

Wexford Corporation
Minutes

July 1946 — June 1948

15th July, 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, Patk. Bierney, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, and Kevin Morris.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd and 17th June and 1st July. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 3rd, 17th and 26th June.

Arising out of the minutes of the 3rd ultimo, Councillor Byrne referred to a motion which had been moved by Alderman Corish that St. John's Road be concreted during the present year. According to the minutes this motion had been adopted whereas in fact it had been adjourned. Alderman Corish agreed that that was his recollection of the decision, and the necessary correction was to be made in the minutes of the present meeting. With this exception the minutes were found to be correct, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Gaul, they were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Hadden moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. McTaminey, who had served on a number of Public Bodies in the County during her lifetime. The Mayor seconded this motion which was supported by all members present, by the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

WATER SUPPLY

A short discussion took place on the failure of the water supply at Waterloo Road, and the matter was to be placed before the County Manager as soon as possible.

Arising out of this matter Dr. Hadden asked if the possibility of giving water to various sections of the Town at different hours each day would be examined.

CARTERS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to bring the wages of carters employed on Relief Grant Work to the same level as carters employed by the Corporation, namely, £4. 10. 0. per week, inclusive of bonus.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following correspondence was read:

From the Minister for Local Government & Public Health acknowledging receipt of a resolution of the Corporation in regard to the amount of Emergency Bonus paid to officers and employees of the Corporation. From the Secretary, Feis Charmain, acknowledging the whole-hearted manner in which the Corporation had co-operated with the Feis

Committee in making the Feis a success.

From the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana regarding Traffic Regulations made in Enniscorthy.

From Coras Iompair Eireann acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation requesting the resumption of the market bus service to Wexford.

From the Royal Society of Antiquaries acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation proposing to extend a civic welcome to the members of the Society on the occasion of their visit to Wexford on the 16th instant.

INVITATION

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Irish Labour Party intimating that the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ro Street, on Sunday next the 21st instant, would be celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Alderman Corish, Mayor of Wexford, as his First Anniversary occurred on the 19th instant, and requesting the Corporation to attend the Mass in state. It was unanimously decided that the Corporation should attend this Mass.

HARBOUR REPRESENTATIVES

The next business was to appoint two members of the Corporation as Harbour Commissioners under the Harbours Act, 1946.

Alderman Corish proposed that the Mayor and Councillor Buckland be appointed to represent the Corporation, and Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Morris proposed that Alderman Moran be one of the two, Councillor Byrne seconded. On a poll being taken there voted for:

Alderman Moran: Councillors Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Alderman Moran and Hadden. (5).

Councillor Buckland: Bierney, Buckland, Gaul, Alderman Corish and the Mayor (5).

The Mayor: Councillors Howlin, Bierney, Buckland, Gaul, Aldermen Corish, Hadden and the Mayor (7).

The Mayor was declared as one representative of the Corporation, and a further poll was taken as between Alderman Moran and Councillor Buckland, when there voted for:

Alderman Moran: Councillors Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Aldermen Moran and Hadden (5).

Councillor Buckland: Councillors Bierney, Buckland, Gaul, Alderman Corish and the Mayor (5).

It was seen that there was a tie, and as there was no special provision in the Harbours Act in the case of a tie the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of Councillor Buckland who was declared the second representative of the Corporation.

PARK

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Manager be asked to make a report on the position regarding the establishment of a park and playgrounds at the next meeting.

The Manager was also to be asked, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to proceed as soon as possible with the provision of a playground on the site at Springs Ltd., William Street.

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SCHEME

A Scheme for active immunisation against diphtheria submitted by the County Medical Officer of Health was adjourned pending a report from him as to the working of the scheme put into operation last year.

MOTION

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved "that in addition to the monthly Statutory Meeting of the Corporation the Town Clerk or his deputy shall automatically summon a meeting of the General Purposes Committee on a convenient day as near as may be midway between each two Statutory meetings; and only on an order in writing by the Mayor shall that meeting of the Committee be abandoned."

Arising out of this it was also decided that whenever it was necessary to abandon a meeting owing to a holiday that the Mayor should fix the day on which that meeting should be held. It was also agreed that the meeting of the General Purposes Committee should be held on the 3rd Monday of each month if possible.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions from the Wexford Trades Council were referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration:-

- (a) Protesting against the filling of the Crescent, and supporting the proposal to provide a swimming pool there.
- (b) Regarding the employment of rural workers on Urban Roads.
- (c) Asking for the provision of a band stand.

A resolution from the Corporation of Kilkenny calling on the Government to abolish the means test for Old Age Pensions, and to make a substantial increase in the amount of the pension, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gorish.

A resolution from the Cavan Urban District Council on the proposals set out in the White Paper relating to the Pig Industry was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to obtain a copy of the White Paper.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman James Smith

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:

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish,

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

VESTING ORDER

The Vesting Order acquired under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, acquiring a derelict site at Temperance Row was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

A resolution from the Wexford Trades Council, which had been referred to the present meeting for consideration protesting against the filling of the Créscent and supporting the proposal to provide a swimming pool there gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Hadden to adjourn further consideration of the matter until a report was received from the County Manager (which he was asked to expedite) on the technical aspects of the proposal.

A further resolution from the Wexford Trades Council, which had been referred to the present meeting, dealt with the employment of rural workers on the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District, and it was decided to ask the Wexford County Council to employ urban men as far as possible.

A third proposal asking for the provision of a band stand was adjourned pending a report from the Manager on the present position of the proposal to establish a Public Park.

WATER SUPPLY

Arising out of the discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Corporation regarding the position of the water supply, it was reported that the Borough Surveyor had suggested the shutting off of the booster between the hours of 1.30 and 4.0.p.m. each day in order to give water to the intermediate levels, and it was **thought, however, that this would not have the desired effect unless the pressure to the lower levels was reduced, and it was** decided to recommend the Borough Surveyor to do this if the shutting off of the booster did not give the necessary pressure to the intermediate levels.

Complaint was made regarding a musty smell and taste from the water, and this was to be brought to the notice of the Borough Surveyor.

Arising out of this the County Manager was to be asked to submit a report as soon as possible on his interview with the Department officials regarding the whole question of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

STORE

It was reported that the County Manager had received a request from Mr. T. G. Hemming, Allen St., Wexford, to rent a store at Gibson Street for the purpose of starting a shop. The Manager had agreed to rent him this store for a period of 12 months at a rent of 10/- per week, but Mr. Hemming pointed out that 12 months would hardly give him time to get his business into the

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initial stages, and requested that the period be extended to at least five years.

As the leasing of a premises for any period longer than 12 months was a reserved function the Manager had referred the matter to the Corporation for a decision, and after some discussion it was decided to recommend the Manager to advertise this store inviting applications for the tenancy.

HOUSES - ABBEY ST.

The Town Clerk reported that the rates due on two houses at Abbey Street, owned by Mrs. White, of Dublin, who had offered them to the Corporation, amounted to £34. 5. 2. The Manager had recommended that the property be taken over, and it was now unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris, to take over this property, subject to the liability for rent, rates, and the balance due on foot of the provision of a W.C.

IMMUNISATION

Referring to minutes of last meeting the County Medical Officer of Health reported that under the Immunisation Scheme carried out in 1945, 107 people were completely immunised at an approximate cost of £11 and doctors fees. This was very disappointing and efforts must be made to get at least 75% of the children under 15 years immunised. The County Medical Officer of Health had informed him that the immunisation sessions at the Dispensary were not popular and they were in favour of school sessions. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to adopt the scheme provided that immunisation was carried out in the schools and that a limit of £50 be placed on the expenditure for the year ending 31st March 1947. It was also agreed that an expenditure of £50 be authorised during the current financial year for the purpose of diphtheria immunisation.

Councillor Byrne referred to the dismissal of George Browne, carter, and it was decided to ask the County Manager for an explanation as to the reason for this man's dismissal.

Complaint was made regarding the pot holes in the surface of Cinema Lane, Talbot Street and Redmond Road, and complaint was also made regarding the insanitary condition of a private dumping ground at Redmond Road.

It was decided to request the County Engineer to be so good as to state when it was proposed to take over the corner at the junction of William Street and Datt Street Upper.

TREES

A discussion arose regarding the planting of trees, which had been considered by the members of the Corporation at an unofficial meeting, and Dr. Hadden conveyed the views of the members, which were, that the County Manager be asked to plant trees at the following points during the coming winter:-

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- (1) ✓ St. Peter's Square, a chestnut tree in the centre.
- (2) ✓ Swan View, an outer triangle of small trees with an inner core of large trees such as limes.
- (3) A plantation of small trees at the junction of the Faythe and William Street.
- (4) ✓ Small trees at both sides of Roches Road and at the North side of ~~the~~ Bride Place.
- (5) Suitable trees to be planted in the rail enclosures in Lr. Bride St.
- (6) Suitable trees to be planted along William Street.
- (7) Suitable trees to be planted at Redmond Place amongst the foundations of the Town Hall site.
- (8) Subject to the permission of Coras Iompair Eireann ✓ suitable trees such as beeches to be planted at the South Station; small trees to be planted between the concrete roadway and the Railway property at the North Station.
- (9) ✓ Suitable trees to be planted inside the Christian Bros. grounds at Joseph Street and Green Street.

Ald. Hadden moved that the County Manager be recommended to plant trees at the points mentioned, Alderman Corish seconded. This gave rise to a discussion during which Councillor Byrne insisted that the members should be given a list of the places proposed to be planted so that they might consider them, and this was agreed to, and a special meeting of the General Purposes Committee to consider this matter was arranged for the 29th instant at the usual time.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

29th July, 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.

The members present being:

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden, Corish,

Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne and Howlin.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider a proposal that the County Manager be recommended to plant trees during the coming winter at various points in the Town. A list of the proposed planting places was supplied to the members. The first was that a chestnut tree be planted in the centre of St. Peter's Square, and this was agreed to with Councillor Byrne dissenting. The second proposal was to plant an outer triangle of small trees at Swan View with an inner core of large trees such as limes. This was unanimously agreed to. The third proposal was a plantation of small trees at the junction of the Faythe and William St. In connection with this proposal there seemed to be a difference of opinion as to the type of trees that should be sown, and it was decided to recommend the County Manager to have the proposal examined with a view to deciding on the best type of tree to be planted there. The fourth proposal was to plant trees on both sides of Roches Road, the North side of Bride Place and in the rail enclosures in Lower Bride Street. This was also agreed to. The fifth proposal was that suitable trees be planted along Trinity Street, and it was understood that this matter was already receiving the attention of the County Manager in connection with the re-surfacing of that street by the County Council. The sixth proposal was to plant trees at Redmond Place and Wellington Place, and this was agreed to with Councillor Byrne dissenting. The seventh proposal was that subject to the permission of Coras Iompair Eireann suitable trees be planted at the South Station, and in this connection the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report on his interview with the District Engineer of Coras Iompair Eireann. The last proposal was that suitable trees be planted inside the Christian Bros. grounds at Joseph Street and Green Street. This was agreed to.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager be requested to have the Borough Surveyor in attendance at all meetings of the General Purposes Committee. Arising out of this proposal Alderman Hadden asked to be recorded as protesting against the failure of the Borough Surveyor to send a report on his recent conversation with the District Engineer of Coras Iompair Eireann regarding the planting of trees on the Railway Company's property.

Regarding the proposed exchange of land between the Corporation and the G.A.A. it was decided to request the Co. Manager to insist on Fuel Importers removing the roadway they had put into the Corporation property there without any permission whatever.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked for the reasons which lead to the dismissal of George Browne, carter on the Slippery Green development site.

The Wexford Gas Consumers' Co. Ltd. were to be asked if they were yet in a position to resume the lighting of Whiterock View.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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12th August, 1946.

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)

Aldermen: Robert Moran, George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Francis Cullimore, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul, and Thomas Buckland.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature. Minutes of the Corporation Meeting on the 15th ultimo, General Purposes Committee Meeting on the 23rd. and 29th. ultimo.

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

PLANTING OF TREES.

Alderman Hadden referred to a recent interview which the Borough Surveyor had had with a representative of Coras Iompar Eireann re the planting of trees on the Railways Company's property at Trinity Street and complained that the Mayor and the County Manager should have been present at this interview, as the Borough Surveyor had no power whatever to deal with matters of policy.

The Town Clerk explained that he had received a telephone message one morning from the assistant Engineer of Coras Iompar Eireann, requesting that some officer of the Corporation should meet him to discuss where the trees were to be planted and the only officer at the time was the Borough Surveyor.

After a short discussion it was agreed that for the future any matters such as this effecting the policy of the Corporation should be dealt with by the Corporation if possible, and if not, by the Mayor or the County Manager.

SYMPATHY.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mrs. Coffey, whose late husband, for a number of years had been a member of the Corporation. Alderman Moran seconded the motion. Councillor Gaul proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Captain John O'Leary upon the death of his brother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne. Both proposals were supported by all present, and adopted in respectful silence.

Water Supply.

A discussion took place regarding the shutting off of the water supply from the lower levels of the town between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 5. p.m. in order to supply the intermediate levels and Councillor Byrne complained that he had received complaints from various traders that this was not a suitable time, and suggested that 6. to 10 p.m. would be a better time to shut off the supply. There appeared to be a difference of opinion between the members, and it was eventually decided to leave the matter in the hands of the town clerk to discuss with the Turn cock who had considerable experience of the hours at which water would be most urgently required in the business end of the town

FUEL.

Councillor Byrne proposed the reduction of the price of the Fuel Vouchers having referred to the recent reduction in

the price of turf, and the County Manager promised to investigate the matter and if possible have a reduction made in the price of the vouchers.

MAYOR'S SALARY.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Gaul moved that the salary of the Mayor be increased from £100 to £150 per annum. Councillor Berney seconded it. During the discussion which took place on this motion, some opposition was evidenced and on the proposal of Councillor Bierney, seconded by Alderman G. Hadden, it was decided to postpone the matter to the General Purposes Meeting for consideration and recommendation.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

In accordance with notice given, the Mayor moved that the County Manager be asked to obtain a full report on the Sanitary conditions of houses in Wexford. Councillor Byrne seconded. The Manager explained that the Sanitary conditions of practically all the houses in the town was noted ~~the~~ the recent Housing survey carried out by the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health, and this could be inspected at any time by any of the members. Arising out of this motion a complaint was made that the sanitary provision for a number of houses had been adjourned during the emergency, and some members thought that the time had now come when this work should be carried out. Councillor Gaul proposed that the Corporation invite two Landlords to the Meeting of General Purposes to be held on the 19th. inst., to discuss with them the providing of modern sanitary conveniences for property owned by them.

WATER SUPPLY.

Two motions dealing with water supply appeared on the agenda. The first by Alderman Corish, that the County Manager be asked to take immediate steps to report the quality and quantity of water supply. The second was by Councillor Byrne that the County Manager be asked to make a statement on the failure of the water system. The County Manager in reply to both motions stated that as regards the quantity, the members were aware that it was proposed to install a new Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford, and he had now received an assurance in writing from the County Engineer, that when this pipe was installed the quantity of water coming into the town would be ample, and of sufficient pressure to satisfy all levels. As regards the quality, it was only that evening he was aware of the obnoxious taste and smell which had come into the water during the last few weeks. A sample of it had been sent to Dublin that afternoon for bacteriological examination, and he proposed to have a consultation with the technical members of the (Staff) with a view to taking whatever steps were necessary to remove this taste from the supply. He had also asked an expert to visit Coolree that night to advise him on this question of the bad taste. He also intimated that tenders would be invited during the week for the installation of the new 12" Main and as soon as these tenders were received they would be dealt with as expeditiously as possible. The statement was considered satisfactory.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT SLIPPERY GREEN.

The next business was two motions regarding the erection of houses at Slippery Green. The first was by Alderman Corish that tenders for the erection of houses at Slippery Green be invited. The second was by Councillor Howlin that the County Manager be asked to state why tenders have not been invited for the erection of houses at Slippery Green. Both motions were taken together and the County Manager intimated that in June last the Corporation had decided to invite tenders for a number of the houses. The Borough Surveyor was present at this meeting and informed the meeting that he would have the plans and specifications prepared immediately. ^{Chairman} Town Clerk had informed him that up to the present he had not received these documents for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, whose

approval was necessary before the houses could be advertised for tender.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no communication from the Borough Surveyor on this matter, but in conversation, shortly before the Borough Surveyor went on leave, the latter informed him that he would submit the specifications to one of the Department's Housing Inspectors with a view to ascertaining if it was in accordance with the present day requirements of the Department. The members expressed serious dissatisfaction at the failure of the Borough Surveyor to have the plan and specification prepared and after some further discussion it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Gaul to request the County Manager to instruct the Borough Surveyor to be present at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on the 19th. inst., to consider this whole question of the advertising for tenders for the houses at Slippery Green.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that for the future, all houses be let by the County Manager at a meeting of the Corporation. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion. In moving the motion, Councillor ^{Byrne} stated that grave dissatisfaction existed throughout the town with reference to the letting of houses and he thought that if they were let at a Meeting ~~of the Corporation~~ of the Corporation where members could see the list of applications, they would be in a better position to refute the various allegations which were being made. The County Manager stated that he was not prepared to agree to the letting of houses at the Meeting of the Corporation. He was, however, prepared to lay the list of applications on the table at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee prior to making any lettings and to take recommendations from the members. Arising out of his explanation as to how marks were allocated to each member, he also stated that he was prepared to lay the marks sheet before the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and to consider any suggestions for its improvement which might be made by the members. In view of the County Manager's explanation, Councillor Byrne withdrew his motion.

DERELICT SITES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Howlin moved that the County Manager be asked to state for what purpose he proposed to use the Derelict sites in the town. Councillor Byrne seconded. In this connection pointed out that a number of these sites were not yet the property of the Corporation owing to a legal action which had been taken in the high Court last year. As a result the arbitration had been set aside and negotiations were now proceeding between the Corporation Solicitor and the owners of the various sites regarding the amount of compensation to be paid. Generally speaking, some of the places could be used for Parking Places, or small Play Grounds. As regards the derelict site at Mann's Lane, this had been acquired by the Corporation and some time ago, a suggestion had been made that application would be made for permission to erect a shop on it, but as this application had not yet been received, he proposed to make a Preliminary Order under the conditions of the Acquisitions of Derelict Sites Act 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin, a formal application for a loan of £7720 to meet the cost of acquisition and the Corporation's proportion of the cost of development of the Slippery Green Housing Site was signed.

PIG INDUSTRY.

A resolution from the Cavan Urban District Council on the subject of the Government White Paper on the Pig Industry which was adjourned from the last meeting, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, but with Alderman Moran dissenting.

Alderman Hadden asked the County Manager for a report on the progress of the Corner adjustment at William Street. The Manager stated in reply that the County Engineer had arranged with the owner of the property for transfer to the County Council of the land required to widen the corner, but when the documents had been transferred to the County Solicitor to complete the transaction, he pointed out that the corner in question was not on a main road and should be dealt with by the Corporation rather than the County Council. He (County Manager) was only informed of this this afternoon and he proposed to deal with the matter through Wexford Corporation as soon as possible. Alderman Hadden also asked for a report on the progress of the Slippery Green Housing Scheme and this matter was adjourned to the General Purposes Committee Meeting, as also was a query by Alderman Hadden as to what action could be taken to improve housing conditions in the town on the existing Housing Acts.

SWIMMING POOL.

A query by Alderman Hadden regarding the preliminary survey for a proposed swimming pool was adjourned.

BOAT HARBOUR.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden proposed to present a petition from the residents of Byrnes Lane and Batt Street areas, concerning their right of way to a boat harbour which had recently been closed. In this connection, written correspondence from the Corporation Solicitor advising that the Corporation had no locus standi and could not take action as such. The Solicitor stated that if any person or persons felt they had a grievance it was up to them to take action in the courts.

DISMISSAL OF CARTER.

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk stated he had been informed by the Acting Borough Surveyor that the dismissal of George Browne, Carter, had been ordered by the Borough Surveyor when he found Browne bringing short loads to the Slippery Green Housing Site. Councillor Byrne intimated that he proposed to question the Borough Surveyor in this matter at the next meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At the request of Alderman Corish it was agreed to call a special Meeting of the Corporation for the 19th. inst., to consider the question of the import of coal through Rosslare Harbour.

Fuel Supplies.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the fuel position in the town and pointed out that Fuel Importers Ltd., had no reserve stocks of fuel for the coming Winter and that it was impossible at the present time for the merchants to provide all the fuel that is required for their customers.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS.

Agreements with the Electricity Supply Board for permission to affix waste paper baskets to the poles throughout the town at a licence fee of one penny per annum was signed and sealed on the part of the Corporation., as was also an agreement with Messrs. White & Carter Ltd. London, for the supply and maintenance of waste paper baskets free of charge to the Corporation.
The Meeting terminated.
Chairman

19th. August, 1946.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerks Office, Town Hall, Wexford.

The Members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor in the Chair.

Alderman Robert Moran, Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillor Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, and James Gaul.

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

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the special meeting commenced, Councillor Gaul moved a vote of sympathy with Councillor Morris on the death of his brother-in-law. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all and by the County Manager and the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence. Councillor Morris returned thanks to the members for the vote of sympathy.

IMPORT OF COAL.

The special Meeting had been convened to consider the import of coal, coke, and other materials through the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour

Alderman Corish who raised this matter pointed out that the Wexford Gas Company had to bear the expenses of importing coal through the port of Dublin and paying the carriage by rail from Dublin to Wexford, which caused an increase in the price of Gas to local consumers. He saw no reason why this coal could not be imported either through the port of Wexford or Rosslare Harbour. He also pointed out that Coras Iompar Eireann had not imported coal through the port of Rosslare since the 21st. March last and as there was much more efficient means of handling cargoes at Rosslare harbour than at Waterford where the majority of coal for the use of Coras Iompar Eireann in the Southern area was imported. He felt that much more of it should be imported either through

Rosslare or Wexford. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion as a result of which Councillor Buckland proposed that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to grant a permit for the import of coal and coke through the port of Wexford for local users. Alderman Moran seconded this proposal, which was agreed to. Councillor Gaul proposed that the Corporation appoint a deputation with the Harbour Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce, and the five T.D.s of the County to interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce on this matter. Alderman Hadden seconded this proposal and it was unanimously decided to appoint Councillors Byrne and the Mayor to meet two members of the Harbour Commissioners and two members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Ship owners on Friday the 23rd. inst., at 7.30.p.m.

It was unanimously agreed that an appeal should be made to the Great Western Company to expedite the resumption of the Rosslare/Fishguard passenger and Cattle boats.

The Meeting then terminated

A Meeting of the General Purposes was held at the close of the above meeting, the members being those present at the Special Meeting.

SA NITARY CONVENIENCES.

The first business was to elect a Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. The Chairman was elected to the office of Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. The first business was to elect a Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. The Chairman was elected to the office of Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. The first business was to elect a Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. The Chairman was elected to the office of Chairman of the Sanitary Committee.

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of Sanitary Conveniences for their houses and the Town Clerk intimated that he received a message from the agent that he could not attend a meeting on this night, but would attend the next meeting of the Corporation when he hoped to be in a position to give them some information on this matter. In view of this message the matter was adjourned, to the next meeting, of the General Purposes Committee.

TENDERS FOR HOUSES.

With reference to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the advertising for tenders for the houses at Slippery Green, the Borough Surveyor stated that immediately after the June Meeting of the Corporation when it was decided to erect these houses, he had prepared the necessary plans and specifications. He had forwarded the specification to the Housing Inspector for the area unofficially with a request that he would inform him of any changes in view of prevailing conditions so that when the specifications went to the Minister for sanction, there would be no question of having it sent back for amendment. In addition he stated that he was held up for a stone breaker and that part of the sewer pipe and water mains had not yet arrived. The County Manager pointed out that he had not yet had an opportunity to examine the plans of these houses but he would do so on the following morning and would bring them with him to Dublin on Wednesday and submit them to the Department for approval.

