors Byrne, Morris, Roche, Buckland and the Mayor.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

The next business was to fix the day and hour for a Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously decided that a Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation be held on Monday, 1st July, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.

### KIOSKS

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk at Swan View, but after some discussion it was decided to amend this motion to request the Minister to provide kiosks at Swan View, junction of Talbot Street and Green Street, Monument Place and John Street. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.



# NEW FLOOR

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the County Manager be requested to provide a new floor in the dance hall attached to the Town Hall. Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to, with the addition of the following words "when suitable timber is available."

# MOTION - WAGES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation request the Government to increase the Agricultural Wages Rate. After some discussion this motion was amended to read that we request the Minister for Agriculture to advise the Agricultural Wages Board to increase the agricultural wage to a minimum of Three Pounds per week, and that the farmers be guaranteed a price for their produce to enable them to pay such wages, and that the benefit of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, be extended to agricultural workers. This motion was seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously adopted.

# DERELICT SITES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to state what steps he intends to take to improve the appalling state of derelict sites in the Town, with particular reference to his proposed policy for the utilisation of these sites. Alderman Hadden seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

# MASS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously agreed at the request of the Easter Commemoration Committee to attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday, the 21st instant.

# RESOLUTION

A resolution was submitted from the Listowel Urban District Council protesting against the withdrawal of Public Health Grants from the Jubilee Nursing Association, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, the resolution was adopted.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris moved that the County Manager be requested to provide a railing at the house of William Browne, Wolfe Tone Villas; the Mayor seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

# MICHAEL DAVITT

A letter addressed to the Mayor was read from the Lord Mayor of Dublin requesting the Corporation to organise a Commemorative function in honour of the birth of Michael Davitt, and it was decided to convene a Public Meeting of clubs and associations at the Town Hall on Wednesday the 10th instant at 8.30 p.m.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to request Carlow Sugar Factory to arrange to have some of their coal discharged at the port of Rosslare.

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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting, when it was unanimously decided that at their meeting on the 8th instant, the following deputations would be received:-

- (1) From the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on the present system of 'beat' Scavenging.
- (2) From the Gaelic Athletic Association on the subject of the erection of a wall round the Park.
- (3) From a Committee of Youth Organisations on the subject of swimming facilities in the Town.

The meeting then terminated.



8th April, 1946.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden.

Councillors: Buckland, Roche, Byrne, Howlin, Morris and Cullimore.

Mr. Howlin, Acting Secretary of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union complained that there were not sufficient scavengers employed to properly cleanse the Town. Mr. Howlin pointed out that previously there were five sweepers employed together with a man to clean gulleys, but since the 'beat' system had been put into operation only four scavengers had been employed, and they were required to clean the gulleys as well as clean the streets. The Union, he stated, agreed that the 'beat' system was the better one, but pointed out that there was approximately 13 miles of streets, which meant that each man had to clean  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles of streets per day. He also complained that the man employed on the Main Street beat was given an extra half day each week but was required to work late on Saturday night or early on Sunday morning in order to clean the streets leading to the Churches. He did not know nor could he ascertain when or how this system of balancing time had originated in the Corporation, but stated that it was one which no Trade Union could possibly countenance.

He also pointed out that the mileage of streets in New Ross and Enniscorthy was much smaller than Wexford, but that four sweepers were employed in each of these towns.

He also complained that the trucks at present available for the scavengers were altogether unsuitable for their work.

The meeting discussed this matter very fully, but as the County Manager could not attend owing to illness, it was unanimously decided to appoint the following sub-Committee to meet the Manager and Mr. Howlin on a convenient date, namely, The Mayor, with Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Morris and Buckland.

#### G.A.A. DEPUTATION

A deputation was next received from the G.A.A. consisting of the Rev. Father Mernagh, Messrs. Breen, Roche, Howlin and Kennedy. It was pointed out to the members that some time ago the Corporation had agreed to exchange a piece of land at the west side of the Gaelic Football field at Summerhill for a piece of land at the east side through which they proposed to construct a public road connecting Summerhill and Whitemill. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health had now sanctioned this proposal but would only agree to a wall  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in height being erected between the road and the playing pitch. The deputation pointed out that this wall would give absolutely no protection, and that unless the wall was at least 8/9 ft. high it would be useless. They pointed out that a similar position had arisen in Waterford recently when a wall had been erected 8/9 ft. high, and suggested that the Corporation should make representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the provision of a wall at least 8'6" in height. The Mayor moved that the request of the Committee be granted and that the representations be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to a wall 8'6" in height. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.