Arising out of the Development of the Housing site at Slippery Green Councillor Byrne asked would it be possible to have a new water main extended as far as Brownes of Bishop Water, where there was no water supply at the present time and the County Manager intimated that he would have the matter examined and an estimate of cost prepared.

HOUSES AT DISTILLERY ROAD:

Regarding the suggestion of the Corporation that the two existing houses at Distillery road be retained, a report was made to the Borough Surveyor intimating that he could not see how this was possible if the site plan already approved was to be carried out. A lengthy discussion took place on this matter when it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Alderman Hadden that in the opinion of the Corporation these two houses should be retained.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

Referring to the discussion at the last meeting of the Corporation regarding the letting of houses a copy of the marking sheet was handed to each member but a discussion on it was adjourned to enable the members to examine the various headings under which marks were allocated.

BACTERIOLOGISTS REPORT:

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Bacteriologist at University College Dublin on a sample of water forwarded to him on the 12th, inst. The observations of the bacteriologist were that it was a very good result. It was decided to publish this report in the Local Press.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

It was unanimously decided that the full public lighting of the town be resumed from the first September next.

MAIN SEWER.

A complaint was made that the sewer main from the Maudlinton housing site to the harbour was broken and the matter was reported to the Borough Surveyor.

PLAYGROUNDS.

Approval was expressed to the proposed plan of the County Manager to complete the leveling of the Temperance Row and Well Lane areas,

to provide a childrens' Playground at Maudlintown, and a further 273
Childrens' Playground at John Street out of the relief
grant allocated to the town for the coming winter. The County Manager
was asked to have repairs carried out at School Street and Green Street
similar to those carried out at John Street

GRASS IN WATER CHANNELS.

A complaint was made regarding grass growing in the water channels
at Joseph Street and a suggestion was made that a weed killer might
be beneficial to prevent the growing of grass on the streets. Arising
out of the discussion to establish Childrens' Playgrounds Alderman Hadden
suggested that two members of a civic Institute should be invited to
Wexford for a week end during the month of September to lecture on
civics etc., to the Corporation. It was decided that Mr. Keane, the
secretary, and Commandt. Hogan be invited for this purpose.

MAYOR'S SALARY.

A motion adjourned to the General Purposes Committee Meeting to the
Corporation Meeting that the Mayor's salary be increased by £50 per
annua. was again deferred by six votes to three.

TRESPASSING.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine a complaint that
trespassing was taking place on the Corporation Houses at William Street
from the Derelict Site at Fishers Row.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Chairman

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2nd September, 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Biernie Thomas Buckland, James Gaul, Thomas Roche.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-
Minutes of the Corporation Meeting of the 12th ultimo.
Minutes of the General Purposes Committee of the 19th ultimo.
Copies of these minutes had been circulated to the members with the Agenda, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Biernie, the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Messrs Fuel Importers acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's resolution on the subject of a supply of turf during the coming winter and stated that arrangements had been made to supply Wexford with the Road and Rail bourn turf and it was felt that supplies of turf would in future be sufficient to meet the local Fuel Merchants requirements.

EXCHANGE OF LAND

Regarding the proposed exchange of land between the Corporation and the Gaelic Athletic Association at Summerhill, Messrs Fuel Importers who were occupying the field which the Corporation proposed to transfer to the Gaelic Athletic Association, intimated that their efforts to secure alternative accommodation in Wexford had, up to the present been unsuccessful. They were now about to complete arrangements for the storage of turf to meet the winter requirements of Wexford and district and asked if the Council could assist them in this matter. It was explained that Messrs Fuel Importers has asked for an extension of the time to vacate the land up to the 1st June, 1947 but the County Manager had refused to accede to this request.

It was now unanimously agreed to point out to Messrs Fuel Importers that as the Corporation had transferred the ground in question to the Gaelic Athletic Association they must insist on the premises being vacated immediately, and the road constructed by Messrs Fuel Importers into the field, removed.

TREE PLANTING.

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the County Manager be instructed to undertake a scheme of tree planting as detailed in the Minutes of the Corporation on the 22nd July last. After some discussion the following proposals were agreed to unanimously

(1) that an outer triangle of small trees with an inner core of large trees, such as limes be planted at Swan View.

(2) That small trees be planted ^{Chairman} ~~at the North side of~~ ^{at the North side of} Roche's Road and at the North side of Bridge Place.

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- (3) that suitable trees be planted in the railed enclosure at Lower Bride Street, subject to the consent of the Church Authorities, who own these enclosures.
- (4) that suitable trees be planted along William Street, but as this road is under the jurisdiction of the County Council, the County Manager intimated that he had already arranged with the County Engineer to do this.
- (5) suitable trees to be planted at Redmond Place and at the South Railway Station as agreed to by Coras Iompair Eireann.
- (6) suitable trees to be planted inside the Christian Brothers grounds at Joseph Street and Green Street.

As regards the suggestion to plant a tree in St. Peter's Square there was a divergence of opinion, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed that a tree be not planted in St. Peter's square during the year 1946, and in the meantime Alderman Hadden and Councillor Byrne were to visit the residents of this Square and ascertain their views on this matter.

The proposal to provide a plantation of small trees at the junction of the Faythe and William Street also caused a difference of opinion and it was unanimously agreed to defer this.

The Town Clerk pointed out that no provision had been made in the current year for the financing of these projects and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should submit an estimate of the cost of providing the trees agreed to above.

Childrens' Playing Grounds

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the County Manager be authorised to convene a meeting of the Corporation, the teaching profession, and Youth Organisations to consult with the representatives of the Civics Institute of Ireland on the planning and organisation of Childrens' play grounds.

It was explained that the Town Clerk had already been in communication with the Civics Institute on this matter but that the Secretary was on holidays and would deal with the matter when she returned, so it was agreed that as soon as a date could be fixed with the Civics Institute that the meeting above referred to should be convened.

Winter Relief Grant

The General Purposes Committee also recommended that the allocation of the Winter relief Grant as proposed by the County Manager be approved. This was as follows:-

The completion of an open space at Well Lane/Temperance Row at an estimated cost of £559. The provision of a Childrens' Play Ground at Maudlintown at an estimated cost of £1100 and the provision of a Childrens' Playground at Darby's Meadows, John Street, at an estimated cost of £800. The total Grant available would be £3220 and the local contribution £455, making the total amount available for works £3655. This leaves a balance of £1196 which the Manager proposed to transfer to the County Council to carry out certain works on the main roads in the Borough. On the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Bieanie the proposals of the County Manager were unanimously approved. In this connection Councillor Byrne and other members asked for an assurance that the provision of these Childrens' Playgrounds would not mean that the proposal which had been under consideration for some years to provide a central Park for Wexford was abandoned and the County Manager stated that it was not his intention to abandon this proposal.

WEXFORD GAS SUPPLY

In accordance with the provisions of the Gas Act, 1948, the Chairman of the Wexford Gas Supply Committee, Mr. J. J. Corish, has the honour to inform the Council that the

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County Manager be requested to have tests made of the power and quality of the gas supplied in Wexford. Councillor Morris had also given notice enquire as to the cause of the very inferior gas being supplied. Before either of these motions were taken Councillor Morris thought it very significant that Alderman Corish had a motion on practically similar terms to his, on the agenda but the Town Clerk handed the motions to the Mayor, which showed that Alderman Corish's was dated for the 24th ultimo and Councillor Morris's for the 28th ultimo. Councillor Byrne made a similar complaint with regard to motions which had appeared on the agenda by himself and Alderman Corish at a previous meeting. Suggestion was made that Alderman Corish had access to papers in the Town Clerk's office, which the Town Clerk strenuously denied and it was pointed out that the inferior gas supplied to Wexford during the past few weeks had been the whole topic of conversation throughout the town, so that it was open to any member to raise the matter by motion.

The two motions were then taken together and Alderman Corish moved the motion standing in his name which Councillor Morris seconded.

After some discussion however, Alderman Corish withdrew his motion in favour of a motion proposed by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the Gas Company be asked for an explanation of the inferior quality of the gas recently being supplied. The Company was also to be asked to state the calorific value; the water gauge test, and the price of gas at the present time and before the outbreak of war.

PROVISION OF NAME PLATES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Biernie moved that the County Manager be asked to provide name plates for the various roads and avenues on the Maudlintown housing estate. Councillor Byrne seconded this proposal, which was unanimously agreed to and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report

- (1) As to whether name plates had ever been supplied for these Roads
- (2) If they had, what had become of them.
- (3) An estimate of the cost of providing Metal Name Plates.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Roche referred to the numbering of houses in the Town. After some discussion it was agreed that steps should be taken to number the houses in the Faythe

LETTING OF TOWN HALL

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Morris moved that the Corporation review the position regarding the Letting of the Town Hall for extended spaces with the co-operation of the Clergy. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion but before coming to a decision it was decided to ask the Administrator to receive a deputation consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish, Councillor Byrne and Councillor Morris to discuss this matter.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Councillor Byrne moved that the Governors of State School be requested to remove the trees overhanging Wygram Place. Councillor Biernie seconded this motion, but Alderman Mahen who was one of the Governors of State School stated that instructions had already been given to have these trees pruned.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor Biernie referred to trees at Waterloo Road and Talbot Street which were obstructing the usefulness of the electric lights there.

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In accordance with notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to reduce the contribution by recipients of the Cheap Fuel Scheme to 6d and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to commence the winter scheme at the 1st October instead of the 1st November as was the usual practice. The Mayor seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to although it was pointed out that the Manager had already made a reduction of 2d in the contribution under this scheme.

TRADE UNION.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish asked the County Manager if the staff at St. Ibar's Convent were members of a trade union.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that there was a resolution on the books of the Corporation for the past 25 years to the effect that all employees should be members of a trade union and it had been the practice in the old days for the Secretary of a Trade Union to notify a Town Clerk if any employee was not a member, but he would not agree that it was the function of the members of the Corporation to make enquiries as to whether or not the employees were members of a Trade Union. The County Manager intimated that the position was as stated by the Town Clerk. When any position was advertised it was advertised on certain conditions, but it was not an advertised condition that applicants should be members of a Trade Union. If, however, the Secretary of any Trade Union pointed out to the Executive Officer that any Employee was not a member of his Trade Union it would be the duty of such Officer in the normal course to take appropriate action. In view of the explanations given, no further discussions took place on this matter.

S.I.L. OF PART WORN BOOTS.

Councillor Byrne referred to the Decision of the Department of Defence to sell part worn rubber boots to former members of the A.R.P. Services, and complained that all members of the services had not been given an opportunity to purchase these boots. The Town Clerk replied that the Decision of the Minister to issue these boots had been read to a meeting of the Corporation and as only a limited number of boots were available it was not possible for each person to obtain a pair. Further discussion on this matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to make a report for the next meeting.

GRASS GROWING ON STREETS.

A complaint was also made that grass was growing very high on Joseph Street and on the Old Pound, and Grogans Road.

THANKS.

Alderman Macdon moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to Cllrs Tompar Eireann for their co-operation in the proposal of the Corporation to plant trees on the Company's property at Wexford.

LEAD IN ARTICLES IN LOCAL PRESS.

The Mayor referred to a recent article in the local "Free Press" last week regarding the discussion of Corporation business in Committee and stated that the meeting referred to had been specially convened to deal with a motion by Alderman Corish regarding the importation of coal through the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour and had been held before the normal meeting of the General Purposes Committee. There was no intention on his or anyone else's part in the Corporation to prevent the public from being kept informed through the local press of what was taking place at meetings of the Corporation and the discussion which took place in Committee. ^{Chairman} The receipt of the bacteriologist's report on the quality of the water.

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This report was handed to the Press following the meeting.

Councillor Byrne and other members also protested that they had no intention of conducting any business in Committee which should be made available to the public.

The Meeting then terminated.

16th September, 1946.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Dr. Hadden, Corish.

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

With reference to complaints made at last meeting about the quality of gas supplied in Town, the Manager of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Co., Ltd., now wrote giving some of his reasons for lack of quality and pressure complained of. After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the next monthly meeting.

DEPUTATION

Regarding the proposal to send a deputation to interview the Administrator on the subject of extended dances in the Town Hall a letter was now read from the Administrator wherein he referred to an agreement between the late Mayor (R.I.P.) and the late Dr. Codd (R.I.P.) intimating, inter alia, that he could see no point in meeting the deputation. As this matter was first raised in public it was decided with the permission of the Administrator to adjourn consideration to the next public meeting of the Corporation.

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, a release of Mortgage from Mr. Murtagh F. Meyler, St. Brendan's Road, Wexford, to the Corporation was executed; Mr. Meyler having agreed to pay the outstanding balance of the Purchase Price of this house (£611. 1. 1.) which he was acquiring on the Tenant Purchase System.

A letter was read from the Civics Institute of Ireland intimating that after the next meeting of their Committee on the 23rd instant, the Secretary would communicate with the Corporation regarding the proposed meeting in Wexford, and enclosing copies of the Civics Institute Report.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this pending a further communication from the Institute.

REPAIRS

Councillor Byrne proposed that the Corporation recommend the County Manager to put a door on the kitchen of a house in Harbour View occupied by Elizabeth Murphy. He stated this tenant was willing to pay the cost thereof at the rate of 6d per week. Alderman Corish seconded this proposition, which was passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

The question of malicious injury claims against the Corporation was raised, which some members complained that they had not been informed of, and it was pointed out that these cases would be brought to their notice at the Monthly Meeting.

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GIBSON STREET STORE

A question of the letting of the store at the corner of Gibson Street was raised by Councillor Morris, when the full correspondence in connection with this matter was read by the Acting Clerk, whereupon Councillor Morris gave notice that he would raise this matter at the Monthly Meeting due to be held in October.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was decided to ask the County Manager for a report as to why Isaac Robinson should be required to pay Wet Time Stamps while attending the mason as his predecessor in this office had not done so.

HOUSES - TEMPERANCE ROW

A question of the provision of water to four houses at Temperance Rowe was again raised, and it was decided to have notices served immediately to have the water installed.

STANDING ORDERS

After a short discussion on the Standing Orders it was decided on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, to adjourn consideration of this matter until a future date.

Councillor Roche gave notice that he would move at next Monthly Meeting that seats be provided in John Street opposite the Volunteer Social Club.

The question of the state of the lavatories on the Quays was discussed at length, and it was unanimously decided that the Sanitary Inspector again report on their condition.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to ask the Department of Justice not to inflict any penalty on farmers' children under 14 years of age for non-attendance at school during the harvest, as it was contended these farmers' children would know more about harvesting than Town people.

Arising out of the issue of vouchers on Fridays to Old Age Pensioners, etc., it was decided to issue the vouchers on the ground floor in future.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked for a report on the condition of the stairway with a view to renovation.

The County Manager was also to be requested that cheques be paid to the workmen in future in the Corporation Store.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinf*

23rd September, 1946.

A Meeting of the Old Age Pensions 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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden

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

The decisions of the committee will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance, with the addition of the County Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a deputation from the Gaelic Athletic Association and Fuel Importers Ltd., in connection with the exchange of land at Summerhill between the Corporation and the G.A.A. It was pointed out at the meeting that Fuel Importers, who were in occupation of this land, had been given notice to vacate same and had informed the Corporation that they had found it impossible to find an alternative suitable dump in Town. After some discussion between the three parties concerned it was unanimously decided that Messrs. Fuel Importers Ltd. deputation should be invited by the Gaelic Athletic Association to a meeting of their Committee due to be held on Friday next, the 27th instant, when the G.A.A. deputies promised to do their utmost to induce the meeting to give them a favourable hearing with the object of coming to an amicable settlement, and in the meantime, Messrs. Fuel Importers could use the Summerhill right-of-way to the lower end of the dump.

The meeting then terminated.

7th October, 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden.

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

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 2nd ultimo; General Purposes Committee on 16th ultimo; Old Age Pensions and Special Meeting on the 23rd ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Letter from the Department of Justice acknowledged receipt of letter dated 19th September, forwarding copy of resolution passed by the Corporation in regard to the absence of farmers' children from school during the harvest period, and stated that the Minister would give consideration to this resolution.

A letter was read from the Administrator regarding the suggestion by some members of the Corporation to have all-night dances in the Town Hall, in which the Administrator pointed out that he was definitely against prolonging dances in the parish after 12 o'clock, and suggested that if anyone wanted longer hours they should commence dancing at an earlier hour.

No action was taken on the matter.

GAS

With reference to a complaint at last meeting of the Corporation regarding the quality of gas recently supplied, a letter was now read from the Manager of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company Ltd., explaining that they were doing the best they could with the coal at their disposal. He further stated that repairs to the plant were sadly overdue, but they were endeavouring to get them done shortly after which they would have a better resumption of pre-emergency pressures, etc. Some members stated that the quality of the gas had already improved since this matter had been brought to the notice of the Company, and the Manager's reply was considered satisfactory.

HOUSING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that in the event of tenders for the erection of houses at Distillery Road not being accepted they request the Minister to give permission for the erection of the houses by direct labour. He explained that the motion was only asking the Minister to erect houses by direct labour if they did not get tenders to tally with the estimate made by the Borough Surveyor. The Mayor suggested that they agree with the motion, and have a special meeting for housing purposes solely. Councillor Buckland proposed that it would be time enough for the motion when they got tenders, and thought Alderman Corish's motion was a bit premature. Thereupon Councillor Buckland's motion was carried unanimously.

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INSANITARY HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Gorish moved that immediate action be taken against the owners of dwellings where lack of sanitation was a danger to the health of the occupiers. A lengthy discussion took place on this motion, during which it was pointed out that the Corporation had reports on over 600 houses in the Borough as being unfit for habitation. Eventually, it was decided to have notices served in all such cases, and to prosecute in any cases where the time limit for such notice had expired.

Arising out of this discussion Councillor Morris referred to some houses in Parnell Street, which had no water supply, when it was pointed out that some of the tenants in question were the owners of the houses, and the Corporation would not be in a position to prosecute a tenant for failing to supply himself with water. It was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to report on these houses by the next meeting.

SUPPLIES OF TURF

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne raised the question of supplies of turf in the Wexford dump, and stated they were inadequate for the coming winter, and that distribution of turf to country merchants was inconsistent with their requirements, and he also objected to the practice of long distance lorries by-passing Wexford Town. Councillor Howlin concurred stating that many of these long distance lorries would soon be going on grain and beet haulage and would leave Fuel Importers with very little road transport; the result being that Wexford would, in his opinion, be then supplied by week-end with turf just off the bog, whereas it should be clamped and dry in the dump. All the members agreed with this motion and it was unanimously decided that the following motion be submitted to the Minister for Industry & Commerce, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That supplies of turf to date in Wexford dump are inadequate to ensure turf both as to quality and quantity for the coming winter months and that distribution of turf to country merchants is inconsistent with their requirements and particularly so inside the last two weeks."

Councillor Morris moved that turf houses be erected for tenants in Avenues off St. John's Road. He alleged that a couple of turf houses had been erected for tenants. The County Manager questioned the fact that anyone had got turf houses there, and in reply the Borough Surveyor stated that turf boxes had been supplied to replace the ones that had gone.

In answer to a further question the Borough Surveyor intimated that the only houses provided with coal houses in his time were the fire houses at Davitt Road North.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Borough Surveyor make an estimate of the cost of the proposed houses.

SWIMMING POOL

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council suggesting that a deputation be received in connection with the proposed swimming pool. Councillor Byrne maintained that they had already met a deputation from this Council and could see no point in receiving a second one, and thereupon moved that the deputation be not received. Councillor Morris seconded. The Mayor proposed that they receive a deputation and Councillor Gaul seconded. Before taking a vote on this matter, the acting Clerk suggested that they ascertain whether or not a deputation was in

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the building, and on inquiring was informed that no such deputation had arrived.

Alderman Corish thereupon moved that the Trades Council be written to and informed that the Corporation would meet them on a date in the near future.

A letter from the Trades Council in reference to the erection of a Band Stand was read stating that in their opinion the Corporation had authority to erect a Band Stand in any park, provided they got the consent of the owners. After a short discussion it was decided, on the proposition of the Mayor, that this matter be adjourned pending the attendance of the Town Clerk.

PROVISION OF SEATS

In accordance with notice of motion Councillor Roche moved that seats be provided in the North end of the Town, when it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to have a seat erected at the corner of Hill Street. The Mayor seconded this proposal, and suggested that they erect a seat at the corner of Bunkers Hill. These two recommendations were agreed to unanimously.

The following matters were raised by members:

- (1) The condition of the road surface at Talbot Street.
- (2) The condition of Redmond Road.

WINTER FUEL SCHEME

Councillor Byrne raised a question on the winter fuel scheme, and suggested that it should come into operation on 1st October, and was informed that this scheme would automatically come into operation the first week in November as heretofore. After some discussion it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to put the scheme into operation at an earlier date.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES

Councillor Howlin raised a question on sites for public lavatories in the Town. The County Manager stated this whole matter had been discussed before, but he did not think it had been suggested that they look for sites. He stated that when Enniscorthy selected a site a sub-committee of the Council went around the Town with the Engineer and they selected a suitable site, and he suggested the same procedure for Wexford. The following committee was thereupon appointed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche:- Aldermen Hadden, Corish, Councillors Roche, Howlin, and the Mayor.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

Councillor Buckland raised a question on the excessive number of malicious injury claims against the Corporation, especially with reference to glass. The County Manager informed him that they had a very large number of those claims lately with the malicious breaking of glass. He, however, thought that the time had come when ordinary insurance should cover this damage, and not have it a burden on the rates.

BOOSTER

A lengthy report from the Consulting Engineers dealing with the proposed

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additional improvements to the Waterworks was read, in answer to the Borough Surveyor's report dated 10th July last, when the Acting Clerk was directed to have a copy of both reports made and sent to the members.

TREE PLANTING

A lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor with regard to the planting of trees in Town was read. The total estimated cost of all the planting was approximately £110, which was unanimously agreed to. It was also decided that the planting be started at the Faythe on Wednesday 30th October at 2.30 p.m., at which the Mayor and members of the Corporation would attend in state.

PILLAR BOX

A question on the provision of a pillar box in the vicinity of Wolfe Tone Villas was raised by Alderman Corish, and after a short discussion it was decided, on his proposition, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to ask the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to erect one there.

The meeting then terminated.

J. L. Byrne

21st October, 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)

Alderman Nicholas Corish, Dr. G. Hadden.

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

MAYOR'S SALARY

Councillor Gaul referred to a decision of the Corporation some months ago referring a motion of his that the Mayor's salary be increased by £50 per annum to the General Purposes Committee for recommendation. He now moved that the Corporation be recommended to increase the Mayor's salary by £50 per annum as from the date of his original motion. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

At this stage the following members attended - namely, Alderman Hadden, Councillors Morris and Buckland.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

The principal business of the meeting was to consider reports from the Borough Surveyor and the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Delap & Waller, on the question of certain improvements to the Waterworks Scheme, namely, whether the booster at Monument Cross should be rehoused over ground. The Consulting Engineers estimated that the total cost of this work would be £700, but even if the booster was not removed certain work would have to be carried out to prevent flooding of the booster pit so that the net cost of removing the booster to an overground position would be £438. 13. 0. This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Alderman Hadden, to adjourn this whole question until the new main from Coolree to Wexford had been installed.

TREES

Arising out of the recent decision to plant trees at various parts of the Town on the 30th October, the Borough Surveyor advised that trees planted this time might not grow, and suggested that the matter be left over for at least two weeks, so it was unanimously agreed that the planting take place on Wednesday November 13th, and that the selection of the boys to take charge of the various trees be made by the teachers of the different schools.

CIVICS

A letter was read from the Civics Institute of Ireland intimating that Miss Keane and Commandant Hogan were prepared to visit Wexford on the 3rd November, and to lecture on the organisation, etc. of playing grounds, and it was decided to convene a Public Meeting for Sunday November 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. at the Town Hall, and to notify all papers, Youth Society officials, clergy, social clubs, football clubs, hurling clubs and the T.D.'s of the County.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of tree outside Radford's, Old Pound, and trees at St. Patrick's churchyard, and the attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to these matters.

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It was decided to organise a Commemoration Mass for the late Michael Davitt on Sunday November 10th, at 11 a.m.

21st October, 1946.

MEMORIAL

A lengthy memorial was read from the Young Christian Workers' regarding the letting of the Town Hall, in which they stated that individuals were being allocated the use of the Town Hall on Sunday and Friday nights for the organisation of dances for personal profit, while various genuine organisations, such as clubs, etc. could not get allocations. An examination of the Town Hall Register for the current season showed that with the exception of two or three cases, in which it was doubtful whether or not they were genuine organisations, the hall had been allocated to genuine clubs, but it was agreed that a roster should be compiled and posted in the Town Hall of the various clubs and other organisations in the Town who would be entitled to preference in the selection of the Hall.

INCREASED WAGES

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to grant an extra 2d per hour to men engaged on tampers making the roads on the new housing site at Slippery Green.

TURF BOXES

It was decided to refer the question of turf boxes together with the Borough Surveyor's estimate on same to the next meeting of the Corporation.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of No. 6, Hill Street, occupied by Mrs. McGrath, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

INDUSTRY

It was decided to appoint Councillor Roche on the Committee which had been set up some time ago to consider the establishment of Industry in Wexford.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the range in the house at Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by O'Brien, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report on same.

The meeting then terminated.

J. F. Byrne

29th October, 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.

The members present being:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair

Aldermen: George Hadden, Nicholas Corish and Robert Moran.

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

The Wexford County Manager and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been specially convened to hear a report from the County Manager on the powers of the Corporation under the following Housing Acts:-

- (1) The Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919,
- (2) The Housing and Labourers Act, 1937;
- (3) The Rent Restriction Acts, and
- (4) The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

The Manager made a very comprehensive report on the various powers of the Corporation under the various Statutes enumerated above, but intimated that he would not advise the Corporation to advance money on loan or by way of grant. He pointed out that such a scheme would eventually mean a very substantial increase in the Rates.

After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the County Manager and Town Clerk select four houses (owned by different landlords) which are at present unfit for human habitation but which can be made fit at a reasonable expense and serve the necessary notices under the Housing Act of 1931 requiring the owners to carry out the repairs necessary to make them fit, and if the owners failed to carry out the repairs necessary to make them fit, that the Corporation should proceed to do the work themselves and institute proceedings for the recovery of the costs involved.

The question of the provision of a sump pump at the Waterworks plant, at Edenvale was brought before the meeting, but it was decided to adjourn consideration of this until the members had an opportunity of visiting the entire Waterworks Plant. The date of such a visit was deferred to a later meeting.

Before the meeting concluded Alderman Hadden proposed that the thanks of the Corporation be tendered to the County Manager and his collaborators for the excellent report which had been made on the housing question. Councillor Roche seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

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 £7,500 up to the 31st December, 1946."

The meeting then terminated.

4th November, 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:-

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

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

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was agreed that Councillor Byrne take the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the Minutes of the Corporation on the 7th and 21st ultimo (copies of which had been supplied to the members) were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

SYMPATHY

At the outset A lderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Worship the Mayor on the death of his nephew, the late Mr. Power. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, which was supported by all members present, by the County Manager, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence. .

Councillor Byrne then moved that the meeting stand adjourned until the 11th instant as a mark of respect to the Mayor as chief citizen in his bereavement.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

11th November, 1946.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Nicholas Corish, Robert Moran, George Hadden.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland, Patk. Bierney, James Gaul, Thomas Roche.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes of the 29th ultimo and 4th instant were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his nephew.

BOOTS

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding the distribution of part worn boots to members of the A.R.P. Service, and the Town Clerk was asked to produce a list of persons who were receiving these boots for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

It was also agreed that any clothing belonging to the A.R.P. Stocks which the Corporation had the right to dispose of should as far as possible be disposed of amongst local charitable organisations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments were read from the Irish National Teachers' Organisation and the Minister for Education regarding the question of salaries of National School teachers.

MAYOR'S SALARY

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the salary of the Mayor be increased by £50 per annum, but as there were objections by members the recommendation was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit a report on the lack of water supply to certain houses in Parnell Street.

TENDERS

The next business was to consider a report regarding the tenders received for the erection of 16 houses at Slippery Green. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in telephonic communication with the Housing Section of the Department that afternoon, and had been informed that a letter would be issued within the next week or ten days intimating what Grant might be expected from the proposed Transitional Development Fund, and he (T. Clerk) suggested that it would be advisable to adjourn consideration of the tenders and report until this information was available.

This suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and it was decided to call a Special Meeting of the Corporation immediately the circular was received from the Department.

Chairman

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11th November, 1946.

Arising out of this discussion reference was made to an all-concrete house which had been recently constructed at Waterford, and it was unanimously decided that the following members of the Corporation should visit Waterford on the 16th instant to inspect these dwellings, namely, The Mayor, County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk, Aldermen Hadden, Corish, Moran, Councillors Buckland and Howlin:

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was agreed to provide turf boxes for houses at Davitt Road South and O'Connell Avenue in accordance with the estimate of the Borough Surveyor, which was £3. 2. 0. per house, using salvaged timber, and £5 per house if new timber had to be purchased.

The next business was to consider a report made by the County Manager to the General Purposes Committee on the 29th ultimo regarding the powers of the Corporation under the various Housing Acts. The Committee recommended that four landlords be selected and notice be served on them in respect of one house on each of their properties which could be made fit for human habitation at reasonable expense, and if the landlords failed to carry out their statutory duty the work should be done by the Corporation and proceedings instituted for the costs. Alderman Hadden strongly advocated that this matter should be referred back to the General Purposes Committee for further consideration, but this did not find favour with the rest of the members, and on the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the report and recommendation was adopted..

TRUNK MAIN

It was reported that sanction had now been received for the construction of a new Trunk Main from Coolree to Wexford at a cost of £16,478. 6. 0. which did not include the expenses of a Clerk of Works, Engineer, legal or wayleaves. It was also reported that the Consulting Engineers and the Contractors had been notified of the acceptance and sanction of the tender, and instructed to proceed forthwith with the necessary preparations for the work.

Arising out of this complaint was made regarding the cutting off of the water supply from the lower levels of the Town between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. It was stated by Councillor Morris, who raised the matter that this was a most inconvenient hour for publicans etc., and suggested that the hours should be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. It was unanimously decided to give the suggested new hours a trial.

The report regarding the acceptance of the tender for the proposed new main from Coolree to Wexford was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

LIGHTING

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to again approach the Electricity Supply Board with a view to having extra lighting provided at Devereux Villas and Upper Distillery Road.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of sewage drainage from the Slippery Green houses at Devereux Villas.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche a resolution from the Templemore Urban District Council calling on the Government to provide houses for married members of the Garda Síochana was unanimously adopted.

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11th November, 1946.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was unanimously agreed that the necessary steps be taken to have the old Town Wall from Westgate to Georges Street scheduled as a National Monument.

TREES

It was unanimously agreed that the ceremony of the planting of trees at Swan View should take place on the 13th instant at 2.30 p.m. and that the Superior of the Christian Bros. be asked to select a boy to take charge of the trees planted.

INDUSTRY

It was decided to convene a Special Meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the establishment of local Industry for Friday the 15th instant, at 8 p.m.

Councillor Buckland gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that steps be taken to have the gas supplied to the Town tested under the powers vested in the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Moran, it was unanimously decided to request the proprietors of local cinemas to reduce their prices to those prevailing before the emergency.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to request the Government to increase the allowance of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance to married men.

The meeting then terminated.

25th November, 1946.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30. p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen Hadden, Corish.

Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Bierney, Byrne, Morris, Howlin, Roche, Cullimore.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received innumerable complaints regarding the cutting off of the water from the lower levels of the Town between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. and it was unanimously decided to revert to the old system of cutting off the water from 2.30 to 5.

It was stated that the County Manager proposed with the consent of the Corporation to make an order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, acquiring a derelict site at Cornmarket, and this proposal was unanimously approved.

FAIR

The Wexford Drapers & Boot Merchants Association asked the Corporation to fix a new date for the December Fair, which fell on the 31st December, and it was decided to adjourn this matter to the Monthly Meeting.

Councillor Buckland gave notice that he would move at the next statutory meeting that the Corporation exercise their powers under the ~~xxx~~ Gas Works Clauses Acts to employ a person to test the quality, etc. of the gas supplied in Wexford.

MAYOR'S SALARY

The principal business for the meeting was to consider the question of the salary of the Mayor, which had been referred to the General Purposes Committee by the Corporation, but as most of the members wished to attend an Annual General Meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Roche, to adjourn this matter to a special meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on Friday the 29th inst. at 7.30. p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

29th November, 1946.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30. p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor Jas. Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Corish, Hadden.

Councillors Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Roche, Bierney, Gaul, Byrne.

MAYOR'S SALARY

The question of the salary of the Mayor was again under consideration by reference from the Corporation, and in this connection Councillor Gaul moved that the salary of the Mayor be increased by £50 per annum with effect as from the 12th August, 1946, on which date he originally moved this increase at a meeting of the Corporation.

Ald. Corish seconded this motion, which was supported by Councillor Howlin and Councillor Buckland.

After some discussion however, it was suggested that the motion be amended to provide that any increase should only operate up to the election of the next Mayor between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1947, and the proposer and seconder of the motion agreed to this amendment. Councillor Morris, however, proposed that the matter be adjourned until the next election of Mayor, and Councillor Cullimore seconded. A further amendment by Councillor Byrne that a special increase of £25 be granted to the Mayor during his present term of office was not seconded. When Councillor Morris's amendment was put to the meeting two voted for it and six against, and it was accordingly declared lost. The original motion by Councillor Gaul was thereupon put to the meeting and declared carried by six votes for to three against.

HOUSES - PARNELL ST.

Alderman Hadden moved that immediate action be taken to have a water supply provided for a number of houses at Parnell Street, and this motion was seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously agreed to.

A discussion took place regarding a defective sewer at Joseph Street and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor report on the cause of the trouble, and if necessary, to open the ground when it could be inspected by members of the Corporation.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the house at High Street, occupied by James Roche, which the Town Clerk intimated had already been referred to the Corporation Solicitor to take legal action, and to the condition of the house at John Street, occupied by William McEvoy.

Complaint was made regarding the flooding of 23 Davitt Road North, occupied by a man named Byrne, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should report thereon.

Complaint was made regarding a dump at the end of Seaview Avenue, and the Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to report on same.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpaths at William Street and St. Magdalens Terrace, and it was decided to refer this matter to the County Engineer for attention.

It was also decided to request the Council Manager to make an Order that the wages of all Corporation workmen be paid at the Store each Friday evening.

29th November, 1946.

HOUSES

The main business was to consider a report on the proposed 16 houses at Slippery Green. Details of the tenders received and the estimated cost on the basis of a 35 years loan had already been submitted to the members, but from a circular issued by the Dept. of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the housing it now appeared that the loan would be for a period of 50 years. On the basis of this period it would be possible to let the houses at 7/- per week, subject to the usual Government Grant, and a contribution equivalent to 2/10d per house from the Transitional Development Fund.

The members considered that the tender was reasonable, and the price as low as could be expected in the present circumstances, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to accept the tender of Mr. P. V. Carson, for the erection of 16 houses.

A lengthy discussion took place, however, on the construction of the houses, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should be requested to attend a meeting of the Corporation and General Purposes Committee to be held on Monday the 2nd prox.

A question was also raised regarding the transfer of tenants from other Corporation houses, who would be in a better position to pay the increased rent for the new houses than the slum clearance dwellers, for whom they were intended, the slum dwellers to occupy houses from which the persons would be transferred.

The meeting then terminated.

2nd December, 1946

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

TURF

Councillor Byrne again complained regarding the quality of turf being supplied to the people of the Town, and correspondence was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce intimating that a redent inspection had shown that the quality of the turf supplied was up to normal, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, to call for an inquiry into the quality and quantity of the turf being delivered to the Town.

OILCOATS

Councillor Bierney raised the question regarding the supply of oilcoats for two carters, and the Town Clerk intimated that their application would be dealt with when the oilcoats were being provided for the remainder of the Corporation staff.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Captain John J. O'Leary, one of the Corporation Rate Collectors, on the death of his son, who had recently been lost at sea on the steamship "Albany." Alderman Moran seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and was adopted in respectful silence.

Reference was also made to the loss of a boy named Walsh on this ship from the Town, but as his body had not yet been found the members expressed the wish that he would be safe.

BOOTS

Further reference was made to the distribution of used boots to members of the A.R.P. Service, and it was decided to ask the Minister for Defence to permit of a further distribution of used boots to those members who had not taken advantage of his first offer, and it was agreed that the following members be appointed as a Committee to examine the A.R.P. records of attendance at meetings, together with the list of persons who had been supplied with boots, namely, Councillors Morris, Bierney, and Byrne.

Chairman.....

2nd December, 1946.

In reply to Councillor Morris, it was stated that replies had been received from the two local cinemas intimating that owing to greatly increased overhead expenses it was not possible to make any reduction in the admission prices, and it was unanimously decided to point out to the proprietors that other provincial towns had reduced their prices to pre-war level.

MAYOR'S SALARY

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the salary of the Mayor be increased by £50 per annum with effect as from the 12th August last; the increase only to operate up to the next election of Mayor when the position would be reviewed. Councillor Gaul proposed the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Corish, and on a poll being taken they voted for the recommendation, Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Bierney, Howlin, Alderman Corish and the Mayor (6).

Against the motion: Councillors Cullimore, Morris, Byrne, and Alderman Moran (4).

Declined to vote Alderman Hadden (1).

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

GAS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Buckland moved that the Corporation avail of their statutory powers to appoint a competent person to test the gas supplied in Wexford for quality and pressure. Councillor Morris seconded this motion, which was supported by a number of members, and after a lengthy discussion, the motion was unanimously agreed to, but was not to be implemented for a period of three months if the reduction in calorific value and price as suggested by the Gas Company took place.

FAIR

A letter was read from the Wexford Traders & Boot Merchants' Association asking the Corporation to consider having the December Fair day on the Tuesday preceding Christmas week, and on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was decided to fix Monday December 16th, for the December Fair.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that this Corporation considers that owing to the constant calls on the members of the Fire Brigade the following points should be considered:-

- (a) The members should be allowed a Rent allowance;
- (b) A bath room should be provided for each house;
- (c) The members should get a half day's rest with pay if out for two hours after midnight.

Councillor Gaul seconded this motion. Councillor Byrne moved as an amendment that the matter be adjourned until application was made by the men to the Manager. Alderman Corish, however, pointed out, that he only brought the matter up for discussion and was not asking the Corporation to give a direction, and the Manager intimated that if the members of the Fire Brigade made application to him he would consider the matter on its merits.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the employment of an extra man for the cleaning of gullies, and the Manager intimated that he had given instructions to the works men to do this when necessary for this purpose.

2nd December, 1946.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the surface of Davitg Road North, which had recently been tar sprayed, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would take steps to have the complaint remedied.

Councillor Howlin also asked that hip boots should be provided for the men engaged on the digging of graves at Crosstown Cemetery, and the Manager intimated that if application was made to him by the men he would deal with it.

Complaint was also made for the need for a pump for pumping water from graves while being opened at the Cemetery, and the Manager intimated that he would consider this matter as well.

Complaint was also made regarding the entrance to the Cemetery and the condition of the walks, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

Councillor Cullimore raised the question of the opening of the road from Talbot Street to the New Line, which was closed for re-surfacing, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would not be possible to open the road without leaving the Corporation liable for an action for damages if any person was hurt.

Councillor Bierney raised the question of the acquisition and preparation of derelict sites in Town for housing by private builders, and the Manager intimated that he would consider the matter as soon as legal difficulties in connection with the acquisition of derelict sites had been overcome.

Councillor Howlin gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation that all meetings of the Corporation, including the General Purposes Committee, be held in public.

2nd December, 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.

This meeting had been specially convened to enable the Committee to discuss with the Borough Surveyor the proposed new houses at Slippery Green.

Following a report from the Borough Surveyor for houses of no-fines concrete, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve of this method of construction after the amendment by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney, that the houses be built with block cavity walls had been defeated by four votes for to seven against. It was also decided that the houses should be plastered on the outside with lime mortar, and that weighted sashes be used instead of steel sashes.

The meeting then terminated.

16th December, 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:--

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor, (in the Chair)

Aldermen Haddon, Corish.

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

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

Complaint was made by Councillor Gaul regarding the collapse of four houses at Distillery Road, owned by a man named Whitmore, and stated that the people present had no accommodation, and asked the County Manager to allocate to them the first house available. After some discussion it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the County Manager.

The condition of the house at Maudlintown occupied by a man named O'Leary was referred to, and it was decided to ask the M.O.H. for a report.

SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSING

The County Manager intimated that he had recently discussed with officers of the Department of Local Government and Public Health the proposed Housing Scheme for Slippery Green, and stated that no Grant would be payable for the development of the site, and that the Corporation contribution would have to be increased by £5 per annum, and a rent of 7/6d per week, exclusive of rates. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, this report was unanimously approved of, and it was further decided to aim at having all the houses advertised for and a Contract placed before April next.

HOUSE - HIGH ST.

Alderman Corish raised the question regarding the carrying out of repairs to a house at High Street, occupied by James Roche, which had been handed to the Corporation Solicitor to institute proceedings, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would take the matter up with the Solicitor.

WATER SUPPLY

A question was also raised regarding the supply of water to houses at Parnell Street, and it was intimated that fresh notices would be served on the owners requiring them to provide a supply as soon as possible.

DAMPNESS

Complaint was made regarding dampness in the houses at O'Connell Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would report thereon.

Complaint was made by Councillor Gaul that the Corporation painter was working for outside poor ordinary working hours, but it was decided that the Trade Union to take up direct with the County Manager when the matter would be examined.

16th December, 1948.

GAS

Regarding the recent decision of the General Purposes Committee to take steps to have the gas supplied to the Town tested it was decided to recommend the County Manager to appoint the Borough Surveyor, and to ask the Gas Company to take steps immediately to provide the necessary testing apparatus.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on dumping on the derelict site at Seaview Avenue.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of a derelict site on the corner of Mann's Lane, South Main St., and the Manager intimated that he was expecting proposals from the owner to lease the site for the purpose of the erection of a shop.

HOUSES - SWAN VIEW

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the condition of two houses at Swan View, and the Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to report on the matter.

A question regarding the purchase of sanitary fitting which owners would be required to provide for houses at the present time and which would be subsequently condemned by the Corporation was raised by Alderman Hadden and adjourned for consideration by the County Manager.

It was decided that four landlords should be selected from the list of houses which according to the Housing Survey could be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense, and steps taken to require them to carry out the necessary repairs forthwith.

Alderman Hadden also raised the question of taking over and repairing old houses in the Town, and this matter was adjourned for consideration by the County Manager.

Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to take steps to have water closets installed in the houses at Clifford Street.

Complaint was made that the December Fair which had been fixed for this date, had been a failure, and it was unanimously decided to hold a further fair on the 31st instant.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the house at Hill Street, occupied by McElroy, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on same.

A number of Old Age Pensions which had accrued due were passed for payment.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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13th January, 1947.

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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk explained that owing to pressure of work in connection with the Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation he was unable to have the minutes of the previous meetings prepared and circulated in time for the present meeting, and intimated that they would be available during the coming week when they would be circulated to the members.

Councillor Byrne protested against the minutes not being circulated and it was thought that Mr. Doyle should be available to attend meetings of the Corporation with the Town Clerk so that in the event of the Town Clerk being unable, due to pressure of work, to deal with any other business, Mr. Doyle would be available to do so.

It was also decided to hold a public meeting of the Corporation on the 20th instant when the minutes of the previous meetings could be discussed.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Kehoe, Town Sergeant, on the death of his wife. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Corish gave notice that he would move a motion at the meeting due to be held on the 30th instant calling on the Government to take steps to control prices on essential commodities.

Councillor Byrne stated that he had given notice to propose a resolution calling for the abolition of the Special Criminal Court, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had not received this motion in time for the Agenda, but he had it before him, and if the members so desired it could be discussed, so it was agreed to discuss the motion at the close of the Agenda.

Councillor Roche referred to the necessity for a light in the centre of Monck Street, and the Manager intimated that he would have this examined.

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Government be called on to increase all the allowances for social services such as Old Age Pensions, Widows & Orphans, Unemployment Insurance, Unemployment Assistance, etc. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by Councillors Morris, Howlin, Byrne and Roche, and unanimously agreed to.

TOWN HALL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Borough Surveyor be asked to make a report on the repairs and extensions to the Town Hall, and that the report cover the following points:-

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1. The removal of present fixed platform and the provision of a portable platform for bands, etc.
2. Removal of present balcony.
3. Provision of proper sanitary accommodation.
4. Provision of a Pay Office with heater.
5. Provision of a maple floor.
6. Suitable supply of seating.

Councillor Morris seconded the motion, but Alderman Hadden suggested that if any extensive alterations were proposed that a competent Architect should be employed to design it.

After some discussion the motion was passed calling for a report and estimate from the Borough Surveyor by next meeting.

WATER SUPPLY

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation call for an immediate inquiry into the position regarding the water supply to the Town. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, and after a lengthy discussion on the whole position the following committee was appointed to examine the correspondence etc. and to submit a report to the Corporation, namely, Alderman Corish, Councillors Buckland, Howlin, Byrne and the Mayor.

PARKING

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche asked the Town Clerk to explain the present position regarding the provision of parking places, etc. in the Town, and the Town Clerk explained that some time ago the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána had been good enough to send down to Wexford one of his Traffic Experts with a view to examining the position on the spot. This man had consulted with the Superintendent of the Garda and Town Clerk, and as a result of the conversation they had had agreed that the regulations originally drafted were much too elaborate for Wexford Town. He had agreed to submit modified regulations of the appointment of certain parking places. This was considered satisfactory, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with xxx Superintendent Fleming, Traffic Expert, with a view to having certain parking places designated as such.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche moved that the Minister for Education be called on to arrange for University Extension Lectures in each county town. Alderman Corish seconded the motion, which was supported by the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris moved that copies of the County Manager's Orders, no matter how insignificant, be supplied to each member of the Corporation with the Agenda for the monthly meeting. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by Councillors Buckland, Roche, Gaul and was unanimously agreed to. The Manager intimated that he had no objection to this course, but he thought it might be necessary to provide extra staff to deal with it.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that all meetings of the Corporation, including Committee meetings, be held in public with the Press in attendance in future. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillors Morris, Roche and Buckland. Councillor Gaul and Ald. Corish however, opposed the motion, and on a poll being taken their voted for:
 Councillors Buckland, Roche, Bierney, Howlin, Byrne, Cullimore, Morris and the Mayor (8).

Against: Councillors Gaul, Ald. Hadden and Chairman (3).

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Councillor Gaul raised the question of flooding at a house at Maudlintown, occupied by a man named James O'Leary, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would ask the Medical Officer of Health for a report.