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The next business was to receive a deputation from a Committee of Youth Organisers in the Town regarding swimming facilities. The deputation consisted of Messrs. J. J. Donohoe, James Morris, Thomas Sullivan and George Bridges.

The Committee pointed out that there was no swimming facilities in the Town and suggested that the Crescent Quay be converted into a swimming pool.

After the deputation had withdrawn the Committee discussed this matter at length and Alderman Hadden gave notice that he would request the General Purposes Committee at their next meeting to consider the following motion:-

That we ask the County Manager to report

- (1) On the possibilities of the Crescent as a swimming pool.
- (2) Can the Crescent be acquired for this purpose?
- (3) Were there any vested interest involved?
- (4) To submit an estimate of the cost of answering the queries set out in the memorandum submitted by the deputation before they were received by the Corporation.

#### HEDGE

Complaint was made regarding the height of a hedge at St. Brendan's Road, William Street, which was stated to be an obstruction to motor traffic coming from the Maudlintown Housing Estate on to the Main Road at William Street, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report.

#### STONEBRIDGE RIVER

Councillor Cullimore complained that the Stonebridge River had not yet been cleansed in accordance with the instructions of the County Manager, and the Town Clerk was asked to take up this matter with the Manager on the first convenient occasion.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the obtainment of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £8,500 on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation up to the 30th September next.

The meeting then terminated.

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*James Smith*



15th April, 1946.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consult with the County Manager and the Secretary of the Transport Union on the question of the 'beat' system of Scavenging in the Town Hall met this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

The Mayor, Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Morris and Buckland.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance together with Mr. J. Howlin, Secretary of the Transport Union.

Mr. Howlin reiterated the statement made by him at last meeting on the question of scavenging after he had withdrawn the Committee, and the Manager discussed this matter at length. The main grievances seemed to be:

- (1) The balancing of time for the man employed on the Main Street beat.
- (2) The question of the cleansing of the street gulleys.
- (3) The area which the scavengers had to cleanse.

As regards (1) the Manager agreed that he would have this matter of the employment of a man on the Main Street after hours on Saturday night investigated, and if possible, would make other arrangements. As regards the cleansing of gulleys, the Manager expressed a view that he understood that a man was specially employed for this work and that it was only in an emergency that the scavengers had to cleanse the gulleys, but he would also have this matter investigated and make arrangements accordingly. As regards the length of the areas which the men had to sweep Councillor Byrne proposed that we recommend the Corporation to ask the County Manager to employ an extra man, and to have the scavenging zones re-distributed accordingly. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to withdraw this proposition and to leave the matter in abeyance until the meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 29th instant when the Manager would be in a position to submit a report on the entire Scavenging System.

#### FEIS CHARMAIN

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of Feis Charmain stating that His Excellency Sean T. O'Kelly, Uachtaran na hEireann, would open the Feis on Sunday, June 9th, and requested the Corporation to extend to an Uachtaran a Civic Reception with other Public Bodies. The Feis Committee also suggested that a deputation should be received from the Committee to discuss arrangements and procedure. The members of the Corporation present considered that the Corporation should extend a Civic Reception to the President on the occasion of his first official visit to Wexford, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation at their next meeting to formally arrange for a Civic Reception.

As regards the suggestion of the Feis Committee that a deputation should be received it was thought that as the Corporation had no objection to extending a Civic Reception that no useful purpose could be served by a deputation, particularly as a member of the Feis Committee who was present pointed out that it was proposed to set up a Committee consisting of the Executive Officers of the Public Bodies invited to meet the President to arrange matters of procedure with the President's aide.

Chairman *June Smith*



15th April, 1946.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to make preliminary investigations into the establishment of an Industry in the Town met this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Haddon, and Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Morris, Buckland and Roche.

The meeting carefully examined the Trade and Shipping Statistics for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938, and eventually decided to convene a meeting of three persons from each of the following Associations, namely, The Chamber of Commerce, the Wexford Development Association, and the Drapers and Boot Merchants' Association, on 1st May, 1946, at 7.30 p.m. to consider the possibilities of establishing an Industry in Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.