Councillor Byrne moved "that we the Corporation of Wexford as a democratic body elected by the free suffrage of the people of Wexford deplore and condemn the continued existence, now that the emergency is passed, of that undemocratic institution the Special Criminal Court, and call upon the Government in the name of freedom and justice to dissolve it immediately." The motion was seconded by Councillor Morris, supported by Councillors Howlin, Alderman Corish and the Mayor, and adopted.

HOUSES - SLIPPERY GREEN

The Town Clerk reported that sanction had now been received for the erection of 16 houses at Slippery Green. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, a vote of thanks was passed to the County Manager and officials for the manner in which they had expedited this work. The Manager intimated that he proposed to advertise immediately for tenders for the erection of the remaining 74 houses, and hoped to commence them in April.

COAST EROSION

The Mayor referred to a deputation which had appeared before the County Council that day in connection with coast erosion at Rosslare and moved that the Corporation support any action taken by the County Council to prevent this erosion. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and agreed to.

TURF

Complaint was again made regarding the quality of the turf being supplied to the Town, and it was stated that merchants were obliged to take 25% of what was known as "reject" turf, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, to again ask the Minister for Industry & Commerce to institute an immediate inquiry into the quality and quantity of the turf being supplied to Wexford.

Alderman Corish referred to the possibility of curtailing the train service in the near future, and expressed the hope that Wexford would not be called on to bear the brunt as on a previous occasion.

SEWER - JOSEPH ST.

The meeting thereupon went into committee to consider a report from Mr. T. J. O'Connor, on the question of a defective sewer at Joseph Street. Mr. O'Connor recommended that immediate steps be taken to have the new sewer intended for Joseph Street constructed immediately by direct labour so as to avoid delay in preparing a contract, and it was unanimously decided that the Department be asked to sanction the carrying out of this work by direct labour forthwith.

WALKS - CEMETERY

The Mayor gave notice that he would raise a question at next Statutory meeting of the condition of the walks and the methods of gravedigging at Crosstown Cemetery.

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OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Referring to Minutes of 11th March, 1946, when authority was granted for the obtainment of overdraft accommodation of £3,000 to finance certain Capital works including £1200 for the development of a Housing Site at Slippery Green, the Town Clerk reported that £5691 had been expended to date on this work and a further £1500 would be required up to 31st March, 1947, by which time the necessary loan would be received, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital A/c. in the sum of £7500 pending the raising of the necessary loans to finance the Schemes referred to above and in the Minutes of 11th March, 1946.

It was further agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland, to authorise overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary A/c. in the sum of £5000 up to 31st March, 1946.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to submit a report on the condition of the lodging house at Cornmarket occupied by a man named Connors, which was alleged to be infested with rats.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the public water tap at Green Street; and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

The meeting then terminated.

20th January, 1947.

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:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Hadden and Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

TURF

Arising out of the Minutes of the December meeting Councillor Byrne raised the question of the supply of turf to the Town, and the Town Clerk read a letter he had addressed to the Minister for Industry & Commerce on this subject.

Councillor Byrne then suggested that supplies of timber should be released, and this was seconded by Councillor Howlin and agreed to.

The Town Clerk intimated to Councillor Byrne that he was now in a position to meet the Committee appointed to inspect the list of persons who were supplied with A.R.P. used boots.

Reference was also made to the supply of oilskin clothing for the Corporation workmen, the members of the Fire Brigade, as well as boots for the Fire Brigade and the staff at St. Ibar's Cemetery. It was stated that this matter was receiving attention and every effort was being made to secure the necessary supplies.

Reference was also made to the condition of the walks and the methods of digging graves at Crosstown Cemetery, as well as the absence of a pump, and the Manager intimated that when the Corporation would be considering the Estimates for the Financial Year 1947/48 they could then provide whatever sum they considered necessary to carry out improvements to the Cemetery.

Reference was made to the cleaning of gullies, and it was pointed out that an extra man be employed as and when required for this work.

The Town Clerk intimated that notice would be served on the owner of the houses at Parnell Street requiring the provision of a water supply during the coming week.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of the houses at O'Connell Avenue.

Complaint was also made to the Borough Surveyor regarding the drainage at the house in Davitt Road occupied by Byrne.

The Town Clerk intimated that no reply had yet been received from the cinemas regarding the proposal requesting them to reduce the charges for admission.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the house in Hill Street occupied by McElroy.

It was stated in reply to a query that steps were being taken to have notices served on the owners of houses at Clifford Street and Trinity Street requiring them to provide sanitary convenience and to generally make them fit for human habitation.

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In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Government be called on to institute strict control on prices at 50% over 1939 levels and that wages be brought into conformity with the new price levels. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was adopted after some discussion.

The Borough Surveyor gave a verbal report on the condition of the Town Hall floor with suggestions for its extension, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed that all possible steps be taken to have a new floor put in the Assembly Room before Easter.

Councillor Byrne asked the County Manager to examine the wages paid to watchmen, and also questioned the amount of turf supplied to them during their night work.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

James Smith

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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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen Corish and Hadden.

Councillors Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Morris, Cullimore and Roche.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes of the January meetings (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, a vote of sympathy was passed with Patrick Lacey, an employee of the Corporation, on the death of his wife. Aldermen Hadden and Corish, Councillors Roche, Howlin and Bierney associated themselves with the proposal. On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Roche, a vote of sympathy was also passed with Lee. Breen, an employee of the Corporation, on the death of his mother.

TURF

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the quality of the turf being supplied to Wexford, a letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce under date of the 22nd ultimo, stating that the turf supplied in Wexford was not inferior in quality to that at present being supplied to other non-turf areas, and that the utilisation to the best advantage of the turf available was under constant review by his Department.

FIRE

The Mayor referred to a recent outbreak of fire which occurred on the premises of Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons on the night of the 27/28th, and read extracts from a letter he had received from Messrs. Stafford congratulating the Fire Brigade. The Town Clerk also read a letter from Messrs. Staffords asking him to convey to the Corporation their sincere appreciation of the magnificent work done by the Captain and members of the Fire Brigade at this fire which reflected the highest credit on their training and equipment. In congratulating the Fire Brigade the Mayor also tendered the thanks of the Corporation to the Waterford Brigade, which came as far as New Ross, before they were stopped by the Wexford Captain; The Enniscorthy Brigade which came to Wexford, and the Dublin Fire Brigade which stood by in case they were needed. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all members.

Alderman Corish referred to a matter which he had raised at a previous meeting, namely, the conditions of employment for the members of the Fire Brigade, and proposed that the members should be given rent free houses and a bath provided for them. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Manager stated that the conditions of employment of the Fire Brigade were at present under consideration.

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Reference was also made by Councillor Howlin to the provision of oilskin clothing, and the Manager submitted a sample of an oilskin coat which he had received and which would cost 38/6d.

The Manager thought the coat submitted would be very little use for members of the Brigade, and was certainly not value for the price. After inspecting the coat, the members agreed with him and the Manager also intimated that he was communicating with the Dublin Fire Brigade with a view to ascertaining where they were at present procuring oilskin clothing for their members.

Arising out of the question of providing baths for the members of the Brigade, it was thought that it might not be practicable to provide a bath in each house, and Alderman Hadden proposed that the Borough Surveyor be asked to give an estimate of the cost of providing a couple of baths at the Fire Station. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

The cost to the Corporation of the attendance of the Fire Brigade at recent fires was also examined, and it was thought that Insurance Companies should be made contribute towards the cost of Fire Brigades when fighting fires, or, alternatively, to reduce their premiums. It was pointed out that since the coming into force of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, Insurance Companies had denied all liability for the payment of Fire Brigade expenses, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and it was further agreed that it should be circulated to all Public Bodies in the country:--

"That we call on the Government to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, so as to make Insurance Companies liable for at least a portion of the cost of fighting fires, or otherwise to compel the Companies to reduce the fire premiums; and that copies of this resolution be sent to each Public Body in Ireland."

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

The Mayor referred to the conditions prevailing in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, in relation to the opening and closing of graves in wet weather, and thought that a pump should be available to keep the water out while graves were being opened and closed. In this connection the Manager referred to the condition of the walks, and stated that in accordance with the Regulations made by the Corporation some years ago a hearse was not permitted to go into the Cemetery proper and as the public did not take kindly to the use of a bier it was necessary for those in attendance at a funeral to carry the coffin sometimes a very long distance, which was not very pleasant in some of the weather we had had recently. As a matter of fact it had been found necessary to grant permission within the last week or so for a hearse to go into the Cemetery proper.

After some discussion it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit a scheme for the concreting of the principal walks so that a hearse might go into the cemetery proper, as well as for the provision of a pump, and the taking away of the very acute angle leading up to the cemetery.

The Mayor read a letter which he had received from Mr. Ml. Mahon O'Connell Avenue, with reference to a recent discussion regarding the condition of the house at O'Connell Avenue, and it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor had been instructed to submit a report on the condition of this house for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, which will be held on the 17th instant, so it was unanimously decided to adjourn this matter until the 17th when the Borough Surveyor would be in attendance with his report.

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NEW FLOOR

Alderman Corish again referred to the question of the provision of a new floor in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall, and a sample of timber and an estimate by the Borough Surveyor for providing this floor and altering the platform was submitted. This estimate showed that it would cost approximately £200 to provide a floor and carry out the necessary alterations. It was also intimated that in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor the timber would only have an $\frac{1}{8}$ " wear, so it was also decided to adjourn this matter to the General Purposes Committee when the Boro' Surveyor would be in attendance.

Reference was also made to the lack of shades on a couple of the lights in the H all, and the Manager intimated that he would have them replaced.

WATER

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of the water supply to the Town of Wexford, and the Mayor read a letter from the Principal of the Faythe Convent Schools intimating that no water was available at times for the purpose of flushing the lavatories. Councillor Byrne and other members also stated that complaints were rampant during the past week regarding scarcity of water and thought that the public should have been notified when the water was being cut off.

The Manager intimated that like members of the Corporation he had received a considerable number of complaints regarding the water supply, and had discussed it very fully with the Borough Surveyor that day, and gave a resume of the cause of the present abnormal shortage.

It was seen that nothing further could be done at the moment except to warn the public when the water would be cut off from certain areas in order to give a supply to other parts of the Town.

Councillor Byrne referred to the abnormal breakages of electric lamps throughout the town, and stated he had been informed by an official of the Electricity Supply Board that 75% of the lamps had had to be replaced during the past year, and proposed that the attention of the Garda be drawn to this matter, and that the first person found breaking an electric lamp should be prosecuted.

The Mayor seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Cullimore referred to the condition of the Main Street during the recent heavy snow fall and asked why streets had not been cleaned. In this connection the Manager also stated that he had discussed this point with the Borough Surveyor, and had been informed that it was never the practice to cleanse heavy snow from the streets and footpaths for the reason that if the Corporation did clean them and an accident occurred afterwards they would be liable, whereas if they made no attempt to clean them they would not be liable. He (Manager) felt however, like the Corporation that the streets should have been cleansed and had made an order that day that for the future the streets should be cleansed as soon as possible after a heavy fall of snow.

PRICE CONTROL

Councillor Morris referred to a recent discussion on price control, and intimated that he had been misquoted in his remarks. What he meant to say was that the claims submitted to the Labour Court were satisfactory to the workers in 99 out of 100 cases.

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Alderman Hadden referred to a decision some time ago to request the National Monuments Committee to schedule portion of the old Town Wall as an ancient monument, and stated he understood that the proposal of the Corporation had not yet reached the Advisory Committee. The Town Clerk stated that it was entirely his fault as he was under the impression that a local Advisory Committee should first deal with this before going to the National Committee, and intimated that he would send the proposal to the National Committee during the week.

Alderman Corish asked that the Borough Surveyor report on the condition of the paling at No. 4, Saltee Avenue.

Alderman Corish also stated that he had received a complaint from a person who went to the Dispensary that morning at 10.45 and the doctor would not appear until 12.15. He had also been informed that there was no fire provided for the people waiting there, and the Manager undertook to look into this matter which was one for the Co. Council and not the Corporation.

It was stated that some of the scavengers were complaining that the brushes they had to use were very bad, and it was decided to call the attention of the Borough Surveyor to this matter.

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Councillor Byrne referred to a matter had raised at a previous meeting regarding a house at Cornmarket which he stated was infested with rats, and the Town Clerk read a report from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that he had taken this matter up with the Agent for the property.

Questions were also raised regarding holiday pay for men employed at Green Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that these claims were being investigated and discharged as rapidly as possible.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he could not replace bed clothes destroyed by Mr. Comerford of Hill Street, unless he received a certificate from the Medical Officer of Health that the clothes should be destroyed.

The meeting then terminated.

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10th February, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Morris, Howlin, Byrne and Buckland.

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

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on proposed new dance floor in Town Hall, together with alterations amounting to a total of £282. 2. 0. The estimate was divided into two parts, namely, £230 for the floor and £52 for the necessary alterations.

Alderman Corish proposed that the new floor be provided immediately so that it would be ready by Easter Sunday. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, and after some discussion this was unanimously agreed to.

As regards alterations Alderman Hadden stated that ~~with~~ the removal of the balcony would take from the architectural beauty of the Town Hall, but it was pointed out that the stairs and the portion of the balcony which it was proposed to remove were quite modern and would in no way affect the ceiling of the Hall, and after further discussion Councillor Morris moved and Alderman Corish seconded that the balcony be removed and a new stairs provided as recommended by the Surveyor at a cost of £52, making the total estimate for the new floor and alterations £282, and this was also unanimously agreed to.

The Town Clerk further pointed out that this resolution was merely a recommendation to the Wexford County Manager and as no provision had been made for this work in the current financial year it would now be necessary to adopt the resolution authorising the inclusion of the amount in the Estimates for 1947/48, and if this resolution was adopted it could not be rescinded. It was therefore unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that the cost of the new floor and alterations to the Town Hall be included in the Estimates for the Financial Year 1947/1948.

HOUSE - O'CONNELL AVE.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a lengthy report on the condition of No. 4, O'Connell Avenue, and pointed out that the condition of the house was due to temporary condensation, and he had advised the tenant to keep fires in the rooms for some time as a test.

After a lengthy discussion it was seen that in view of the information given by Mr. McNally, who was the expert adviser on these matters, that nothing could be done until the tenant had kept fires lighting in the house for a reasonable time.

The Borough Surveyor was asked about the cause of flooding at the house of Byrne's, Davitt Road North, and he stated he was of opinion that it was due to defective drainage, and intimated that he would examine the position further during the next period of rain.

The meeting then terminated.

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17th February, 1947.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

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

MOTIONS

Three motions appeared on the Agenda of which special notice had been given by Councillor Byrne and Alderman Corish, and a question was raised as to whether or not notions of this kind should be taken at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and the Town Clerk stated that the motions in question were really not the business proper of the Corporation and it was entirely a matter for the members whether they discussed them or not. If a motion was adopted at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee which affected the finances or the general policy of the Corporation it could only be regarded as a recommendation and could only be confirmed by a meeting of the Corporation proper. Councillor Morris proposed that the motions be not taken at the present meeting, Alderman Hadden seconded. On a vote being taken four voted for the motion and four against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote against the motion, and the business as set out on the Agenda was proceeded with.

The first motion was by Councillor Byrne "that the Corporation request the Government to discontinue the sending of essential food gifts to Europe in view of the meagre rations of these commodities to the people of Eire and the impoverished condition of a large section of the community who are mainly depending on butter, sugar and bread and being unable to purchase meat and other foods owing to the prevailing high prices being charged."

Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish but objected to by Councillor Morris and Alderman Hadden.

Councillor Buckland proposed as an amendment that we approve of the action of Dail Eireann in sending foods for the relief of hunger in Europe, and we consider it a commendable gesture of humanitarian feeling and of christian charity, and that we call on our representatives when the new Social Services Bill is introduced in Dail Eireann to approach it in the same christian spirit. Councillor Morris seconded.

The motion and amendment gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, and eventually on the amendment being put to the meeting four voted for it and four against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was declared lost.

The Mayor thereupon proposed a further amendment that the Corporation are not against sending food to starving Europe but were asking the Government to foresee that the people of Eire be not deprived of essential foodstuffs. Councillor Howlin seconded this amendment which was carried by five votes, the other members not voting. This amendment and the Mayor's was thereupon taken as a substantive motion and declared carried.

Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation representing the citizens of Wexford resent the suggestion of the Chairman of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners that the Fishguard/Rosslare Boats should be diverted to Waterford, and call on the Public Bodies of the County Wexford to protest against such an occurrence. Councillor Byrne

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seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Howlin, Morris and the Mayor.

Councillor Buckland however, referred to the general position of the transport service and thought that no notice should be taken of the remarks of the Chairman of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners but that they ask the Great Western Railway to resume the Rosslare Fishguard Service as soon as possible.

Alderman Corish however pointed out he merely wished to protest against the action of the Chairman of the Water Harbour Commissioners in trying to have the Rosslare boats transferred to Waterford as these boats had been at Rosslare for a considerable number of years. The motion was eventually agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation be informed by Fuel Importers or other competent authority if some of the turf now being supplied to consumers at 55/- per ton was formerly sold as "commercial" turf at £1 per ton, and if such is the case that the price of turf be reduced immediately.

The Mayor stated that he had received a number of complaints from people in the Town whose houses were affected by dampness and in some cases infested with rats, and suggested to the tenants that they should form a Town Tenants League. The suggestion was supported by Councillors Roche and Morris.

Alderman Hadden gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that the Corporation undertake to have our housing problem solved and until it is solved that the Corporation meet weekly and request the attendance of the Borough Surveyor at these meetings.

Councillor Morris complained of the condition of the footpath outside Reilly's, 88 Faythe, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit a report.

Councillor Morris also complained regarding a wall at St. Magdalen's Terrace around the house occupied by John Clancy, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked when it was proposed to erect this wall.

It was decided that during Lent the Corporation meetings be held at 8 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was agreed that a sound-proof door should be provided between the Council Chamber and the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.

Councillor Roche raised a question of the provision of seats in John Street, opposite St. John's Club, and the Town Clerk pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates for such work, and if the Corporation required extra seats they would have to provide for them in the Estimates for 1947/48.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that notice had been served requiring the provision of water closets to houses at Clifford Street, and in reply to Alderman Corish that application had been made for a building licence in connection with the erection of 16 houses at Slippery Green, but up to the present it had not been received.

Motion of Ald. Hadden that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the functions of the General Purposes Committee be to prepare matters for the Monthly Meeting of the Corporation; to discuss details of matters referred to it by the Corporation; and to deal with the mass of greater matters which would otherwise impede the business of the Monthly meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

3rd March, 1947.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, TownHall, Wexford, at 8 p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Hadden.

Councillors Gaul, Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Cullimore, Morris, Buckland and Roche.

MINUTES

Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd and 10th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 17th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford County Manager on the death of his mother-in-law. Councillor Morris seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff and adopted in respectful silence.

The County Manager returned thanks on behalf of himself and the members of his family for the vote of sympathy.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. G. Murphy, Adm., on two recent family bereavements. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

WATER SUPPLY

Councillor Byrne referred to the shortage of water in the Town and this matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion. The Town Clerk explained that during the present day he was doing nothing else but answering the telephone and interviewing people complaining about lack of water. The Corporation were all aware that there were two bad levels in the Town, one was the St. John of God Convent and the other was the Faythe School. These two levels were at opposite ends of the Town and between there were a certain amount of people who should normally get water but could not get it at present. He had called in the Borough Surveyor that morning and discussed the matter with him at length, and the Borough Surveyor was doing his best to give water to the people who needed it most like Convents and Schools. Complaint was also made regarding one side of Davit Road North, and the Town Clerk promised to inquire from the Borough Surveyor about this level the following morning. He (Town Clerk) further stated that the Borough Surveyor had informed him that the consumption of water in Wexford, even though a considerable number of people were not getting their normal supply, was higher than pre-emergency and the consumption was around 600,000 gallons per day.

A question was also raised regarding the pipes for the proposed new main from Coolree to Wexford, and the suggestion was made that some person should be sent to England to try and procure the pipes for this job immediately, but it was pointed out the Contractors and the Minister for Industry & Commerce, together with the Irish Representative in London, would have more influence than any person who could be sent across from Wexford, and it was decided to ask the Minister for Industry & Commerce to try and expedite delivery of these pipes.

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Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath at No. 88, Faythe, and a question was asked as to when it was proposed to construct the wall at St. Magdalen's Terrace, at the house occupied by John Clancy.

Both these matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor Morris referred to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding the sending of food to Europe, and intimated that he considered he had been mis-represented by the members and by the press, and suggested that if there was starvation in the town it was the duty of the Mayor to call a public meeting to deal with the matter.

TIMBER

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Government be requested to make available timber from Johnstown Castle Estate for fuel. Alderman Corish seconded the motion, and as well, made a strong appeal that farmers near the Town make available timber for fuel. After some discussion the motion was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris moved that the Town Clerk be asked to list notices of motion only for matters of vital importance for the General Purposes Committee. Councillor Cullimore seconded this motion, but the Town Clerk pointed out that it would not be fair to him to decide what motions were of vital importance, so the motion was amended to substitute the name of the Mayor for that of the Town Clerk.

As an amendment Alderman Hadden moved and Councillor Roche seconded that the motion be adjourned for re-drafting. On a vote being taken four voted for the amendment and four against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation consider the possibility of providing houses for residents of Wexford who could afford to pay a rent of from 12/- to 15/- per week. Councillor Roche seconded the motion, and after some discussion it was agreed that the possibility of providing such houses be examined.

INVITATION

An invitation from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Corporation to attend 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe St., on Easter Sunday and at St. Ibar's Cemetery at 3 p.m. on the same day was submitted, and it was agreed that the Corporation would attend the Mass as usual.

A request from the County Manager that the Corporation authorise the payment of increased salaries for the clerical staff of the Corporation, tradesmen and labourers, was adjourned at the Manager's request until the annual Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 24th instant.

HOUSING

Alderman Hadden, in accordance with notice given, moved that in view of the seriousness of the housing outlook and the urgent need for action this Corporation resolve to meet weekly to study the problems involved; to seek solutions for same until the situation has been remedied; or the Corporation is satisfied that no further progress can be made in any direction; and that the presence of the Borough Surveyor be requested at each meeting. Alderman Corish seconded the motion.

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This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which objection was made to bringing officials to meetings every week, but on being put to a vote eight members voted for the holding of weekly meetings, and the proposition was declared carried. As regards the night on which the meetings were to be held it was decided to leave the matter over until the meeting of the General Purposes Committee due to be held on the 10th instant, when the night of the weekly meeting would be decided.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution under the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1932 and 1938, was unanimously adopted:-

HOUSING (LOAN CHARGES CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 1932 and 1938.

Scheme for the provision of houses, made by the Wexford Corporation at their meeting held on 3rd March, 1947.

In pursuance of the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1932 and 1938, we, the Wexford Corporation do hereby make the following scheme for the erection of houses under Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that is to say:-

1. This scheme may be cited as the (b) Wexford, (c) (Slippery Green) Housing Scheme, 1947.
2. The number of houses to be erected shall be 90.
3. The site on which the houses shall be erected shall be the lands at Slippery Green consisting of 9 acres 1 rood 39 perches, which are proposed to be acquired compulsorily.
4. The houses shall be erected in accordance with the plans and specifications to be submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health marked (b) Wexford (c) Slippery Green) Housing Scheme, 1947.
5. The total cost of the scheme is estimated not to exceed £88,509 (as set out on the attached estimate marked (b) Wexford (c) Slippery Green Housing Scheme, 1947, to be defrayed by borrowing, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

And we declare that of the above mentioned number of houses 90 houses are proposed to be provided for the purposes of accommodating persons who will be displaced by the following operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931, viz., Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders and Bye-Laws under section 20 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919,

And we further direct that the scheme be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his approval.