15th April, 1946.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to make preliminary investigations into the establishment of an Industry in the Town met this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Haddon, and Corish.

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*James Smith*

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A Statutory 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish, and Moran.

Councillors: Morris, Byrne, Howlin, Bierney, Buckland and Gaul.

#### MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 1st ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 1st and 8th ultimo; Special Committee on the 15th 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.

#### RELIEF GRANTS

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne asked if any decision had yet been reached on the proposal to pay an extra 1d per hour to the men engaged on Relief Grant work, and the Town Clerk intimated **that he had not yet received the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health** to this payment and was requested to phone the Department on the following morning with a view to expediting a decision.

#### GROGAN'S ROAD

A question was raised regarding the resurfacing of Grogan's Road, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite this work.

The Town Clerk was also asked to expedite the proposal to borrow money for the purpose of providing footpaths to certain houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.

#### HEDGES

Complaint was made that the hedges bordering some of the houses at the entrance to Davitt Road North were very high and obstructed the view of the users of the road, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the occupiers and request them to have the hedges cut down to a reasonable height.

At the request of Alderman Hadden the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the possibilities of using an electrical sander to smoothen the floor of the Town Hall.

#### SCAVENGING

Councillor Byrne referred to a recent discussion on the public scavenging staff, and stated that since this matter had been raised at the Corporation meeting a letter had been issued by the Borough Surveyor threatening dismissal to the scavengers if they did not keep the street gulleys cleaned. As this question of the cleansing of the gulleys was under consideration by the Corporation he did not think it right for the Borough Surveyor to issue this communication. He, therefore, moved that the Secretary of the Transport Union, who was present, be received by the Corporation in connection with this matter. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was agreed to.



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The Secretary of the Union, Mr. J. Howlin, then came before the meeting, and protested in strongest terms against the letter issued by the Borough Surveyor to the scavenging staff, while this question was under consideration. After Mr. Howlin had left the Corporation discussed this matter at length, and it was eventually decided to adjourn it to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on the 13th instant, at which the Borough Surveyor should be in attendance.

#### FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

At this stage the Mayor referred to a decision at last meeting that a civic welcome be extended to Sean T. O'Ceallaig, Uachtarain na h-Eireann, on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on 9th June to open Feis Carmain, 1946, and said it had been suggested that instead of a civic welcome the President should be given the Freedom of the Borough. He thereupon moved the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Moran, and supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted:-

"That by virtue of the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Excellency, Sean T. O'Ceallaig, Uachtarain na h-Eireann, on the occasion of his first visit to Wexford as Uachtarain to open Feis Carmain on the 9th June, 1946; and that he be met at the Borough Boundary by the Corporation in State and the Freedom there conferred."

The Mayor then informed the Corporation that the Wexford Development Association had agreed to provide the money with which to purchase a casket and to have the necessary Certificate of Freedom prepared and illuminated, and he moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the Development Association for their generous offer.

#### SYMPATHY

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Myles Bergin, a former member of the Council. Alderman Moran seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, on his elevation to the See of Armagh. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

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## RATES

The next business was to formally make Rates for the Financial Year 1946/47, as agreed to at an adjournment of the Estimates Meeting held on the 20th March last. The following resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted:-

- (1) On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne:

"That an assessment of One Shilling and fourpence in the Pound be made in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1947, 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 20th of March, 1946."

- (2) On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Buckland:

"That a Borough Rate of Twelve Shillings and eightpence in the pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Eleven Shillings and eightpence for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1947, as considered and adopted on 20th of March last."

- (3) On the motion of Alderman Moran, seconded by His Worship the Mayor:

"That an assessment of Two Shillings and sixpence in the Pound (a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and threepence and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling and threepence) on the rateable value of property within the Bbrough of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1947, 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 20th day of March, 1946."

- (4) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin:

"That a Poor Rate of Twelve Shillings and twopence in the Pound for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1947, be made on the net assessable valuation of property **within the Borough of Wexford as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 20th of March, 1946.**"

The Rate Book containing the foregoing four Rates, together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

## MASS

An invitation was received from the James Connolly Commemoration Committee that the Corporation attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street, on the 12th instant, to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the death of James Connolly, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was agreed to attend the Mass in State. *Chairman*.....



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In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Corporation call on the Government to re-open negotiations with the National School Teachers and that the offer of the Archbishop of Dublin to mediate in the dispute be accepted.

The following motion stood in the name of Alderman Corish, asking the Corporation to see

- (a) That in all Schemes every employee will receive Trade Union rates of wages;
- (b) That every employee be members of Trade Unions.
- (c) That no unskilled workers be employed to carry out work which should be done by skilled workmen.
- (d) That a Clause be inserted in all Contracts that all available local tradesmen be employed before workers outside the Town are brought in.

This motion was also covered by a resolution from the Wexford Trades Council, but it was pointed out that the four matters raised by Alderman Corish in his motion had been in force in the Corporation for a number of years. Alderman Corish thereupon withdrew the motion.

An invitation was received from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities requesting the Corporation to forward motions for consideration at the next Annual Congress as soon as possible.

#### TRAIN SERVICE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked to provide a Sunday Train Service to Rosslare during the summer months. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this Alderman Corish asked that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Rev. Mother of the St. John of God Convent asking her to permit of the "dairy fields" at Ferrybank being crossed by people from the Town wishing to get to the strand for bathing purposes.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

The County Manager reported that the cost of Public Lighting for the year 31st March, 1947, according to the Electricity Supply Board's Estimate would amount to £875. 7. 9. but that only £750 had been provided. It was thereupon necessary to obtain the approval of the Corporation to the expenditure of the extra amount, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to extend the allocation for Public Lighting in the Estimate by £125.

#### ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD SERVICE

A letter was read from the Rosslare Harbour Development Board requesting the Corporation to press strongly for the reopening of the Rosslare/Fishguard Passenger Service. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which it was pointed out that the Rosslare/Fishguard Route was the shortest sea passage between Ireland and Great Britain; that excellent facilities were provided for the passengers, parcels and livestock, and a First Class Train Service to all parts of the country. It was also pointed out

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that Rosslare Harbour was specially selected and built some years ago because of its suitability for this service, and it would be a great hardship on passengers and traders if this service was discontinued. It was thereupon decided to call upon the Great Western Railway of England to re-open the Rosslare/Fishguard Service as soon as possible, and a copy of the letter addressed to the Great Western Railway was also to be forwarded to Coras Iompair Eireann, the Minister for Industry & Commerce, and the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford, calling on them to urge the resumption of this service.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Bierney moved that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of having a partition erected in all of the three-roomed houses at Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, Alderman Moran was appointed to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

#### WASTE PAPER BASKETS

The County Manager reported to the Corporation that a considerable amount of damage was caused recently to the waste paper baskets affixed to the electric light standards on the Main Street. This wanton destruction to public property was unanimously condemned, and it was decided to call the attention of the Gardai to this matter.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána regarding Traffic Regulations drafted by the Corporation in 1940, and the Superintendent intimated that the matter was receiving attention. In this connection it was pointed out that recently the Superintendent of the Garda in Enniscorthy after consultation with the County Manager and the Town Clerk there had adopted certain rules governing traffic, and so far they had proved satisfactory. It was agreed to request the Wexford Superintendent to consult with the Gardai in Enniscorthy as to the regulations adopted there with a view to making similar regulations in Wexford Town.

#### D.D.T.

Alderman Dr. Hadden read a lengthy paper on the use of D.D.T. in the Town, and urged the public not to be afraid to use this insecticide which was proved very useful in dealing with all classes of insects.

#### MOTION RE S. McCAUGHEY

Alderman Corish moved that An Taoiseach be requested as an act of courtesy to release S. McCaughey, at present on hunger strike in Portlaoighse Prison. The Mayor seconded this motion which was agreed to.

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Alderman Corish raised a question on the condition of the kerbs of the footpaths at Thomas Street and Bride Street, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit a report.

#### SEAT

The County Manager was to be asked to have the seat erected at Roches Road, which was over a gully trap and facing due East, removed to the opposite side of the road.