Sealed with the common seal of the (a) Wexford Corporation this third day of March, 1947, in the presence of _____

Chairman.

Town Clerk.

Chairman *James Smith*

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10th March, 1947.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and Dr. George Hadden.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland, and Kevin Morris.

A report submitted from the Borough Surveyor showed that the cost of concreting the main walk at St. Ibar's Cemetery would amount to £700 and the County Manager recommended that the work be deferred pending a report of the need for extending the Cemetery. On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to adjourn the matter to the General Purposes Committee in May when the Town Clerk promised to have a preliminary report necessary on the need for extension.

A report was submitted on the decisions given by the Circuit Judge on four recent malicious claims and Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that the Government be called on to amend the law relating to malicious injury.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government suggesting the adoption of Bye-Laws to deal with the use of loud speakers &c., was marked read on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Corish.

A question was raised regarding the use of forms on which members could write matter which they desired should receive attention, and it was agreed that such form be made available and consideration given to them after the agenda, or, at 9.15 p.m. at each meeting.

Alderman Hadden moved, "That this Corporation recognising the existence of problem houses of value in the Town, whose upkeep needs have come to exceed their net rental and which are therefore beyond any normal hope of re-habilitation; recognising further, that while many of them are inadequate for family requirements some of them may be adapted quite adequately for old couples or single persons; and recognising that the housing of old folks of small means is a factor in our housing problem for which we have hitherto made no provision, we therefore request the County Manager to instruct the Borough Surveyor to search out during this present week one or more houses of the type in question to form a concrete basis for discussion of the factors involved in adapting them for use during a period of, say, 30 years, and to present a preliminary report on such houses at the next meeting of the Corporation or its Committee

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had already given directions to the Borough Surveyor to examine two such houses with a view to having them repaired for old couples or single persons.

The question of deciding the night of the weekly meeting of the General Purposes Committee was next taken up.

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Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation meet on every Friday night (in addition to Monday night) for the purpose of discussing Housing alone. Councillor Howlin seconded. After a very lengthy discussion Ald. Hadden moved as an amendment that we regard every meeting as a meeting for which housing will be the major item on the agenda and that in the week on which we do not meet on Monday that we meet on Friday. Councillor Morris seconded. On a show of hands the amendment was carried by four votes to three.

A letter was read from the County Committee of Agriculture asking the Corporation to consult with that Body when it was necessary to change the date of the Wexford Town Fair, and it was agreed to inform the Committee that the Corporation would consult with them in future and explain the circumstances which led up to the change of the December Fair.

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding the difficulty of person in receipt of fuel vouchers obtaining turf and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the merchants involved.

Complaint was made regarding the dumping of ice on the Quay during the week-end cleaning of the Main Street, and the meeting was informed that arrangements had been made to have it removed on the following day.

Complaint was made regarding wastage of water at Byrne's Lane, Emmet Place and Distillery and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the complaint.

Alderman Corish complained of the condition of the Main Road, John Street, School St. &c., and it was decided to request the County Surveyor to have repairs carried out.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite repairs to a water channel at the residence of Michael Mahon, O'Connell Avenue, repairs to fence at Mr. P. Browne's, Saltee Avenue, and to suggest remedial measures regarding dampness at house of Roberts, Carrigeen Street.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to report on the cost of providing protection for the backs of the William Street houses.

In view of the demand for economy in the use of electricity it was agreed to curtail the Public Lighting until 31st August next immediately.

The meeting then separated.

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21st March, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 9.0.p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Hadden.

Councillors Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Thomas Roche and Thomas Buckland.

The report of the Borough Surveyor on the suggested conversion of two houses at Wygram showed that it would cost approximately £400 to convert the two dwellings and some members of the Committee who had met the Surveyor on the site agreed with his view that it would not be an economic project to convert these two, and it was decided that each member should suggest houses of which he had knowledge that might be examined with a view to conversion.

The meeting then terminated.

24th March, 1947.

In accordance with an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 8.30. p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, Dr. George Hadden.

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

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

A copy of the Estimates, together with the County Manager's report and explanatory statement, which had been furnished to the members before the meeting, are attached to these minutes.

At the outset Alderman Corish asked if in future when the Estimates were being presented to the members the figures for the previous year could also be sent out so that the Corporation would be in a position to compare the Estimates for themselves without having to ask questions at the meeting as to whether there were increases or decreases in any particular item.

Councillor Byrne raised the question regarding the allocation of houses and thought the members of the Corporation should be consulted before houses were allocated by the Manager.

The Estimates proper were then taken up and the first item was for ordinary road work. It was seen that in the nine months to 31st December last the maintenance of roads and loan charges had amounted to £883 as against an estimate of £740 for the entire year. The Borough Surveyor submitted a detailed report setting out the work which had been carried out on the repairs to streets and paths during the nine months in question. This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which it was recorded that the members were not satisfied that the work done on the streets justified the expenditure and thought that the Borough Surveyor should experiment with a more cheaper form of removing weeds than by having them hand-picked by Corporation employees.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was agreed that an increase be asked for in the Special Grant Works for the coming year in view of the amount of unemployment in the district.

Under the heading of Health Services a discussion took place on the allocation of £50 Other Expenses - in connection with Domestic and Public Scavenging, but it was explained that this was put in with a view to experimenting with new carts for scavenging purposes.

The estimate for Waterworks gave rise to a very lengthy discussion in view of the unsatisfactory position of the present supply, and it was suggested that representations be made with a view to having the necessary pipes procured with as little delay as possible.

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The estimate for the housing of the Working Classes was next taken up, and it was agreed that regular reports should be made to the Corporation showing the cost of repairs to the various Corporation houses.

A suggestion was also made that a Housing Inspector should be appointed to inspect the Corporation houses, but the Manager intimated that in his opinion the Sanitary Inspector was quite capable and had sufficient time at his disposal to carry out this work.

Arising out of the estimate for General Urban Purposes the County Manager suggested that the Corporation should consider the disposal of the site on which it was intended some years ago to erect a new Town Hall, and this matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that there was no legal authority to include a contribution to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, and in view of such statutory authority it was not possible to include the contribution in the estimate.

The County Manager intimated that the estimates as presented to the Corporation included the provision for increases in the salaries of officers and employees, which increases were being granted throughout the country. It was proposed to grant the officers 50% increases on the 1939 salaries and the wages of employees in accordance with the general increase applicable to each class.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the expenditure as set out in Table A was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the estimated receipts as set out in Table B was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, Table C was unanimously adopted, and it was agreed to levy a rate of 29/6d (Twenty-nine shillings and sixpence) in the Pound for the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1948.

On the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, the following increased expenditure on the estimate for 1946/47 was authorised:-

Roads £800, Housing £400, Vocational Education £1,000, Water-works £1,000, Materials, Machinery & Stores £50, and on Capital in respect of the development of a Housing Site at Green Street £5,000, and for proposed new Town Sewerage £200.

Some of the capital expenditure was previously authorised on the 11th March, 1946.

This concluded the business of the Estimates Meeting and the Mayor moved that the Corporation congratulate the Manager, Town Clerk, and other officials on the manner in which the Estimates had been presented. The officials had done everything possible to make the Estimates clear to the members, and he could say they had succeeded. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by Councillors Roche, Howlin, Buckland, and Alderman Corish.

The County Manager and Town Clerk returned thanks for the remarks passed on the presentation of the Estimates.

The meeting then concluded.

Chairman *James P. Smith*

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

Town Hall,

Wexford.

14th March, 1947.

A Chara,

I attach, herewith, Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the Rate in the Pound in respect of Wexford Corporation for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1948, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 24th instant.

Due to the enactment of the Local Government Act, 1946, the Corporation will in future years be called on to strike one rate to be known as the MUNICIPAL RATE instead of the various Rates heretofore levied; and as well, the Public Bodies Order, 1946, varies the form of the Estimate so as to conform with the terms of the above Statute and provides for only Four main heads of expenditure, namely, ROADS, HEALTH, HOUSING, AND GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES. As in previous years, I purpose to give you, as far as possible, comparative details of how the Estimate is made up.

In order that you may have some idea of how the current year's Estimate is meeting the expenditure of the Corporation, I give you hereunder, a comparative statement showing the estimated expenditure for the year together with the actual expenditure for the nine months to the 1st December, 1946.

| ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1946/47. | ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE £ | ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO 31st DECEMBER, 1946 £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Roads Maintenance & Loan Charges | 740 | 883 |
| Roads Improvement | 7000 | Nil |
| Public Health Acts Expenses | 11165 | 7682 |
| Housing of the Working Classes | 12685 | 11844 |
| Tourist Development | 20 | 15 |
| Vocational Education | 1330 | 1076 |
| Other Expenses | 5975 | 5710 |
| Materials Machinery & Stores | 350 | 709 |
| Waterworks | 3394 | 3704 |
| Poor Rate | 13281 | 6699 |

You will observe that the expenditure on the Ordinary maintenance of Roads, Street and Footpaths has substantially exceeded the Estimate and the Borough Surveyor has been asked to supply details of the work carried out on the streets during the current year. It will be necessary to ask you to authorize an increase in the estimate for the current year in respect of the cost of maintaining Urban Roads to 31st March, 1947.

As regards Roads Improvement, proposals have been submitted to the Minister for Local Government for the laying of a concrete road at Browne's Hill, Bishopswater, the completion of an open space at Well Lane/Temperance Row and the provision of a children's Playground at Maudlintown.

The Estimate of Expenses under the Public Health Acts appears to be ample for the remainder of the Financial Year.

The Estimate under the head of Housing does not appear to have been sufficient. In fact the expenditure on the maintenance of Artizans's Dwellings for the 9 months to 31st December last amounted to more than the year's estimate. It will also be necessary to ask your authority to increase this Estimate for the current year.

The remaining items of the current year's estimate with the exception of the Waterworks appear to be sufficient to meet the expenditure for the remainder of the year.

The general cost of maintaining the Waterworks has been considerable more than the estimate due mainly to increased cost of materials and extra wages and overtime turning water on and off to feed various parts of the town at different hours. This increased expenditure will also require your authority.

The following is a comparative table of the estimated expenditure for the current and ensuing years.

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| SERVICE | ESTIMATE 1946/47. £ | ESTIMATE 1947/48. £ |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Roads Maintenance | 960 | 1000 |
| Roads Improvement (Grants) | 7000 | 7000 |
| <u>HEALTH:</u> | | |
| Burial Grounds | 532 | 565 |
| Domestic Scavenging | 930 | 1350 |
| Public Scavenging | 1100 | 1350 |
| Waterworks | 3394 | 4186 |
| Miscellaneous Health Services | 2923 | 3390 |
| <u>Housing of the Working Classes</u> | | |
| Housing | 12635 | 12845 |
| Small Dwellings Acts | 590 | 580 |
| General Urban Purposes (including County Council Services) | 25744 | 25502 |
| Materials, Machy. & Stores | 250 | 300 |

ROADS.

The amount estimated for the maintenance of roads, streets and footpaths for the coming year is £1,000 as against £960 for the current year - an increase of £40. The sum allowed for general maintenance has been increased from £350 to £600 and is due entirely to increased wages and cost of materials. Similarly salaries are increased by £80, while Loan Charges have been removed entirely due to all road loans having been paid off, making a reduction of £240. Contingencies under this head have been reduced from £150 to £100, but this reduction has been added to GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES. As previously stated the Borough Surveyor has been asked to prepare details of the work carried out on Urban Roads during the current year and he will be present at the Estimates Meeting to give these particulars if desired.

The amount allowed for Special Grant Works (Employment Schemes) has been retained at the same figure of £7,000.

The Heading "Health" covers such sub-heads as Burial Grounds, Domestic and Public Scavenging, Waterworks and Miscellaneous Public Health Services.

There is little change in the estimate for the maintenance of Burial Grounds, the small increase of £32 being due to increased provision for the general maintenance of St. Ibar's Cemetery. While provision has been made for increased wages for the Cemetery Staff the actual sum required is less due to slight overestimation of bonus and cost of opening graves in the current year. The same amount - £50 - has been included for the maintenance of the intra-mural graveyards.

As agreed to by the General Purposes Committee the question of providing for the concreting of the walks at St. Ibar's and other improvements has been deferred pending the preparation of a comprehensive scheme for the extension of the Cemetery. As already promised a preliminary report of the need for this will be submitted to you in May next.

The estimated expenditure on Domestic Scavenging shows an increase of £420 due to estimated wages increases and to the fact that it is now necessary to put an extra carter and labourer on this work for at least one day each week, as well as increased cost of equipment.

For the sum spent on domestic scavenging an average of 400 dustbins are emptied daily and taking 300 working days in a year this represents the emptying of 120,000 bins per year at an average cost of 2.7 pence per bin.

The estimate for Public Scavenging also shows an increase of £250 due to increased cost of equipment and wages of workmen. For the sum spent on public scavenging 13 miles of roads are cleansed practically every day and represents an approximate cost of £104 per mile per annum or just under 7/- per mile per day.

Efforts were again made during the current year to procure an electric scavenging vehicle but without success. Negotiations are still proceeding and any result will be reported to you.

The Waterworks estimate shows an increase of £792 and is attributable to Loan Charges £465, Wages £177 and General Maintenance £200. The wages increase of £177 merely represents the increases estimated for the staff permanently engaged on the Waterworks and does not provide for additional labour for emergency work. This (if any)

must come from the sum allowed for General Maintenance. During the year tenders were invited for the laying of a new trunk main from Coolree to Wexford and the tender of the South of Ireland Asphalt Co. accepted. Immediately this tender was approved, by the Minister for Local Government the Consulting Engineers and the Contractors were notified and the preparation of the necessary legal contract is now being negotiated between the Company's Solicitor and the Corporation Solicitor. The failure during the year of the existing Trunk Main to deliver sufficient water to operate the Booster and to supply the levels fed by gravitation which failure was aggravated by the severe winter frosts has been a source of considerable trouble not only to the Corporation but to me as County Manager and your Officials. As a result of this a system of zoning the water was adopted during the year by means of which certain areas were deprived of water while other areas were being fed. Even this did not surmount all our difficulties as it was still found impossible to feed certain levels, and recourse had to be made in certain cases to pumping in order to keep certain industries and places of large population, such as Schools, &c. supplied.

Under the sub-head "Other Health Services" Loan Charges in respect of sewers are down by £40; maintenance of sewers is increased by £150, partly due to wage increases and partly due to the fact that the sums previously estimated were insufficient for this work. Food and Drugs expenses are up by £25, while an extra £50 has been included for the feeding of necessitous school children and £15 for milk under the Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme as it is expected that the price of milk will increase during the ensuing year. Salaries are increased by £147 and an extra £20 has been allowed to meet the cost of Wages at the Bathing Place. The sum allowed for Milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme has been increased by £150 to £1,000 but this will be recouped by the Central Government.

Housing Charges are up in the aggregate by £160. Loan Charges are reduced by £265, but maintenance of Corporation houses is increased by £300 due to wages increases and under-estimation in previous years. Collectors' Commission is increased by £100 and

insurances are up by £25.

There is no change in the Estimate for the operation of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Tenders have been accepted and approved for the erection of 16 Houses at Slippery Green. The necessary building permit has been received and as soon as cement is available work will commence.

Tenders have also been invited for the erection of a further 74 houses at Slippery Green and as soon as these are under way, sites for the erection of further dwellings will be examined.

The heading "General Urban Purposes" contains items which in previous years were included under other heads, notably the County Council Demand which was formerly collected in the Poor Rate.

The County Council Demand for the coming year is £11,088 as against £11,881 for the current year. This reduction is, however, due to the County Council having placed in suspense the balances in favour and against the Urban Districts in the County. The net balance against the Borough of Wexford at 31st March, 1946, (after the adjustment of the County Council Accounts for 1945/46) was £4765, portion of which should have been included in this Estimate if the Council had not decided to place it in suspense. The Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts has been reduced by £50 due to certain adjustments in the valuations chargeable to this rate. The sum of £550 previously estimated as "Other Expenses in connection with the Poor Rate" (Commission advertising, legal expenses and preparation of the Rate Books) have been embodied in the general estimates for these services.

The contribution to the Irish Tourist Association at £20 remains the same as in previous years. The Demand of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee shows an increase of £16 and the amount allowed for superannuation of a former official of this Committee is increased by £23 due to an increase in the cost of living bonus. Loan Charges in connection with preliminary expenses of proposed new Town Hall are reduced by £120 and will be wiped out during the coming year. Provision is made for the laying of a new floor in the Town Hall at a cost of £300 and the maintenance of Corporate Property is up by £25

due to wages increases.

The cost of maintaining the Fire Brigade shows a slight increase of £20. Loan Charges are down by £110, while the Firemen's remuneration is increased by £100 and general Maintenance by £30.

Air Raid Precautions is down by £125 due to a reduction in Loan Charges.

In the current year a sum of £360 was included to meet the contribution made last year to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, but as there is no Statutory Authority for a similar contribution in the current year it is not necessary to provide for it in the coming year's Estimate. Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance show a slight increase of £25 due to estimated increases in rates and insurances. Salaries under this head show an estimated increase of £875 due to proposed increases with effect as from 1st January last. It also includes the sum formerly included in the Poor Rate as Collector's commission.

Printing and advertising is increased by the sum of £50 which was formerly included in the Poor Rate Estimate.

The Public Lighting estimate is increased by £10 and is due to under-estimation in the current year and you will remember that it was necessary to seek your authority to increase the sum allowed for this service early in this financial year. The Estimates for Fuel and Light, Office Equipment, Allotments and Cheap Fuel Schemes remain the same, but the estimate for telephone service has been increased by £12 to provide for the installation of a telephone in the Central Stores Depot. Law Costs and the Preparation of the Rate Books have been increased by the sums formerly included in the Poor Rate and the other miscellaneous items remain the same as in the current year.

Contingencies under this Head have been increased by £50 which was formerly included under Roads in the Rate in Lieu of County Cess.

The following are the details of the Estimate.

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

DETAILS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31ST MARCH, 1948.

ORDINARY ROAD WORK.

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| General Maintenance of Roads, Streets, &c. | | | £600. | 0. | 0. |
| Borough Surveyor's Salary (Moiety & increase) | | | 300. | 0. | 0. |
| Emergency Bonus on above salary | ... | | --- | | |
| Contingencies | ... | ... | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| Loan Charges | ... | ... | --- | | |
| | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | £1000. | 0. | 0 |

SPECIAL GRANT WORKS

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Employment Schemes | .. | .. | £ 7000. | 0. | 0. |
| | : | ... | | | |

H E A L T H .

(A) BURIAL GROUNDS.

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Wages of Caretaker | ... | ... | 165. | 0. | 0. |
| Wages of Gravedigger | ... | ... | 150. | 0. | 0. |
| Emergency Bonus on above two | | ... | --- | | |
| Grave openings (Assistant Gravedigger) | ... | | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| General Maintenance (St. Ibar's) | | ... | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| General Maintenance (Intra Mural Graveyards) | | | 50. | 0. | 0. |
| Proposed concreting of walks and other alterations at St. Ibar's Cemetery | ... | ... | --- | | |
| | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | £565. | 0. | 0. |

(B) DOMESTIC SCAVENGING.

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| Wages of Workmen | ... | ... | 1200. | 0. | 0. |
| Equipment | ... | ... | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| Other expenses | ... | ... | 25. | 0. | 0. |
| Workmen's boots, &c. | | ... | 25. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | £1350. | 0. | 0. |

(C) PUBLIC SCAVENGING.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Wages of Workmen | ... | ... | £1200. | 0. | 0. |
| Equipment | ... | ... | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| Boots &c. for workmen | ... | ... | 25. | 0. | 0. |
| Other Expenses | ... | ... | 25. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£1350.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

(D) WATERWORKS.

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Loan Charges | ... | ... | 2995. | 0. | 0. |
| Wages of Caretaker (Coolree) | | ... | 208. | 0. | 0. |
| Wages of Caretaker (Edenvale) | | ... | 104. | 0. | 0. |
| Wages of Turncock | ... | ... | 350. | 0. | 0. |
| Right-of-way John Street Reservoir | | | 4. | 0. | 0. |
| General Maintenance | ... | ... | 575. | 0. | 0. |
| Water Analysis | ... | ... | 10. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£4236.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

(E) OTHER HEALTH SERVICES.

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Loan Charges (Sewers) | ... | ... | 370. | 0. | 0. |
| Maintenance of Sewers | ... | ... | 400. | 0. | 0. |
| Food & Drugs Acts Expenses | ... | ... | 75. | 0. | 0. |
| Notification & Prevention of Disease | ... | ... | 50. | 0. | 0. |
| Diphtheria Immunisation | ... | ... | 50. | 0. | 0. |
| School Meals | ... | ... | 350. | 0. | 0. |
| National Free Milk Supply Scheme | | | 1000. | 0. | 0. |
| Child Welfare (Milk & Dressings) £200 & £20 | | | 220. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£2515.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

OTHER HEALTH SERVICES (CONTD.)

SALARIES

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Executive Sanitary Officer | ... | ... | 30. | 0. | 0. |
| Sanitary Inspector | ... | ... | 270. | 0. | 0. |
| Health Visitor | ... | ... | 300. | 0. | 0. |
| Veterinary Inspector | ... | ... | 150. | 0. | 0. |
| Medical Officers of Health | ... | ... | 75. | 0. | 0. |
| Bathing Place (Wages & Repairs) | ... | ... | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£ 925.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

H O U S I N G

(A) HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Loan Charges | ... | ... | £10790. | 0. | 0. |
| Maintenance & Repair of Houses | | ... | 1300. | 0. | 0. |
| Ground Rents | ... | ... | 30. | 0. | 0. |
| Rent Collectors' Commission | | ... | 550. | 0. | 0. |
| Insurances | ... | ... | 175. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£12845.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

(B) SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS.

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------|-----|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Loan Charges | | ... | <u>580.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |
|--------------|------|-----|-------------|-----------|-----------|

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Main Roads | ... | ... | £1086. | 0. | 0. |
| Public Assistance | ... | ... | 5114. | 0. | 0. |
| Mental Hospital | ... | ... | 1567. | 0. | 0. |
| Health (County) | | ... | 490. | 0. | 0. |
| General Charges | | ... | <u>2831.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |
| | | | £11088. | 0. | 0. |

Separate Charges

Arrears of County Council Demand (Portion)

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|------|----|----|
| Contb. under Unemployment Assistance Acts. | | | 800. | 0. | 0. |
|--|--|--|------|----|----|

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Former Collector of Poor Rate) | | | | | |
| Legal Expenses (Poor Rate) | | | | | |
| Advertising do. | | | | | |
| Rate Books & preparation | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

} NOW EMBODIED IN
} GENERAL URBAN
} EXES.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--|-----|----|----|
| Tourist Development | | | 20. | 0. | 0. |
|---------------------|--|--|-----|----|----|

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Loan Charges | | | | | |
| Demand of Committee | | | | | |
| Superannuation | ... | ... | 1369. | 0. | 0. |
| Loan Charges (Proposed new Town Hall) | | ... | 280. | 0. | 0. |
| New Floor & Alterations to Town Hall | | ... | 300. | 0. | 0. |
| Maintenance of Corporate Property | | | 75. | 0. | 0. |
| Performing Rights Society | | ... | 5. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | <u>£2849.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Fd. £2849. 0. 0.