#### SITE

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Moran, it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the acquisition of a site from Messrs. Springs Ltd., at Maudlintown for use as a playground.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

This meeting had been specially convened to deal with the motion by Alderman Hadden regarding the use of the Crescent as a swimming pool. In his motion Alderman Hadden asked the County Manager to state:

- (1) Can the Crescent be acquired as a site for a swimming pool?
- (2) What vested interests were involved?
- (3) The cost of providing the information asked for by the deputation from Youth Organisations recently received by the Corporation.

As regards (1) the County Manager pointed out that the leasing of the Crescent was entirely a matter for the Minister for Industry & Commerce, who might or might not grant the application already made for a lease.

As regards (2) all persons who were in the habit of keeping boats in the Crescent would have certain vested interests.

(3) As to the cost of providing the information asked for by the deputation he submitted a report thereon from the Borough Surveyor which showed that it would take approximately £1,000 to ascertain the information asked for by the deputation. It was seen that the members did not feel justified in expending this amount of money to ascertain if the Crescent could be made into a swimming pool apart altogether from the question of its suitability which was not agreed on unanimously by the Corporation, and eventually Alderman Hadden moved that the County Manager be asked to study the possibilities of the Crescent, Ferrybank, and the present bathing place with the object of establishing a swimming pool.

The meeting then terminated.

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13th May, 1946.

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

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, and Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Gaul, Byrne, Roche, Bierney, and Buckland.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider the position of the Public Scavenging in the Town, and the Borough Surveyor and County Manager were in attendance.

Councillor Byrne held that the length and area of the beats were in excess of what any man could cleanse in a day. It was pointed out by the Manager, however, that No. (1) beat contained approximately 3 acres and was swept twice daily. No. (2) contained approximately 6.75 acres and was swept once per day. No. (3) contained approximately 6 acres and was swept once per day, and No. (4) contained approximately 7.2 acres and was swept once per day.

The Manager also explained that the areas corresponded closely to the areas of the scavengers in the neighbouring towns of New Ross and Enniscorthy.

After a lengthy discussion Councillor Gaul proposed that one man be appointed to look after the gulley traps and to help the scavengers in each area when necessary. Councillor Bierney seconded this motion, which was adopted by six votes for to four against, and it was to be forwarded to the Corporation at their next meeting for ratification.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

27th May, 1946.

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

The members present being:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Dr. Hadden,

Councillors: Buckland, Gaul, Roche, Byrne, Howlin and Morris.

A circular letter was submitted from the Minister for Industry and Commerce intimating that two members of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners were to be appointed ~~by~~ Wexford Corporation and requesting steps to be taken to appoint these within the statutory period, namely, 7th July and 31st August next.

A discussion took place regarding the recommendation made by the previous meeting of the General Purposes Committee regarding the appointment of an extra member on the scavenging staff, when it was pointed out that in accordance with the County Management Act, 1940, a certain procedure should be followed whereby notice would be given to the Manager of intention to propose a resolution at least seven days before the meeting at which it was intended to be brought forward. It was also pointed out that it was a doubtful point if the Council could direct the County Manager to appoint an extra scavenger, but that it would be in their province to direct him to make a further scavenging zone. The members did not see eye to eye on this matter, and it was eventually decided to allow the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee to go to the Corporation at next meeting.

It was decided to request the County Manager to pay to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners 50% of the Grant voted towards the maintenance of the Harbour.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of the house at Paradise Row, occupied by F. Carty, where certain work had been done by the Corporation some time ago as a result of the clearance of Derelict Sites.

Complaint was made regarding the surface of Barrack Street; the footpaths and channels to the entrance of Myles Redmond's house. It was decided that the Borough Surveyor should report thereon.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

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A Statutory 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;-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Morris, Roche, Cullimore, Gaul and Buckland.

#### MINUTES

The following Minutes (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the meeting) were submitted for ratification and signature; Minutes of Corporation on 6th May, and General Purposes Committee on the 13th May. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read; From the Great Western Railway Co., England, on the subject of the resumption of the Rosslare/Fishguard Rail Service. Arising out of this motion Councillor Byrne moved that that the thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Hector Hughes, K.C., M.P., and all the other persons who had interested themselves in its attempted restoration. In connection with the resumption of the Rosslare/Fishguard Rail Service letters were also read from the five T.D.'s for the County and the Minister for Industry & Commerce intimating that they were doing all in their power to have this service resumed.

A letter was also read from Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that it was proposed to establish a Sunday Train Service between Wexford and Rosslare.

Mr. Hyles Bergin acknowledged receipt of the resolution of sympathy adopted with him on the death of his uncle, the late Councillor Bergin.

An acknowledgment of the vote of sympathy passed on the death of Cardinal Glennon was received from the Administrator of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop Elect of Armagh, asked that his sincere thanks be conveyed to the members of the Corporation for their good wishes on his appointment to the Primatial See of Armagh.

Arising out of a complaint regarding an opening in the concrete on the Quays it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Morris, to request the County Manager to take such action as is necessary to have the repairs carried out to streets disturbed by the Contractor for the Waterworks Scheme, and to charge them with the cost.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was agreed to borrow the sum of £700 from the Treasurer for the purpose of providing partitions in houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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3rd June, 1946.

A recommendation from the General Purposes Committee that a man be appointed to look after the street gullies and to represent the scavengers in each of the various scavenging zones as and when necessary was adjourned until the 16th instant.

Motions by the Mayor and Councillor Byrne regarding the train service between Wexford and Rosslare were withdrawn in view of the recent announcement by Coras Iompair Eireann that such a service was being provided.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Moran, it was unanimously decided to request Coras Iompair Eireann to provide a bus service from New Ross to Wexford covering the Foulksmills/Taghmon area, and the same market service as was provided before the emergency.

The Mayor gave notice that he would have the question of the provision of a public park discussed at the next meeting of the Corporation, and Dr. Hadden intimated that he would also raise the question of the provision of playing grounds for children.

#### BONUS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make the bonus payable to Corporation officers and employees the same as was authorised by the Minister for Industry & Commerce and was being paid by other employees in the Town, namely, 16/- per week. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted, and the Town Clerk was asked to submit to the next meeting of the Corporation particulars of all bonuses being paid to Corporation employees.

Alderman Corish moved that subject to a Grant being available St. John's Road be concreted during the present year. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, which was adopted.

Motion by Alderman Corish that steps be taken to have the proposed Sewerage Scheme commenced as soon as possible, was adjourned.

#### PUBLIC LAVATORIES

Councillor Roche moved that steps be taken to have public lavatories erected in the Town. This motion was seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously agreed to.

#### FUEL

Councillor Byrne asked the Manager if he knew of the reduction in the price of turf; if he would arrange to have the quantity supplied to people in receipt of the allowance under the Cheap Fuel Scheme increased or to have the contribution made by them reduced. The Manager implied that he had already taken up this matter with the Department, and the Corporation unanimously agreed that if any option was left to the Manager that the quantity of fuel supplied should be increased.

#### CINEMAS

Councillor Morris complained of overcrowding in the Cinema Palace, and it was decided to have regular inspections made of the Cinemas for the future.

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3rd June, 1946.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1945, and consideration of this was adjourned to enable any member who desired to inspect the Abstract which was available in the Town Clerk's Office. The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was noted.

At the request of Alderman Hadden the County Manager intimated that he would be able to report on Housing Laws at the next meeting.

Complaint was made that the members were not all aware of the work being carried out by the County Manager by means of Orders, as it was not possible for all the members to examine the Order Book at their various meetings, and it was decided that the headings of the important Orders should be circulated to the members with the minutes of the meetings.

## DERELICT SITES

In reply to Alderman Hadden the County Manager explained in connection with the acquisition of Derelict Sites that as a result of proceedings against the Corporation in the High Court the complete acquisition of these sites had been held up as the High Court had quashed the Arbitrator's award in respect of one site, and it followed ipso facto that the award was quashed in respect of all sites. He had therefore instructed the Corporation Solicitor to offer to the various persons interested an amount equal to the award made by the Arbitrator, Mr. McAuley.

## SWIMMING POOL

In reply to a query the County Manager stated that the question of the establishment of a swimming pool was being examined, and he hoped to have a report for the meeting due to be held on the 17th instant.

Complaint was made by Councillor Byrne that certain footpaths had been opened at William Street in connection with the resurfacing of the street there and had been left unrepaired for the past ten weeks, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit a report on this.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite an estimate of the cost of providing a paling to the house of William Browne, Wolfe Tone Villas.