FIRE BRIGADE:

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-------|----|----|
| Loan Charges |) | | | |
| General Maintenance |) | | | |
| Firemens' Remuneration |) | | | |
| Miscellaneous Fire Brigade Expenses) | ... | £380. | 0. | 0. |
| Air Raid Precautions (Loan Charges) | ... | 250. | 0. | 0. |
| Air Raid Precautions (Miscellaneous) | | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| Contb. to Wexford Harbour Commissioners | | Nil | | |

RENTS, RATES, TAXES & INSURANCE:

| | | | | |
|---|-----|------|----|----|
| Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe | ... | 10. | 0. | 0. |
| Market (£50) Town Hall (£14) Store (£100) | | 164. | 0. | 0. |
| Rates Cemotery | ... | 6. | 0. | 0. |
| Rates Waterworks | ... | 10. | 0. | 0. |
| Miscellaneous Insurances | ... | 450. | 0. | 0. |

SALARIES:

| | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|----|----|
| The Mayor | | | | |
| Town Clerk | | | | |
| Boro' Surveyor (Moiety) | | | | |
| Clerical Assistant | | | | |
| Clerical Assistant | | | | |
| Typist | | | | |
| Rate Collector | | | | |
| Ditto (Formerly Poor Rate) | | | | |
| Town Sergeant | | | | |
| Office Cleaner | | | | |
| Rent Collector Corp. Estate | | 2980. | 0. | 0. |
| Printing & Advertising) | | | | |
| Do. Formerly Poor Rate) | ... | 450. | 0. | 0. |
| Office Equipment | ... | 65. | 0. | 0. |
| Public Lighting | | 850. | 0. | 0. |
| Telephone Service | | 120. | 0. | 0. |
| Fuel & Light | | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| Allotments | | 450. | 0. | 0. |
| Cheap Fuel Schemes | | 4500. | 0. | 0. |
| Rate Books (preparation) | | | | |
| Ditto (Formerly Poor Rate) | ... | 60. | 0. | 0. |
| Law Costs (and Portion of former Poor Rate) | | 150. | 0. | 0. |
| Interest | | 150. | 0. | 0. |
| Travelling Expenses | ... | 30. | 0. | 0. |

£ 11275. 0. 0.

£ 11275. 0. 0.

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Uniform & Boots for Town Sergeant | 15. | 0. | 0. |
| Audit Fee | 20. | 0. | . |
| Association of Municipal Authorities ... | 5. | 0. | 0. |
| Rate Receipt Stamps | 20. | 0. | 0. |
| Postage | 30. | 0. | 0. |
| Contingencies | <u>150.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |
| Total for General Urban Purposes.... | £ 25452. | 0. | 0. |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

ESTIMATE
1947/48.

ESTIMATE
1946/47.

| | <u>£</u> <u>GRANTS.</u> | <u>£</u> <u>OTHER.</u> | <u>£</u> <u>TOTALS.</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROADS (EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES) | 6500 | | 6500 |
| CEMETERY | | 300 | 300 |
| SCAVENGING MAIN ROADS | | 150 | 150 |
| SCHOOL MEALS | 175 | | 175 |
| FREE MILK | 950 | | 950 |
| CHILD WELFARE (MILK) | 105 | | 105 |
| DITTO (HEALTH VISITOR'S SALARY) | 150 | | 150 |
| WATERWORKS | | 900 | 900 |
| HOUSING SUBSIDY (ACT OF 1932) | 4200 | | 4200 |
| HOUSING GRANT (ACT OF 1908) | 40 | | 40 |
| RENTS OF HOUSES | | 5450 | 5450 |
| SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS | | 628 | 628 |
| VOCATIONAL EDUCATION | 258 | | 258 |
| FIRE BRIGADE (COUNTY COUNCIL) | | 50 | 50 |
| AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS | 50 | | 50 |
| ALLOTMENTS | 450 | | 450 |
| CHEAP FUEL SCHEMES | 4400 | | 4400 |
| TOWN CLERK (FRANCHISE & C. FEES) | | 80 | 80 |
| GOVERNMENT RATES | 350 | | 350 |
| CORPORATE ESTATE | | 200 | 200 |
| MARKET RENTS & TOLLS | | 100 | 100 |
| TOWN HALL | | 150 | 150 |
| TOTALS | 17628 | 8008 | 25636 |

From the foregoing Statement of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts you will observe that the total estimated expenditure is £58,118 as against £55,930 for the current year - an increase of £2,188. The receipts are estimated at £25,636 as against £24,818 - an increase of £818, leaving the net increase to be met by means of the Municipal Rate £1,370. The net total to be raised, therefore, is £32,482 and a rate of 29/6d in the pound will produce £32,450. This rate is an increase of 10d. in the £ on the combined Rates for 1946/47.

In the present estimate provision is made for increases in the officers and employees salaries which is being granted throughout the country. Officers are still on the 1939 salaries, and provision is now made to grant them an increase of 50% on the 1939 salaries. Employees wages have been increased in accordance with the general increase applicable to each class.

In conclusion, may I once again point out that during the coming year the difficulties of public bodies are not likely to diminish and no work not included in this estimate can be carried out without impairing the financial arrangements now proposed.

Finally I should like to acknowledge the co-operation I have received from the Corporation during the current year in the administration of the affairs of the Borough.

Mise, le meas,

Tomas D. O'Sionoid,

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WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR THE
LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1948.

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE.

| S E R V I C E. | PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE | AMOUNT | | ESTIMATED. |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| | | ESTIMATED BY | | ADOPTED BY |
| | | MANAGER. | | COUNCIL. |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | |
| | | £ | Y | £ |
| URBAN ROADS | Ordinary Road Works | 1,000 | | 1000 |
| | Special Grant Works | 7,000 | | 7000 |
| TOTAL | | 8,000 | | 8000 |
| H E A L T H | Health | 10,941 | | 10,941 |
| H O U S I N G | H ousing of the Working Classe s | 12,845 | | 12,845 |
| | Smallm Dwe llings | | | 580 |
| | Acquisition Acts | 580 | | |
| TOTAL | | 13,425 | | 13,425 |
| G E N E R A L U R B A N P U R P O S E S. | | | | |
| County Council Services | Main Roads | 1,086 | | 11,088 |
| | Public Assistance | 5,114 | | |
| | Mental H ospital | 1,567 | | |
| | Health (County) | 490 | | |
| | General Purposes | 2,831 | | |
| U N E M P L O Y M E N T A S S I S T A N C E. | Unemployment Assistance | 800 | | 800 |
| O T H E R U R B A N P U R P O S E S | Tourist Development | 20 | | 20 |
| | Vocational Education | 1369 | | 1369 |
| | Other Purposes | 12,175 | | 12175 |
| | Materials Machinery and Stores | 300 | | 300 |
| TOTAL | | 25,752 | | 25752 |

TABLE B.
RECEIPTS.

| S E R V I C E. (1) | Nature of Receipts.. (2) | AMOUNT ESTIMATED. | |
|----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | ESTIMATED | ADOPTED |
| | | BY MANAGER. (3) £ | BY COUNCIL. (4) £ |
| URBAN ROADS | State Grants: Employment Schemes | 6,500 | 6500 |
| HEALTH. | State Grants: School Meals Free Milk Child Welfare Waterworks Burial Ground Fees Cleansing Main Roads | 175 950 255 900 300 150 | |
| TOTAL | | 2,730 | 2730 |
| HOUSING | Housing of the Working Classes: Rents Subsidy under Act of 1932 Grant under Act of 1908 Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts | 5,450 4,200 40 628 | |
| TOTAL | | 10,318 | 10,318 |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES. | State Grants: Vocational Education Air Raid Precautions Allotments Cheap Fuel Schemes Bounty in lieu of Rates Other Receipts: Fire Brigade Fees from Town Clerk Corporate Estate Markets T own Hall | 258 50 450 4,400 350 50 80 200 100 150 | |
| TOT AL | | 6,088 | 6088 |

1st April, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 8.30 p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland and Thomas Roche.

The Mayor intimated that he had convened the present meeting at the request of several members owing to Friday next being Good Friday and the following Monday Easter Monday on which days it would not be possible to hold meetings.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the employment of the gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk explained that he had been informed by the Caretaker that Martin Kehoe ~~had~~ became ill while closing a grave recently. He (T. Clerk) with the approval of the County Manager had authorised the Caretaker to appoint the assistant gravedigger as Gravedigger temporarily and to employ a person to assist him. He did not think that the Caretaker had done anything in this connection which could be regarded as exceeding his duties.

This matter gave rise to considerable discussion and eventually it was agreed that the Town Clerk should interview the Caretaker and Martin Kehoe, Gravedigger, and ascertain the true position, as it was stated that the Caretaker had dismissed Kehoe without any reference to the County Manager or any Executive Officer of the Corporation.

Alderman Hadden gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation that the County Manager be requested to consult with the Corporation before giving permission for the erection of new buildings or the alteration of existing buildings under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the conversion and repair of existing dwellings, it was decided to instruct the Borough Surveyor to examine the following houses as suggested by the members:-

Alderman Hadden: House at Gibson Street (condemned) formerly occupied by McEvoy and the adjoining house, occupied by the owner named Scallan.

Mayor: Two houses at Abbey Street occupied by Murphy and Sinnott. Two houses at Faythe formerly occupied by Miss Fanning and Miss Meyler.

Councillor Byrne: Two houses at Maudlintown occupied by Patrick Cullen and James McGuire. Five houses at Fisher's Row occupied by O'Brien, Murphy, Kavanagh, Bolger (South side) and Murphy (North side). Five houses at Grogan's Road occupied by Doyle, Kehoe, Hayes, Morris and Leader.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Ald. Hadden to ask the Town Planning Adviser for his proposals for dealing with Cornmarket and Redmond Place.

1st April, 1947.

A question was asked by Councillor Morris as to when it was proposed to provide turf boxes for the O'Connell Avenue houses and the Town Clerk replied that they would possibly be provided out of the current year's allocation for the repair of Artisans' Dwellings.

The Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the owners of the houses at Clifford Street and Trinity Street regarding the provision of water closets.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to request the M.O.H. to report on the sanitary condition of houses at William Street occupied by Higginbotham, Cahill and Cleary.

The Town Clerk undertook to again communicate with the Electricity Supply Board regarding a nuisance at St. John's Road transformer station.

The Town Clerk was asked to see the County Engineer regarding repairs to the Main Road at John Street.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to carry out repairs to the following houses:- Larkin's, Grattan Terrace, O'Leary's and Devereux's, Carrigeen Street, Moore's, 14, Gulbar Road and Boyle's, William Street.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to report on the condition of the Foundry Lahe and on dumping at Emmet Place.

It was agreed that the April Statutory Meeting should be held on the second Monday in April at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

11th April, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee to deal with Housing was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30. p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

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

A number of Old Age Pension Claims were dealt with and the decision of these will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the condition of 18 houses in various parts of the Town, the Borough Surveyor submitted a lengthy report on the condition of these houses pointing out that in his opinion it would be absolutely uneconomic to acquire and repair them. A number of members took a strong objection to the general terms of the Borough Surveyor's report, and after a very lengthy discussion the following proposition was made on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Borough Surveyor be asked for a detailed report on each house with an estimate of the cost of making them fit for human habitation. Councillor Morris complained of the condition of some of the Corporation houses and suggested that the Borough Surveyor would be much better employed in inspecting the Corporation property street by street and having necessary repairs carried out.

It was eventually decided that the members of the committee meet the Borough Surveyor on Friday next the 18th instant at 7 p.m. to inspect houses at Abbey Street and Grogan's Road, and in the meantime the **Borough Surveyor was to have detailed reports on the cost of making these houses fit for human habitation**

Alderman Corish complained that the man at present employed sweeping the Main Street on Saturday nights was employed full time by the Corporation, and he suggested that an unemployed man should be engaged for this work, but it was decided to leave this matter over to the next meeting when the County Manager would be in attendance.

It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for his views as to what could be done with the derelict site at Fisher's Row, on which the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Carroll stood, and to serve a notice on the owner requiring the site to be cleared within a reasonable time.

The attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to the condition of the water channel near the A.R.P. Shelter at King Street where stagnant water was at present accumulating.

The meeting then terminated.

14th April, 1947.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m.

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: H adden, Corish, Moran.

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

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes of the Corporation on 3rd March; General Purposes Committee on 10th, 21st, 24th March and 1st April, 1947, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members with the Agenda, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne referred to the condition of Artisans' Dwellings and thought that regular inspection should be made, and suggested that a Housing Inspector should be appointed. The Town Clerk intimated that regular reports were being made by the Sanitary Inspector and produced a number of them which had been under consideration by the County Manager that day. He also stated that these reports of the Sanitary Inspector were referred to the Borough Surveyor from time to time to take any action necessary regarding repairs.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to consult with the Corporation before giving permission for the erection of new buildings or the alteration of existing buildings under the Town and Regional Planning Acts. Councillor Buckland seconded this motion. In this connection the Town Clerk read the provisions of the County Management Act, 1940, relating to the approval of plans and the County Manager intimated that if an application of sufficient importance came before him to be debatable he would bring it before the Corporation before granting the necessary permission.

In view of the County Manager's assurance Alderman Hadden withdrew his motion. Alderman Hadden also moved that the County Manager proceed with the development of the Batt Street area and Councillor Gaul seconded.

In moving the motion Dr. Hadden stated he merely required an assurance that this area would be developed without any unnecessary delay, but the County Manager intimated that having regard to prevailing conditions he could not give an unqualified assurance such as asked for by Alderman Hadden.

Councillor Byrne moved as an addendum that due consideration be given to the interest of a man named Doran, who had a shop in the Batt Street area, and Councillor Morris seconded this motion which Dr. Hadden agreed to accept as an addendum to his original motion, and it was adopted in that form.

DEPUTATION

A deputation was received from the Wexford Trades Council asking the Corporation to expedite the erection of the houses at Green Street, and to do all in their power to secure cement which was the main hold up. The deputation also asked the Corporation if tenders could not be received for the 74 houses that they be broken up into smaller lots so that several contractors would be in a position to tender, or as an alternative, to proceed to erect the houses by direct labour.

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14th April, 1947.

This matter was discussed by the Corporation after the deputation had left, and it was seen that the main hold up on this scheme was lack of cement, and it was decided that everything possible should be done to try and get cement for the erection of these houses.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that representations be made to Coras Iompair Eireann to establish a bus service between Waterford and Wexford, via New Ross, Taghmon, etc., leaving each end at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by a number of members and adopted. It was also agreed to request the Waterford and New Ross Urban Councils to co-operate with the Corporation in securing this service.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation insist that the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Officials make a determined effort to clean the Town by repairing the streets and footpaths and clearing all derelict sites. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion.

The County Manager once again made a comprehensive statement regarding the position of the acquisition of derelict sites in the Town, and as regards streets suggested that the Corporation General Purposes Committee should consider the whole question of the maintenance of streets, and it might be possible to come to an arrangement with the County Council for the maintenance of the streets in the Town at an agreed figure.

It was agreed that the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation consider this matter at their next meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that Alderman Moran be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Insurances.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, pointing out that Rev. G. J. Murphy, Adm., had resigned his membership of the Committee on his appointment as Parish Priest of Rathangan, so it was unanimously decided to co-opt Rev. P. Doyle, Adm., in place of Father Murphy on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

It was also agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne to congratulate Father Murphy on his appointment as Parish Priest, and Father Doyle on his appointment as Adm.

COAL

The Mayor moved that the Corporation request the Minister for Industry & Commerce to make an allocation of coal and coke to Wexford, and pointed out that as a result of the shortage of coke the principal industries of the Town (manufacturers of agricultural machinery) were at a standstill, and if possible, that any exportation should be made through the ports of Wexford or Rosslare. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by a number of members and agreed to. The Mayor also asked that Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to discharge some of their coal at Rosslare. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.

Councillor Byrne moved that the Government be asked to amend the Malicious Injury Code so as to prevent claims which could be met by Insurance Companies having to be borne by the ratepayers. Councillor Roche seconded this motion which was agreed to with Councillor Buckland dissenting, and it was further agreed to ask the T.D.'s for the County to take up this matter with the Government.

14th April, 1947.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Rate Collection for the year ended 31st March, 1947, showed a collection of 95.56%; 3.42% irrecoverable, making a total collection of 98.98, leaving to be carried forward into the Town Rate Warrant for 1947/48 1.02%. The Poor Rate Collection for the same period was 95.71, irrecoverable 3.29, making a total collection of 99.00, leaving 1% to be carried forward.

The members considered the collection an excellent one, and congratulated the two Rate Collectors.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

21st April, 1947.

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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden,

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

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

SYMPATHY

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. O'Loughlin, on the death of his mother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by a number of members and by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

HOUSES - CORNMARKE

The Mayor referred to a recent inspection made by some members of the Corporation on a house at Cornmarket. The members had been accompanied by the Borough Surveyor, and Mr. McNally stated in his opinion the roof of the house was hopeless and the roof of the adjoining house in a worse condition. The houses were in such a bad way that in his opinion it would be most unfair to expect the Corporation to repair them and let at a economic rent. Aldermen Hadden and Corish also referred to the condition of the house and Councillors Byrne and Roche on the cost of carrying out necessary repairs. The County Manager intimated that he was extremely interested in the proposal, and if it was at all possible to acquire houses that could be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable cost it would be well worth doing so. Eventually it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a report on the cost of repairing the two houses at Abbey Street. After a very lengthy discussion Councillor Buckland moved that the Committee record their approval of the principle which had been discussed, and Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move at next statutory meeting that the Government be called on to make money available at a low rate of interest for the repair of owner/occupied property.

STREETS

The next business was to consider the general condition of the streets of the Town, and a very lengthy discussion followed during which some members expressed their opposition to requesting the County Council to carry out the work, and it was eventually decided that the Borough Surveyor carry out ~~xxxx~~ all the repairs possible with the materials at his disposal during the current year.

Alderman Hadden referred to the proposed new sewer at John Street, and was informed that no sanction had yet been received to the carrying out of this work. It was decided to again request the Minister to sanction this proposal.

21st April, 1947.

Arising out of a query by members the Town Clerk explained how the recent increase of 1d and 2d had been made on Artisans' Dwellings owned by the Corporation as a result of the increase in Rates.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the lane leading to the Faythe quarry, and the Sanitary Inspector was to be asked for a report.

Councillor Byrne asked for a statement from the County Manager as to what the procedure was to call an ambulance at night, and the Manager set out the procedure and promised to investigate a complaint made by Councillor Byrne that a person had been refused an ambulance from the County Hospital during the previous week.

The meeting then terminated.

2nd May, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m.

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Edward Howlin, Thomas Roche and Thomas Byrne.

Complaint was made by Alderman Corish that certain plots allocated for allotments at the Christian Brothers field, Joseph Street, were not tilled, and the Town Clerk intimated that if it came to his notice that plots were not tilled he would re-allocate them to other persons.

HOUSES - ABBEY ST.

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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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Dr. George Hadden, and Robert Moran.

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

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following minutes were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor: Minutes of General Purposes Committee on 1st ultimo, 11th and 21st ultimo; meeting of the Corporation on 14th ultimo.

Councillor Byrne referred to the condition of the water channel at King Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with the County Engineer, who had replied that the matter was receiving attention, but it was decided to again communicate with him asking to have repairs carried out immediately.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to carry out immediate repairs to the footpath leading to the house at Saltee Avenue occupied by Doyle.

Councillor Morris gave notice of his intention to move at the next statutory meeting that the Minister for Local Government be requested to regard the two Rate Collectors employed by the Corporation as pensionable officers.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche moved the rescission of the Corporation deciding to hold weekly meetings of the General Purposes Committee. Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Gaul and Ald. Moran and opposed by Ald. Hadden, Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Buckland and the Mayor. On a poll being taken there were voted for a rescission: Councillors Gaul, Bierney, Morris, Roche and Ald. Moran. (5). Against the rescission Councillors Buckland, Byrne, Howlin, Ald. Hadden and the Mayor (5). The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote against the motion, for a rescission and it was declared lost.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of the Irish Labour Party to attend the Connolly Memorial Mass to be held in the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street, on the 11th instant, at 11 a.m.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Government be asked to make available at a low rate of interest money for the reconstruction and/or repair of houses occupied by owners. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Byrne also moved in accordance with notice given that C.I.E. be requested to restore the market train service between Waterford and Wexford, via Campile, on each Saturday. Alderman Hadden seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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RESOLUTION

Councillor Buckland moved the following resolution in accordance with notice given:

"That the Corporation take over property which is likely to become unfit for habitation owing to the landlord being unable or unwilling to keep in repair. If he is willing to sell that the purchase price be based on the profit rent derived from the house at present and not to exceed the number of years purchase for which the landlord is likely to receive rent.

That the house be put into a state of repair to make it habitable for 25 to 30 years.

That a loan be raised at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ for a period of 20 years to cover cost of purchase, transfer fees and repairs. Amount to be based on a sum which the profit rent would redeem in 20 years.

That a further loan be raised not to exceed the amount which 1 year rates paid on house would redeem in 20 years.

A house with a profit rent of 2/7d weekly would redeem a loan of £100 in 20 years.

The rates on a house of £3 valuation is £4. 8. 6., which sum would pay the annuity on £70 in 20 years. If the Corporation agreed to pay one-third of annuity and the State two-thirds, the cost would be £1. 9. 6. to Corporation and £2. 19. 0. to State over a period of 20 years, when the contribution would cease and the Corporation receive both rent and rates for the further life of the house."

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, but before discussing it the members thought it would be advisable to have it circulated amongst them for discussion at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hadden, the following resolution from the Ennis Urban District Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to have the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts amended so as to have the Market Value of houses built under the Act raised to £1,600 instead of £1,000, so that loans that will be of real assistance to people anxious to get houses may be issued to them.

That the present limit of £900 on such loans makes the whole Act ineffective and no suitable house can now be built for that sum."

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Hadden, the following resolution from the Tralee Urban Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That, in view of the heavy rate burden placed on Rating Authorities, especially the scheduled Urban Areas, by reason of the existing law which compels them to pay Retiring Allowances and Gratuities to Officers of Vocational Education Committees, subject to a recoupment of only 50% from the State, we call upon the Government to introduce amending legislation whereby the

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payment of these Gratuities (including Marriage Gratuities). and Retiring Allowances would become a full State liability, for the following reasons:-

- (a) We consider that Vocational Education Officers are as much State Officers as are Primary and other teachers whose Pensions are paid by the State.
- (b) Vocational Schools are serving the entire State to as great an extent as are other schools.
- (c) These Officers are virtually under the control of the Department of Education.
- (d) Even on the basis of the existing contribution from the Rating Authority, there is no justification for a 50% liability by the latter for these Pensions and Gratuities.
- (e) The large number of Retirals under the Vocational Education Amendment Act 1946 greatly aggravates the position, from the point of view of the Rating Authority, and necessitates immediate remedial action."

MUNICIPAL RATE

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1948, as agreed on on the 24th March last, and on the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That a Municipal Rate of 29/6d (Twenty-nine Shillings and sixpence) in the Pound be made on the nett assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Municipal 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, 1948, as considered and adopted on the 24th day of March last."

CONTRACT - WATERWORKS.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Contract and Bond between the South of Ireland Asphalt Company and the Corporation for the construction of a new trunk main, together with ancillary works from Coolree to Wexford was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TOWN HALL FLOOR

Councillor Morris referred to the construction of a new floor in the Town Hall, and asked in view of the fact that it was likely to be delayed that all persons who had the Hall booked should be warned forthwith and fresh allocations made in the order in which they were at present held.

Alderman Hadden drew attention to the condition of a wall at the old Tanning Factory in School Street, and asked for the Borough Surveyor to examine same.