In reply to a query regarding trespass on the gardens of the Corporation houses at Devereux Villas, it was stated that four animals had recently been impounded for trespass, and that proceedings would be instituted against the owners.

## FLYING FIELD

On the motion of Alderman Corish it was decided to request the County Manager to study the possibilities of the establishment of a flying field at Wexford.

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With reference to the decision to exchange a piece of ground with the G.A.A. at Summerhill, it was decided to request the County Manager to give notice to Fuel Importers to vacate the Corporation ground so that it could be handed over to the G.A.A.

Complaint was made that the dustbins were not being emptied at Devereux Villas, and the Town Clerk was asked to make arrangements with the scavenging staff that this should be carried out for the future.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

This meeting was specially held to consider the present position of the Waterworks, and consideration was given to the question of requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to hold an inquiry into this Scheme, but a final decision on the matter was deferred to a Special Meeting to be held on the 17th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

*James Smith*



THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE IRELAND, ACT, 1876.

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ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.  
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION  
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD ON THE SIXTH DAY  
OF MAY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-  
SIX, THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS  
CONFERRED ON HIS EXCELLENCY, SEAN T. O'CEALLAIGH,  
UACHTARAN NA H-EIREANN, ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO  
WEXFORD AS UACHTARAN, TO OPEN FEIS CHARMAIN ON  
THIS NINTH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND NINE-  
HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX.

*Seán T. O'Ceallaigh*  
SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

*Seamus O'Simón*  
MAYOR.

*Raymond*  
TOWN CLERK.

17th June, 1946.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden, and Moran:.

Councillors: Buckland, Roche, Byrne, Howlin, Morris, and Cullimore.

The first business was to consider a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee adjourned from the 3rd instant, that a man be appointed to look after the street gullies, to help the scavengers in each of the various zones as and when necessary. By general agreement this motion was adjourned sine die.

The second item on the Agenda was to consider a report from the County Manager on the present position of the investigation into the establishment of a swimming pool in Wexford. In this connection the following report was read from the Borough Surveyor:-

"I have considered this question of a swimming pool at or near the breakwater on the east side of the Slaney. I consider the proposal quite feasible, but in my opinion it will be expensive if properly carried out. I am not however, in a position to give an approximate cost without making a detailed survey. According to Press reports of discussions on the project that have taken place from time to time it would appear that a pool of sufficient size for sporting events is visualized. Therefore, careful investigation and planning is necessary to work out the necessary details. One has only to refer to the Bray Head Scheme carried out a few years ago on a site which to all appearances favoured the success of the Scheme. Unfortunately, however, the scheme was most unsatisfactory.

In addition this site is close to the proposed site for the New Bridge, and in my opinion, possible adverse effects by the erection of this structure would have a bearing on the design and location of the promenade and pool. I consider, therefore, that the advice of a Consulting Engineer would be necessary, or perhaps the Board of Works would be interested in the project - in the event of future development of the Harbour or a possible coastal protection Scheme. It is well to remember that the proposed location is subject to severe batterings in time of south easterly gales. The fact that the existing break water has stood up fairly well to such storms cannot be taken as a reliable indication of what might happen to a concrete structure. Such a structure would be an unyielding homogeneous mass requiring careful planning and absolutely secure foundations. Possible future development of the Harbour would probably increase the scour action of the river at this point, thereby bringing about the failure of such a structure.

In my opinion, reclamation of the foreshore and possibly the whole of the angle enclosed by the promenade and the beach at Ferrybank would be necessary to ensure the stability of the promenade. As an alternative site I suggest that a more economical and safer pool could be erected at the Northern end of the present bridge over the Slaney on the South-easterly side of the roadway. This to my mind would be a better site."

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As well, the County Manager made the following statement:-

"The possibility of providing a swimming pool for the Town has received careful consideration. The following sites for such a pool have been considered:-

- (1) The Crescent.
- (2) The present Bathing Place.
- (3) The area at Ferrybank South.
- (4) The possible provision by development of the break water into a promenade.
- (5) The area near the land end of the present bridge.
- (6) Site at the Boat Club.

After careful consideration it is assumed as an axiom that the provision of a bathing pool on any of these sites will necessitate pumping and water treatment. This being so the question of cost becomes the governing factor. Without going into various arguments that may be advanced for each site the balance of argument seems to favour the development of a site near to the Boat Club, and this is recommended to the Corporation. The question of a sketch plan and rough estimate of the cost is being considered at present."