The Mayor referred to a case where the Garda had issued summons against two children of 11 years of age for skipping on the streets, and whilst he did not wish to criticise the Garda in the administration of the law he thought that such prosecutions should not be brought in view of the absence of playing grounds for children.

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The County Manager pointed out that he had interviewed that day an Inspector of the Department of Local Government, who promised to issue early sanction to the proposals of the Corporation for this year's Relief Grants, which included the provision of a children's playing ground at Maudlintown.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of No. (2) and No. (4) Whiterock View.

The meeting then terminated.

12th May, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee to discuss Housing 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 Hadden.

Councillors Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne and Edward Howlin.

It was stated that the Borough Surveyor had made a general report that it would cost approximately £400 to make the houses at Abbey Street occupied by Sinnott and Murphy fit for human habitation. In addition to this the purchase price and law costs of approximately £60 had to be added, which would bring the cost of the houses to £460, and after allowing for repayment of a loan for 20 years of 1/3rd subsidy from the State, rates, rent collection and insurance it was seen that it would require 12/1d per week. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which Alderman Hadden moved that the Corporation be recommended to acquire these houses and the one adjoining. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this discussion it was suggested that the owner was anxious to dispose of the four houses in Abbey Street all adjoining, and it was agreed that the County Manager should open negotiations with regard to the purchase of two or four houses as he thought best.

Reference was made to the condition of the surface of Mann's Lane, South Main Street, and to the condition of a footpath at Saltee Avenue at the house occupied by Doyle, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to report on the condition of Mann's Lane and to carry out immediate repairs to the footpath.

The meeting then terminated.

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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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, and Thomas Buckland.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

WATERWORKS

Correspondence was read from the Consulting Engineer for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme regarding the proposed removal of the booster at Monument Cross to an overground position, and suggested that a conference should take place between them and the Local Authority before a final decision was taken in the matter, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Consulting Engineer be requested to visit Wexford to meet the Corporation on a date to be fixed by the Town Clerk after consultation with the Consulting Engineer and the Mayor.

A lengthy discussion took place on the motion tabled by Councillor Buckland on the 5th instant at the end of which it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Alderman Hadden, to recommend this resolution to the Corporation at their next meeting.

FIRE BRIGADE

Alderman Corish raised a question regarding the provision of baths, etc., for the members of the Fire Brigade, and the Town Clerk explained that the County Manager had agreed to the provision of a communal bath for the members, but was not prepared to increase their present remuneration or to make any alteration in the rent charged for their houses.

Arising out of this matter it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to provide a black French Police coat which was on sale in Wexford for the members of the Brigade and the scavenging staff.

TURF BOXES

Councillor Morris raised the question of the provision of turf boxes at O'Connell Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor guaranteed that they would be done before next winter.

Councillor Morris also raised the question of the provision of a wall at Clancy's, Maudlintown, and the Borough Surveyor also intimated that it would receive attention in due course.

Complaint was also made regarding flooding at Menapia Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor promised to give the matter his attention.

Complaint was also made regarding the Joseph Street sewer, and the Town Clerk explained to the meeting that the County Manager had arranged a conference in Dublin on the 20th instant between the Consulting Engineer and an Engineer of the Department of Local Government.

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The Town Clerk was asked to raise with the County Manager the question of the rate of wages paid to week-end watchmen.

Complaint was also made regarding the failure of the County Engineer to abate a nuisance to a water channel at King Street, and the Town Clerk intimated he was aware that the County Engineer had given instructions to his deputy to abate this nuisance, but it was unanimously agreed that notice be served on the County Engineer under the Public Health Acts requiring him to abate the nuisance immediately.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath leading to Doyle's, Saltee Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor promised to carry out temporary repairs immediately.

It was agreed to request the County Manager to provide waders for the use of the two gravediggers at St. Ibar's Cemetery.

Councillor Byrne asked the reason why the increase of wages granted some time ago by the County Manager to the officers and employees of the Corporation had not been paid, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received the sanction of the Minister to the Manager's proposal. So far as officers of the Corporation were concerned he was aware that no officer of an Urban District Council had yet received the proposed increase, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, to request the County Manager to ask the Department to sanction his proposals in this matter without further delay.

HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that instructions had been given to institute proceedings for failure to provide water closets in a number of houses at Clifford Street.

Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move at next statutory meeting that in view of the large amount of unemployment that the Minister for Local Government be asked to approve of the proposals made some years ago for the provision of a public park in Wexford.

Councillor Roche asked for a report to be obtained on the condition of the house at Roserock occupied by a man named Furlong, where there was no sanitary accommodation, and the necessary action taken.

Councillor Roche also raised a question on a pool of stagnant water at the premises of Messrs. Stafford, Upper John Street, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that the County Engineer was of opinion that this was the responsibility of the owner of the property, but it was decided to request the County Engineer to have the channel way cleared so as to allow a free discharge of water which was at present becoming stagnant.

Councillor Roche referred to the question of providing seats at John Street and requested the County Manager be asked to have them provided as soon as possible.

Alderman Hadden referred to a dangerous wall at School Street, and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to the matter.

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Councillor Byrne also referred to the condition of the front wall at Messrs. Walker's and Fortunes, North Main Street, and the matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor.

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was decided to write direct to the Department of Industry & Commerce for a permit to purchase sufficient cement to enable the 16 houses at Slippery Green to be proceeded with.

Complaint was also made regarding trespass on the Corporation property at Trinity Street, and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to this matter.

The meeting then terminated.

23rd May, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation (acting as an Old Age Pensions 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors Edward Howlin, Thomas Buckland, and James Gaul.

At the outset the Mayor referred to the tragic death which had occurred during the week to Mrs. Anne Pierse, wife of Dr. T. E. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, and proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to her husband and children in their sad bereavement. Councillor Buckland seconded this motion which was spoken to by all members present; by the County Manager, and Town Clerk on behalf of the staff. The motion was then adopted in respectful silence and the meeting was adjourned as a mark of respect to her memory.

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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)

Alderman: Dr. G. Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting) were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on 5th May; General Purposes Committee on 2nd, 12th, 19th and 23rd ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his uncle. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and adopted in respectful silence. The Town Clerk returned thanks for the vote of sympathy.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit copies of his previous reports on the condition of the annexes to the houses at Croke Avenue.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked what was the position regarding complaint of dumping at the Rock's Lane.

It was decided that Question Papers should be laid on the table for the use of the members at each meeting.

The Town Clerk was requested to ascertain the owners of the property adjoining Mann's Lane which he held was private property.

SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSES

A question was again raised regarding the supply of cement for the erection of houses at Slippery Green, and the Town Clerk intimated that neither he nor the Contractor had received the Priority Permit, and it was decided to protest against the delay and ask for the issue of a special Priority Permit immediately.

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding the proposed increase of wages to the officials and labourers and protested strongly against the delay in sanction being issued, but the Manager intimated he hoped that sanction would be received in a short time as sanction had already been received in New Ross and Enniscorthy.

Councillor Byrne also raised the question of the wages for week-end watchmen, and the Town Clerk intimated that a decision had been taken on this matter during the day, and the men would be paid the increased rate this week.

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RESOLUTION

The first business was a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee on the 19th May that a resolution re housing proposed by Councillor Buckland on the 5th instant be adopted. The complete resolution by Councillor Buckland is embodied in the Minutes of the 5th ultimo. Councillor Buckland formerly moved the adoption of this resolution by the Corporation, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously agreed to.

It was further decided that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, to each Municipal Authority in Eire, to the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford, and to the Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for inclusion on the Agenda for the Annual Conference of the Association.

PUBLIC PARK.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation call on the Minister for Local Government to approve of the proposal to establish a Public Park at Wexford having regard to the large amount of unemployment at present existing. The Mayor seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris asked the County Manager to state the amount of the recent Unemployment Relief Grant; the amount of Rate contribution; the work to which it was being devoted; and what steps were being taken to expedite the provision of sewerage for John Street, and the obtaining of a Grant for the concreting of this street. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the amount of Grant recently allocated was £1,827, and the local contribution £261, making the total amount of the work to be carried out £2,088. The work being done by means of the Grant was the provision of an open space at Temperance Row, the provision of a children's playground at Maudlintown, and the clearance of a derelict site at Cornmarket. As regards the proposed new sewer at John Street the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had recently arranged a conference between the Consulting Engineer and an Engineer of the Department of Local Government as a result of which the quantities were being taken out for this work. The Town Clerk also intimated that the materials were on order for the proposed new sewer at Joseph Street, and that work would be commenced in the course of a day or so. In connection with the provision of an open space at Temperance Row it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne (1) that the Corporation approve of the provision of a public lavatory at an approximate cost of £800; that they approve of the acquisition of a triangular piece of ground from Mr. Joseph Redmond at an approximate cost of £30.

Councillor Byrne asked the number of men employed on Relief Grant work and the Town Clerk intimated that he could not answer such a question off hand without notice. The Councillor then asked what method was used in employing these men, and the Town Clerk intimated he understood that the lists were supplied by the Labour Exchange to the Borough Surveyor, but as Councillor Byrne stated he had received complaints that preferential treatment was being given to certain men it was decided to have a report from the Borough Surveyor for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris asked the County Manager to state what increase was proposed for the Rate Collectors; if this increase was comparable with increases proposed for Corporation employees; and what steps were being taken to ensure that these officers were given pensionable status. The Town Clerk in reply stated it was proposed to increase the Rate Collectors' remuneration for the year 1946/47 by 33 1/3rd %, and that this increase was comparable with the increase granted to Corporation employees. As regards their

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pensionable status he reminded the members that some years ago the Corporation had asked to have the Rate Collectors made permanent and pensionable. This request had already been made by the County Manager recently, and the reply from the Minister on both occasions had been that he could not agree that there was sufficient work for two men working full time collecting the rates in Wexford, and that he would only be prepared to regard the post as pensionable if all the rates were collected by one person.

Alderman Corish raised the question of the remuneration of the Rent Collectors, and the Town Clerk gave particulars of the commission they were receiving.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation call on Fuel Importers to make immediate provision for storage of turf in sufficient supplies for the coming winter. Councillor Morris seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to, with an addition that the Government be asked to permit Merchants to buy turf direct from the bogs.

CENTRAL DISPENSARY

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that we request the Wexford County Council to take such steps as are necessary to expedite the provision of a Central Dispensary at Wexford. The Co. Manager intimated that he had already received a communication from the Minister for Health that this proposal should be deferred until the general policy of the Ministry regarding medical services was made known. Accordingly the motion was adjourned, but a number of members complained about the condition of the present dispensary at Wexford.

FLOORING

The next business was a motion by Alderman Corish request the County Manager to do his utmost to obtain the timber necessary to complete the floor in the Town Hall at once. Ald. Corish stated that he had consulted with the Borough Surveyor this afternoon and was satisfied from the representations given him by the Borough Surveyor that everything possible was being done to procure this timber, and accordingly he wished to withdraw the motion. The Manager, however, intimated that he had given instructions to the Borough Surveyor to submit a comprehensive report for the information of the Corporation at the present meeting, and he had a strong objection to the Borough Surveyor making a report to an individual member, and he intended to take steps to ensure that this would not occur again.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that in view of the activities in the Cornmarket area that the Town Planning Advisor be requested as a matter of urgency to provide a comprehensive plan for the area. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, which was agreed on with Councillor Byrne dissenting on the grounds of cost.

In reply to a question by Alderman Hadden the County Manager stated that no further progress had been made regarding the provision of a swimming pool, and the Alderman asked the Manager to expedite the matter.

Alderman Hadden also asked the Manager if he was satisfied that the plans for the playing ground at Maudlintown were such as would be approved by the Civics Institute of Ireland, and the Manager replied that the plans were not yet in such a state as would enable him to make a decision on this matter, but he would submit them to the Corporation in the course of a week or so.

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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 to obtain overdraft accommodation on the Municipal Account of the Corporation in the sum of £8,500 up to the 30th September next.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report on the condition of the floors of the house at Hill Street, occupied by Comerford.

GARAGE

The County Manager intimated to the meeting that a plan for a proposed garage at Redmond Road had been received from Mr. P. Meyer. He had referred this plan to the Town Planning Adviser, who now requested to be informed to what use it was proposed to put the site adjoining the proposed garage, which was originally intended for a Town Hall. He was not in favour of a garage on this site and felt that it should be reserved for a building of importance to mark the entrance to the Town. The Manager intimated that subject to the plans being approved by the Corporation he was prepared to approve of the erection of a garage on this site, but with the condition that a certain portion of it be made available for widening the corner there which would provide an excellent square at the entrance to the Town, and suggested that the remainder of the Town Hall site after the widening had taken place be disposed of by the Corporation, as in his opinion it was not suitable as a centre for civic administration. The Mayor pointed out that this matter had come before the members without any notice and he felt it should be adjourned to enable them to consider it, but Councillors Byrne and Morris strenuously objected and wanted an immediate decision, but it was eventually decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Haddon, to request Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, to meet the Corporation on Friday next at 8.30 p.m. The Manager also reported that the Town Planning Adviser had refused to approve of the plan for a house at Batt Street for Mr. Lett, and it was also decided to adjourn this matter until Mr. Donnelly was available at the Corporation meeting on Friday night.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Special 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. to consult with the Consulting Engineer for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme and Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser.

The members present being:

Aldermen: Dr. G. Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors Howlin, Bierney, Gaul, Morris, Buckland and Roche.

Mr. Maconchy of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, and Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, the County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was agreed that Councillor Gaul take the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

At the outset Mr. Maconchy reviewed the position of the waterworks scheme with special reference to the various failures of the booster plant and to the proposal to remove the booster from an underground to an overground position. Once again Mr. Maconchy pointed out that until the new main was laid from Coolree to Wexford it would not be possible to have a satisfactory supply in the Town, and reviewed the alternative of moving the booster to an overground position to prevent it being covered with water from time to time. The main reason given for the proposal to remove the booster was its present in-accessibility and pointed out that if the booster was removed to an overground position it would ~~xxxxx~~ be quite easy to examine, adjust and repair it if anything went wrong.

He also detailed the correspondence he had had with the manufacturers of the booster regarding its replacement and suggested that it might be as well if the Corporation brought pressure to bear on this firm with a view to having them exchange the booster for a more reliable one. It was pointed out to Mr. Maconchy, however, that the Corporation were not concerned with the Manufacturers as the Manufacturers were merely sub-Contractors for Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, who had carried out the Improvement Scheme, and consequently they could not interfere in the matter.

At the end of the discussion the County Manager stated he thought the Corporation wanted, firstly, a recommendation from their technical advisers as to how under present conditions water could best be given to every area in the Town; and secondly, as to what steps had yet to be taken to ensure that the water would be given to every area of the Town for every hour of the 24. In reply Mr. Maconchy stated that at the present time and under present conditions it would not be possible to serve the Town. Secondly, until the new 12" main was installed and the booster put into proper working order it was impossible to serve the Town at all times every 24 hours.

The meeting then proceeded to consult with Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, without coming to any decision as to the advisability or otherwise of removing the booster from its present position.

A lengthy discussion took place with Mr. Donnelly regarding the advisability of permitting a garage to be erected at Redmond Road.

In this connection Mr. Donnelly asked what were the views of the Corporation on the site adjoining the proposed garage which had been reserved in the Town Plan for the erection of a Town Hall.

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The County Manager intimated that in his opinion the Town Hall site should be disposed of and the corner removed with a view to opening up the Redmond Square, and eventually it was decided that Mr. Millar, Architect for Mr. Meyler, and Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, should consult on a design for the proposed garage which would be acceptable to Mr. Meyler and to the Town Planning Adviser.

Mr. Donnelly raised strong objection to permission being granted to Mr. Lett for the erection of a house at Batt Street which would mean scrapping the entire plan proposed for that area, and it was decided that Mr. Lett should be approached to see if it was possible to make the house conform with the Town Plan.

In reply to Alderman Hadden Mr. Donnelly stated that he had consulted with the Town Clerk regarding the development of the Cornmarket area and would forward his views in the form of a plan at an early date.

The meeting then terminated.

9th June, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee specially convened to consider Housing 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:-

Aldermen Dr. G. Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors James Gaul, Thomas Roche, Mevin Morris, Thomas Byrne,
Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Councillor Gaul was moved to the Chair.

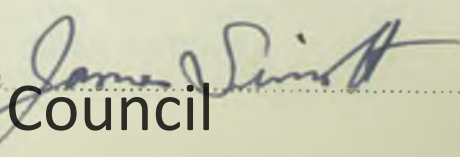
In reply to a query the Chairman stated that the meeting had been specially convened by the Town Clerk for the consideration of housing questions only and that members took strong objection to this and held they were entitled to raise any question, but the Town Clerk intimated that the meeting of the General Purposes Committee for general business was due to be held on the third monday of each month and the intervening meetings were specially convened to consider housing only.

In reply to Alderman Hadden the Town Clerk made a report as to progress regarding the acquisition of certain property in the Cornmarket/Abbey Street area, and in reply to Councillor Byrne intimated that he would have the Sanitary Inspector's reports on inspection of Artisans' Dwellings on the table at the next meeting.

Alderman Hadden intimated that he had discussed with Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, certain proposals for the Cornmarket area, and Councillor Byrne took strong objection to any individual member of the Corporation consulting with officials on the formation of policy.

Before the meeting terminated it was agreed that for the future when special meetings of the General Purposes Committee were being convened to discuss housing only that it would be intimated as such on the Agenda.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman 

16th June, 1947.

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 :-

Aldermen: Dr. George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors Kevin Morris, Howlin, Byrne, Thomas Roche, Thomas Buckland.

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

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Roche, Councillor Byrne was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

The Co. Manager and Town Clerk explained the proposals for the Relief Grant for 1947/48. The Manager suggested that the corners of Abbey Street, Cornmarket, Back Street and John's Gate Street be widened, and John's Gate Street resurfaced. In addition he proposed a long term programme to acquire certain property at the Abbey Street side of the Cornmarket area with a view to making an extension to the present Town Hall to provide much needed office accommodation. Alderman Hadden moved the adoption of the County Manager's recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously agreed to.

The proposal to acquire certain property in the Cornmarket/Abbey Street area was also approved on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Howlin. It was also agreed that steps be taken to widen the Redmond Square on the north and south sides on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Morris.

A proposal by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, recommending the Corporation to dispose of the site of the proposed new Town Hall by public tender was agreed to by six votes for to one against.

Alderman Hadden gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that the County Manager proceed with the provision of a new Fair Green at Redmond Road.

A lengthy discussion took place on the appointment of a storekeeper. The person recommended was Mr. Kevin G. Keelan, of Dundalk, and the members thought that it should have been possible to have a local person employed in this post, but the County Manager pointed out that the post was regarded as a major office and consequently had to be referred to the Local Appointments Commission and he had no option but to appoint the person recommended by the Commissioners. After a number of proposals had been made and discussed it was finally agreed on the motion of Ald. Hadden, seconded by Councillor Roche that a recommendation be sent to the Local Appointments Commission to the effect that all hands being called preference be given to local applicants for such posts.

At the request of Alderman Hadden the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and carry out necessary repairs to the fountain in the Bull Ring.

Councillor Byrne raised the question regarding the absence of doctors in the Town on Thursdays and Sunday afternoons, and the County Manager intimated that he would investigate the Councillor's complaint and see what could be done to remedy this matter.

The meeting then terminated.

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23rd June, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee (for Housing) 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 Jas. Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden,

Councillors Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Kevin Morris,
Thomas Buckland.

The Town Clerk made a report regarding progress in connection with the Cornmarket area and the Town Hall extension, which was considered satisfactory.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to examine the House at William Street occupied by O'Leary.

The Town Clerk also reported ~~xxx~~ on steps being taken to have W.C.'s provided for certain houses in the town, and progress was also noted.

Alderman Hadden moved that the Borough Surveyor be asked to give a list of houses which he considered could be made suitable for human habitation by the provision of sanitary conveniences.

At the request of Councillor Roche the Town Clerk intimated that notice would be served on the owner of the house at Roserock, occupied by Furlong, requiring the installation of sanitary convenience.

The Town Clerk was also asked to inquire regarding the lack of sanitary accommodation in house at Maudlintown on the Stafford/Gaffney property.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman 

30th June, 1947.

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:

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

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

The Corporation Solicitor, Town Clerk and County Manager were also in attendance.

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 June and 1st July, 1948. Councillor Gaul proposed the re-election of Councillor Sinnott, and Alderman Corish seconded. Councillors Byrne and Morris protested against the Mayor holding office for more than one year, and advocated that it should be rotated. Alderman Hadden supported the proposal that Councillor Sinnott be re-elected and intimated that he would not at any time himself be a candidate for the office of Mayor.

As there was no other nomination Councillor Sinnott was elected Mayor and made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1840; the declaration being witnessed by Councillors Gaul and Buckland.

The Mayor then returned thanks for his re-election and thanked the members of the Corporation, County Manager and officials for their co-operation with him during the past two years.

Referring to the illness of Alderman Moran the Mayor said he hoped and prayed that Ald. Moran would soon be restored to health and be with them again.

The next business was the fixing of the salary of the Mayor for the coming 12 months, and Alderman Corish proposed that the salary of £150 agreed to last year be not reduced. Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Morris, however, proposed that the salary be fixed at £100 per annum and Alderman Hadden seconded. On a show of hands the amendment was defeated by six votes against to four for, and the salary fixed at £150 per annum.

MEETINGS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the following dates for three Quarterly Meetings were agreed to, namely,

October 6th, 1947,
January 7th, 1948
April 8th, 1948.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the existing Standing Committees of the Corporation were re-appointed.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

7th July, 1947.

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:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Hadden,

Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Cullimore, Morris and Roche.

The Actg. County Manager, Mr. J. F. Doris, and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following questions were raised by members :-

The condition of the house at William Street occupied by O'Leary. The provision of sewerage to the Stafford-Caffney houses at Maudlintown.

The sanction of salary increases to members of the staff and employees.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was agreed that the Co. Manager be recommended to increase the wages of the men employed on Relief Grant Works to £3. 15. 0. per week.

The Mayor referred to the necessity for a sign post at the junction of the Faythe and Maudlintown, and Mr. Doris promised to look into this matter.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that so far ~~xx~~ cement had not been received to enable the sewerage at Joseph Street to be commenced,

A recommendation to the General Purposes Committee was submitted that the Town Hall site at Redmond Road be disposed of. Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Morris, but the Mayor asked for an adjournment for further discussion with the County Manager. On a vote being taken five voted for the approval of the Committee recommendation and five against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote against the motion and the question was adjourned until next meeting.

FAIR GREEN

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that the Co. Manager be requested to take steps to acquire and lay out a site for a Fair Green at Redmond Road.

Members took objection to naming a definite site, and after some discussion it was agreed that the Co. Manager be requested to examine the possibilities of providing a Fair Green.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Buckland asked if the Corporation had any control over the use to be made of the Redmond Memorial Park. The Town Clerk intimated that they had no jurisdiction over the Park Committee except they were represented there by Ald. Hadden. This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which it was agreed that Ald. Hadden should make a report... to the Corporation on the recent letting of the park for carnivals.

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An invitation was received from the Irish Labour Party asking the Corporation to attend Mass on the 26th instant, for the repose of the soul of the late Alderman R. Corish, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, it was agreed to attend.

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was agreed to request the County Manager to make a report setting out the exact cost of the Town Hall site at Redmond Road.

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved a resolution calling for the abolition of the means test for pensioners. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to unanimously.

Councillor Byrne moved that the Co. Manager be asked to state the number of motions tabled during the year, the number implemented, and the names of the movers. Councillor Morris seconded this motion, and the Town Clerk pointed out that this would entail a considerable amount of work on the staff, and it was eventually agreed that only the motions tabled at Statutory Meetings should be taken into account.