After a short discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden, that a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report and the County Manager's statement be circulated to the members in time for the next meeting of the Corporation.

#### REPORT

The next business was to receive a report from the County Manager on the present position of Housing Law in so far as it related to the advancement of money for the repair of existing houses. In this connection the Town Clerk read a circular letter dated 12th instant, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointing out that 872 houses were needed in the Borough of Wexford in accordance with the recent Housing Survey, and intimating that arrangements would be made to advance money from the Local Loans Fund of 2½%, together with lump sum grants from a proposed Transition Development Fund with the object of bridging the gap between the present subsidisable cost levels and present housing costs. The Minister also urged that tenders be invited for the erection of houses as soon as possible.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the erection of houses on the Slippery Green site be proceeded with immediately, and the Corporation to visit the site on Wednesday next at 7 p.m.

Alderman Moran proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Minister on the generous rate of interest provided, and this motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

#### MEETING

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce inviting representatives of the Corporation to attend a meeting to be held in the Chamber on Wednesday next to consider the final position of Wexford Harbour, and it was unanimously decided that Councillors Byrne, Duckland and Morris should represent the Corporation.

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17th June, 1946.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

This meeting was specially convened to consider the position of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and after a lengthy discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche:

"That a direction be given to the Wexford County Manager to consult the Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to whether or not an Inquiry should be held into the Waterworks Improvement Scheme before the Corporation embarked on further expenditure of laying a new main from Coolree to Wexford."

The meeting then terminated.

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26th June, 1946.

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

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Moran, Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Buckland, Roche, Byrne, Howlin.

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened to consider if it was at all possible to advertise for tenders for the erection of some of the houses planned for the site at Slippery Green, which was at present being developed, and after a lengthy discussion with the Borough Surveyor together with an examination of the plan, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to give a direction to the County Manager to advertise for tenders for the erection of 16 houses at Slippery Green.

A discussion also took place regarding the proposed demolition of two large houses on this site, and it was thought that if at all possible that these houses should not be demolished but turned into flats, but before coming to a final decision the Committee decided to meet on the site on the 20th instant at 8.30 p.m.

It was mentioned that the Royal Society of Antiquaries would be visiting Wexford on Tuesday, July 16th, and a suggestion was made that they should be given an official reception by the Corporation. On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to extend a Civic Reception to the members of the Society on the occasion of their visit.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *Jane Smith*

1st July, 1946.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish, and Moran.

Councillors: Gaul, Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Buckland, Roche, Cullimore and Morris.

The County Manager, Corporation Solicitor, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### The ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1947, and until his successor was appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Gaul proposed that Councillor James Sinnott be re-elected as Mayor, and Alderman Corish seconded. Councillor Byrne objected to the re-election of the Mayor on the grounds that the office should rotate amongst all the parties in the Corporation. Councillor Howlin expressed the same view as Councillor Byrne and proposed that Councillor Byrne be elected Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Byrne seconded. Councillor Morris also referred to the question of rotation, and proposed that Alderman Robert Moran be elected Mayor. Councillor Cullimore seconded. On a poll being taken there voted:

For Councillor Sinnott: Councillors Buckland, Bierney, Gaul, Aldermen Corish, Hadden, and the Mayor. (6)

For Alderman Moran: Councillors Morris, Cullimore, and Alderman Moran. (3).

For Councillor Byrne: Councillors Howlin and Byrne (2).

Declined to vote Councillor Roche (1).

As Councillor Sinnott had a clear majority over the members voting he was unanimously declared elected, and made the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

The Mayor in reply thanked the members for re-electing him and expressed his thanks to the County Manager, Town Clerk, and other officials of the Corporation for the help given him during his period of office. Councillors Morris, Howlin, Byrne, and Alderman Moran also congratulated the Mayor on his re-election, and thanked the County Manager and Officials for their help during the past twelve months.

Chairman.....



1st July, 1946.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously decided to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings due to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1947, for October 6th, at 7.30.p.m., January 5th, 1947, at 7.30.p.m., and April 7th, 1947, at 7.30.p.m. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the existing Standing Committees of the Council were unanimously re-appointed.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman.....*James Smith*