A letter was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities inviting motions for the next annual conference of the Association, and Councillor Byrne moved that the appointment of delegates be considered at the next statutory meeting.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk stated that no sanction had yet been received from the Department regarding the granting of two week's annual holidays to the employees.

Councillor Howlin asked what credentials had the people mentioned in the Co. Manager's orders as taking over the tenancy of Artisans' Dwellings. The Town Clerk stated that they were relatives of the previous tenants or sons or daughters who had been living with their parents for a long time, and that the Corporation had always excluded sons and daughters of existing tenants from the Regulation regarding sub-letting.

Councillor Byrne referred to the proposed letting of the public park site at Grogan's Road to Fuel Importers and stated it looked as if it would prevent a public park from being provided next year. The Town Clerk stated that the letting agreement obliged Fuel Importers to leave this site at any time with a month's notice.

The Mayor referred to the deplorable state of the bathing place, and the Town Clerk replied he was aware tradesmen were already working there carrying out necessary repairs.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman James Smith

14th July, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee (Housing) 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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Hadden,

Councillors. Roche, Byrne, Howlin and Buckland.

On the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was decided to put down for discussion at the next Monthly Meeting a question of the possibility of the Manager acquiring a site at Byrne's Lane, and on the proposition of Alderman Hadden, it was decided to ask the Manager for the Town Planner's advice on that section running from Byrne's Lane to Seaview Avenue.

It was also unanimously decided that weekly reports be given on the implementation, or otherwise, of the County Manager's orders, and that the Manager implement his order re the Croke Avenue houses as soon as possible.

It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on No. 13, O'Connell Avenue, with special reference to footpath and fireplace.

It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the sewer running into the sea at Maudlintown, which was in a dilapidated condition.

The Mayor asked that a house at High Street owned by Mr. Heffernan be listed with a view to purchasing by the Corporation.

The Sanitary Officer was to be asked to report on the house at No. 2, William St., occupied by Mrs. Murphy, and on the house at Talbot Street occupied by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, which it was alleged had no water supply.

The Sanitary Officer was also to be asked to report on the house at South Main Street, occupied by Messrs. Imco.

Alderman Hadden asked that the Manager's Order re Distillery House be implemented immediately.

The Meeting then terminated.

21st July, 1947.

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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Ald. Hadden,

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

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Town Clerk it was decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, to adjourn this meeting to the following Monday 28th instant.

The meeting then terminated.

28th July, 1947.

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:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Hadden,

Councillors Bierney, Gaul, Byrne and Buckland.

It was decided to request the Sanitary Inspector to report on a house at John Street, occupied by William McGrath, in which there was no sanitary accommodation.

As the Town Clerk found it impossible to be in attendance at the meeting and as there was a number of matters which the members wished to raise with him it was decided to adjourn this meeting to the following Friday 1st August, at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman *James Smith*

1st August, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7.45 p.m.

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and Dr. G. Hadden.

Councillors. James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, Patk. Bierney, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin and Kevin Morris.

Councillor Gaul raised a question regarding water supplies to three houses at the Faythe, occupied by Power, Molloy and Kelly.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk made a lengthy explanation regarding the exchange of land between the Corporation and the G.A.A., and the Mayor undertook to see the County Secretary regarding this matter.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the Asst. Gravedigger had not been paid for the opening of a grave during the week as he was not present on the occasion. It appeared that this man had called to the T. Clerk's office at the usual time of 10.30. in the morning and had been informed that there was no grave to be opened. At approximately 11 a.m. an order had been received to open a grave for an infant and it was not possible to get in touch with the assistant to send him out. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed to recommend the Co. Manager to pay this man the usual fee for opening a grave on the grounds that he had called to the office in the usual way but was not aware that this grave had to be opened.

On the motion of Councillor Morris it was agreed to instruct the Actg. Borough Surveyor to proceed as soon as possible with the Joseph Street sewerage.

A question was raised regarding the provision of name plates for the Maudlintown Housing site and the Town Clerk explained that he had not yet received the Irish translations from the C.E.O., so it was decided to ask Alderman Corish and Councillor Roche to make the necessary translations.

The Mayor referred to a recent request he had made to the County Engineer to provide a sign post at Maudlintown, and complained that this had not yet been provided, and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Engineer on the matter.

The Town Clerk was asked to obtain a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary conditions of the houses at John Street, occupied by Wm. McGrath, and to make further representations to the E.S.B. regarding public lighting at Wolfe Tone Villas, Whiterock View and Devereux Villas.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit as soon as possible the proposed plans for the provision of a public lavatory at Temperance Row.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Co. Manager was to be asked to give effect to the proposals of the Special Committee appointed some time ago to consider the provision of public lavatories generally in the Town.

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Alderman Hadden referred to the proposal to acquire Mann's Lane under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, and asked that, if possible, the cobble stones be preserved.

Councillor Buckland intimated that he would move an amendment at the next Statutory Meeting to the proposal to dispose of the Town Hall site. The effect of the amendment was that the recommendation be deferred until the possibilities of providing a swimming pool there were examined.

The Town Clerk was asked to bring before the County Manager the question of the wages paid to watchmen employed by the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

August.
11th ~~September~~, 1947.

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)

Aldermen: Dr. G. Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin,

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Rev. Father Fowler on the death of his mother. He stated that Father Fowler's father was a former employee of the Corporation. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the family of the late Mrs. Murphy, Stonebridge, whose husband was a member of the Corporation some years ago. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present, and both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

RESOLUTION

Alderman Hadden moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and supported by Alderman Corish and His Worship the Mayor:-

"The Mayor and Corporation of Wexford desire to convey to the Town Council of Enniscorthy their sense of abhorrence of the dastardly act of sabotage that has destroyed the new Children's Playing Ground. The people of Wexford have greatly admired the civic spirit that has brought the Promenade and Playing Ground into existence at Enniscorthy, and greatly hope that this act of irresponsible hooliganism will not be allowed to frustrate the will of the people."

TOWN HALL SITE

The first business was a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee that the proposed new Town Hall site be disposed of. Councillor Buckland had also tabled an amendment that the site be not disposed of until the possibilities of converting it into a swimming pool, and/or public baths be examined, and that the Corporation instruct the County Manager to have the views of the Town Planner and Borough Surveyor on this suggestion; that estimates be prepared of the cost, and that the Town Clerk be asked to ascertain from other Local Authorities the maintenance costs of swimming pools or public baths. Councillor Buckland moved this amendment which was seconded by Alderman Hadden.

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Councillor Byrne however moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation, but as this was not seconded the amendment became a substantive motion and was adopted, but with Councillor Byrne dissenting. It was also agreed that a general problem for the provision of a Town Hall and offices for the Corporation staff should be examined, and on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that a sketch should be prepared showing what, if anything, could be done to improve the office accommodation in the present building.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Buckland moved that the Corporation take steps to have the 1798 Monument invested in the Corporation, and that the Corporation should take over whatever funds are available with the original committee who erected the monument. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

This gave rise to a discussion regarding the cleansing of this monument, and it was decided to inquire from the Town Clerk of Ennisecorthy and New Ross what method they used to clean similar monuments in these towns.

REDMOND PARK

The next business was to receive a report from Alderman Hadden regarding the recent letting of the Redmond Memorial Park. Ald. Hadden did not move the report on the reasons for letting, but pointed out that the park was a private one and was placed at the disposal of the people of Wexford by the Committee. However, after some discussion it was agreed that no further action be taken in the matter, and hope was expressed that it would not be used for the purpose of an amusement park in the future.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Councillor Gaul and the Town Clerk were appointed to represent the Corporation at the forthcoming meeting of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities.

FUEL

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that Messrs. Fuel Importers be asked what is the present position regarding the storage of timber and turf for the winter, and also asked that small hauliers in timber should be again permitted. Ald. Corish seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Mayor asked for a report on the latest development re the water supply in John's ~~xxxx~~ Street sewerage and Joseph Street sewerage. As regards the water supply the Town Clerk intimated he understood from the Contractors that they had been promised delivery of the pipes in September, but as a result of a conversation he had with a representative of the Pipe Manufacturers it was possible that the pipes would be delivered earlier. As regards John Street sewerage no sanction had yet been received from the Department to proceed with this work. Preliminary steps had been taken the previous week regarding the Joseph Street sewerage and the work had commenced on Friday last. This was considered satisfactory.

Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation protest against the in-action of the Local Government Department in connection with the approval of salaries and wages for officials and employees.

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Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to and the Town Clerk was asked to phone the Department immediately asking for sanction.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Alderman Corish asked for a report on the proposal to extend St. Ibar's Cemetery, and the Town Clerk intimated that the number of graves at the various prices at present available in the Cemetery was being examined with a view to considering what extension, if any, was necessary.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by the Mayor, the County Manager was asked to take steps to see if the land adjoining the Cemetery could be acquired for the purpose of an extension.

SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

A motion in the name of Councillor Bierney asking for a progress report on the Slippery Green Housing Scheme was next on the Agenda, and the Town Clerk reported that excavations for the foundations had been carried out and foundations for a block of four houses laid. The Contractor had closed down for holidays during the past week, but had opened again on this morning when ten men and a carpenter were employed.

As regards the remainder of the houses for the Scheme, it was stated that tenders had been invited by public advertisement for 84 houses, but no tender had been received. It was proposed to issue a fresh advertisement, but it was not thought that any tenders would be received as the Master Builders' Federation were insisting on a Bill of Quantities in connection with all Housing Schemes which would add at least $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the cost.

A question was raised regarding the wages paid by the Corporation to watchmen, and it was stated that £3. 10. 0. per week was being paid by Mouldex Ltd.

Complaint was also made regarding trespass on the Corporation house property at Grogan's Road from the Fever Hospital Site, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and see what could be done in the matter.

A request was received from the Harbour Commissioners asking the Corporation to take over the maintenance of the W.C.'s at the Crescent, but it was not considered advisable that the Corporation should do this.

Reference was also made to the question of guaranteeing a loan for the Harbour Commissioners, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had not received any request from the Commissioners for such a guarantee.

Reference was made to the proposal to establish a public lavatory at Temperance Row, and it was agreed that the General Purposes Committee examine the site for their next meeting.

Alderman Hadden referred to the necessity of sound-proofing the walls between the Council Chamber and the dance hall, and asked the County Manager to have this matter examined.

It was also agreed to request the County Manager to have seats provided at Pike Corner, St. John's Road and John Street.

The meeting then terminated.

18th August, 1947.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnot, Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman: Dr. George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Thomas Bucklad, James Gaul, Edward Howlin.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to Ex-Councillor Rogan on the death of his child and to Councillor Byrne who was an uncle of the child. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was supported by the other members present and adopted in silence.

ROSSLARE TRAIN SERVICE.

Councillor Gaul referred to the un-satisfactory Train Service of Rosslare Strand on the 10th August, and it was agreed to make representations to the Railway Co., with a view to having a better Service provided.

TOWN PLANNING.

A plan of the proposed new premises for Messrs. Walker & Sons (Wexford) Ltd., at Charlotte Street was approved on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Further plan for the remaining two houses at Trinity Street for Messrs. Clover Meats was approved on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Hadden.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed new Dance Hall on the Faythe. The Town Planning Adviser had raised certain queries and it was eventually decided that in the opinion of the members:-

- (1) that it would not interfere with the amenities of the area.
- (2) that it would not constitute any traffic danger.
- (3) that the Corporation would not approve of a Dance Hall in the Proposed new Public Park.

It was eventually agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and that the Manager be recommended to approve of the proposed building. It was decided to recommend the Corporation to charge the same Water Rents for the current year as charged in 1946-47.

COMPLAINTS.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of a chimney at Patrick's, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine same.

The Mayor complained of the phraseology of notices to quote served by the Corporation and wished to make it clear that the members had nothing to do with the service of such notices, and suggested that the phraseology should be changed so that the name of the Mayor, Aldermen or Councillors would not appear. Councillor Gaul complained of the notice at No. 6 Carrigeen Street and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine same. Councillor Byrne asked that a name ~~Chairman~~ be erected

on the corner of Bride St. at the Main Street and at the request of Councillor Byrne. The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine the house at Gibson St. formerly occupied by Scallan. A complaint was made that the Assistant Grave-digger was not paid for the opening of a grave recently at St. Ibar's Cemetery, but the Town Clerk explained that the Assistant grave-digger was not present on the occasion, but through no fault of his own.

Some members held, however, that once the grave-digger called to the Town Hall in the morning and was informed that there was no funeral, he should have been paid, even though he was not in attendance at the actual opening and closing and it was decided to recommend the County Manager to pay this man the usual fee of 10/-. A complaint was also made regarding the dangerous condition of a house at Old Pound, formerly occupied by O'Rourke and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine same.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk intimated that he could not say from what day the Arrears of Wages will be paid to the Employees until he received the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government. The meeting then terminated.

25th August, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnot, Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Tevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Roche.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Mayor made a complaint regarding the progress of the Housing Scheme at Slippery Green and the Town Clerk submitted a progress report which had been received from the Clerk of Works. It was eventually agreed that the Minister of Industry and Commerce should be informed, that in the opinion of the Corporation, the cement allocation for the Housing Scheme was insufficient, and request him to increase it. It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should start immediately to report the house at Distillery, and to make weekly progress reports. In reply to the Town Clerk he stated that he had made an offer to Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for a certain house at Abbey Street, but so far had not received any reply. It was agreed that he should get in touch with them immediately with a view to having the decision expedited. The Mayor complained of the dangerous condition of a house at Castle Hill, occupied by Carroll and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine same. The M.O.H. was to be asked to expedite the reports on the Sanitary condition of certain houses at William Street, and on the Sanitary condition of the houses at John Street occupied by William McGrath. A complaint was also made regarding the condition of the wall at the rear of John Lawlor's house at John Street. A complaint was made by Alderman Hadden regarding the condition of a wall between the Premises of Messrs. Whitney of Abbey Street and Whites Hotel, but it was pointed out that the Corporation had no responsibilities in this matter. The Mayor complained of a burst water pipe at Rossiter's of Barrack Street, and the Borough Surveyor was to take steps to have it repaired.

A complaint was also made regarding the condition of the sewerage at the premises in the Faythe, occupied by Grattan and Hanson, and the Sanitary Inspector was to report. A complaint was made regarding the condition of the houses at Carrigeen Street, occupied by Byrne and Foley, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report as well as on the condition of the house at South Main Street occupied by Kevin Roche. The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on the position of the sewerage at Maudlintown, joining the Stafford Gaffney Estate, in which it was stated the owner intended to provide water closets, and that a connection could be made to the Town Sewerage.

In this connection Councillor Morris referred to a question which he had raised at a previous meeting asking for details of the cost and how the money was spent on the development of the proposed new Town Hall Site, and expressed disappointment that the information had not yet been made available and the Town Clerk replied that to procure such information would entail a considerable amount of work as the money had been expended some ten years ago, and would require a detailed examination of the accounts over the *Chairman* when the development was carried out. The County Manager promised to see what could be done to expedite the provision of the information.

The following resolutions from the Sligo and Limerick Corporations were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by the Mayor:-

From Sligo Corporation:-

"We the members of the Wexford Corporation beg to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that no increase of pensions has been granted to ex-National School Teachers notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of living since 1939. We request that immediate action be taken by the Government to increase the pensions to equal the cost of living, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Corporations and Urban Councils in Eire".

From Limerick Corporation:- (Limerick City Council)

"That we, Wexford Corporation, support the claims of the pensioned National teachers to an increase in their inadequate pensions, which are now rendered doubly inadequate owing to the soaring cost of living, which has reached alarming heights during the past three years. These pensioned teachers got no increase since their pensions were fixed many years ago.

We are of opinion that an Irish Government will treat these Pensioners fairly and give an increase which will enable them to spend their declining years as decent citizens in their own country."

RE TIMBER FUEL RESTRICTIONS.

The following resolution from the Enniscorthy Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That we the Wexford Corporation urge on the Government the desirability of withdrawing the Timber Fuel Restriction Order as applied to this Town and other areas affected. Its withdrawal in our opinion would not be injurious to the general supply but would on the contrary enable many householders to lay in during the fine weather a supply of fuel for the winter months when the position may be more acute. It is obvious that anything that could be done in providing supplies now would result in making matters less difficult in the severe period of winter.

In this connection a letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce as follows:-

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter dated 18th August, 1941 regarding the sale of firewood in the County Borough of Wexford, and to request you to be good enough to give more precise information - names, addresses etc - of the "small vendors" the Corporation have in mind. I am to state that any bona-fide application for a licence to engage in the sale of firewood in lots of four stones or less will be considered on its merits.

It was felt that the publication of this letter in the Press would have the desired effect.

PENSIONER & MINISTER & DEPUTIES SALARIES.

The following resolution from the Athy Urban District Council was marked "Read" on the motion of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Buckland:-

"That we, the members of Athy Urban District Council, request the Government to introduce legislation empowering the Minister for Finance to withhold further payments of increases of salaries of Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Deputies and Senators until such time as the Minister is in a position to recommend a reasonable increase to old-age Pensioners, and Widows and Orphans."

SALARIES OF O.A.P. COMMITTEES CLERKS.

The following resolution from the Association of Clerks to Old-Age Pensions Committee and Sub-Committees was adopted nem.con. on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Byrne.:-

"We, the members of the Association of Clerks to Pensions Committees and Sub-Committees are of opinion that we are entitled to an increase of at least 25% on our existing salaries and we have decided to appeal to the Department of Social Welfare for such increase. Our salaries ranging from 5/- and 10/- per week to 21-0-0 per week, are totally inadequate, having regard to the importance of our duties and to the fact that we must provide our own office accommodation and pay our own travelling expenses. In 1925 our salaries were reduced and have not been altered since. We deferred raising the matter of increase up to the present fearing that any attempt made by us to redress our grievances would militate against the aged, blind and infirm for whom we give our services. We would point out that the cost of administering the Government Department by which we are employed is almost 50% less than the cost of any of the other departments, and we feel assured that if all the facts of our case are properly laid before the Minister responsible he will recognise the justice of our claim and grant us the increase for which we ask."

BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

At the request of the Wexford County Council it was decided to appoint two members of act on a Joint Committee to prepare a report setting out the terms under which an application for a Bridge Order should be made to the Minister for Local Government under part 4 of the Local Government Act, 1946. Councillor Morris proposed Ald. Hadden & Councillor Roche seconded. Councillor Buckland proposed the Mayor and Alderman Corish seconded.

On a poll been taken, their votes for:-

Ald. Hadden: Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Howlin, Cullimore, Morris, and Roche. 6.

Councillor Gaul: Councillors Bierney, Byrne, Cullimore, Morris, Ald. Corish, Hadden & the Mayor. 7.

The Mayor: Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne, Howlin, Roche, Ald. Corish, Hadden and the Mayor. 9.

The Mayor and Councillor Gaul were accordingly appointed to represent the Corporation on this Joint Committee.

WAGES OF RELIEF GRANT WORKERS.

In reply to a query it was stated that the wages for Relief Grant Workers had been fixed that day at 23-10-0 per week of 47 hours, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, but it was made clear that this new rate would only apply to the new works proposed to be commenced this week and that retrospective payment could not be made to workers on previous grants unless the Corporation, out of their own funds, made the necessary money available.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the method employed for the selection of men for relief Grant Works.

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Councillor Byrne referred to a previous discussion on the proposed new dance hall at the Maythe and handed in a memorial signed by a

a number of residents approving of its erection.

Chairman Corish referred to the condition of a tree outside Radford's Old Pound and asked to have it removed at once, and reference was also made to the condition of the trees generally in this area and it was agreed to see if the position could be improved by having the trees pruned.

STONEBRIDGE LANE.

Councillor Cullimore referred to the condition of a derelict site at Stonebridge Lane, but the Town Clerk intimated that the lane in question was private property and stated he would look into the question of ownership and see if the Corporation could take any action in the matter.

STREET SURFACES.

Chairman Corish referred to the condition of the surface of John's Gate Street and the County Manager intimated that the work of re-surfacing this street was included in the Relief Grants due to commence this week.

Reference was also made to the condition of the surface of Gibson Street, Clifford Street and Talbot Street, and the County Manager intimated that he would see what could be done in the matter of re-surfacing.

Complaint was made regarding a cutting in the kerb and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite repairs.

8th September, 1947.

A Meeting of the General Purposes (Housing) was held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 8.0. p.m.

The Members present were:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor, (in the chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Duckland, Kevin Morris, James Gaul.

DEPUTATION RELIEF WORKERS.

At the outset, a Deputation was received on behalf of the Relief Workers, composed of Messrs. Bergin, Lawlor, and O'Connor. The Deputation pointed out that so far they had received no increase in wages, and asked that the increase proposed should be retrospective from the 1st January last year. Having stated their case, the Deputation withdrew and the Corporation considered their views. After a short discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, to recommend the County Manager to pay Relief Workers the proposed increase in wages from the rates. Arising out of this discussion, it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor, why he refuses to employ a labourer named Thomas Lawlor, of Wolfe Tone Villas. It was also proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Roche that the Minister be requested to have the holidays (Employees) Act, 1939. amended so that the holidays allowed therein could be extended from 1 to 2 weeks. per year.

WHITE MILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Dis-satisfaction was expressed by all the members of the Corporation regarding the apparent lack of progress in the building scheme at White Mill, and after a long discussion it was finally decided on the proposition of Councillor Gaul seconded by Alderman Corish that the Clerk of Works (T.J. Miller) be requested to attend the next meeting of the Corporation so that he could give full particulars and report on the progress of the scheme to date.

HOUSES AT ABBEY STREET.

It was unanimously decided to ask the County Manager for a report on the position regarding the proposed Acquisition of houses at Abbey Street.

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

Alderman Corish raised the question of the cost of Direct Labour Scheme carried out in former years by the Corporation and requested that the figures for the different schemes be given, i.e. the estimated cost of such schemes and the amount such schemes actually cost.

INSTALLATION OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

After a short discussion it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche, that legal proceedings be taken in the cases of (1) William McGrath, John St. (2) Patrick Furlong, Rose Rock, on account of the failure of the landlords in these particular cases to provide proper sanitary accommodation.

THE SEWER AT HORSE RIVER.

A complaint was made by the ^{Chairman} Joseph St. into the Horse River at that point, and it was unanimously

decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris to request the County Manager to examine the possibility of covering this river from this point on to the sea.

HUMANE SOCIETY - RECOMMENDATION.

The Mayor raised the question of a youth named James Lawlor, Jnr. of King Street, who at great personal risk saved 2 lives at Ferry Bank, on last week. The Mayor proposed and Alderman Corish seconded, that this brave act should be brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society for their observations.

DANGEROUS ROOF AT BARRIGREEN STREET.

Councillor Gaul raised the question of a dangerous roof at No. 6 Barrigreen Street, Wexford occupied by a man named Byrne, and requested that the Borough Surveyor be required to report thereon as soon as possible, as he considered it to be in a very dangerous condition.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A meeting of the Old Age Pensions Committee was now held and a number of claims disposed of.

The Meeting then terminated.

15th September, 1947.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Dr. George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

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

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

The Town Clerk reported that the casket to contain the Certificate of the Freedom of the Borough granted to His Excellency, the President, last year had now been delivered, and the Mayor moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Development Association for presenting the casket, and that the supplier, Mr. S. Sinnott, be also congratulated on the workmanship. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

HOUSING - SLIPPERY GREEN

A lengthy discussion took place on the progress of the Housing Scheme at Slippery Green during which the Borough Surveyor made a report on the delays which had taken place. A letter was also read from the Contractor referring to discussions of previous meetings, and pointing out that he was doing all in his power to make progress possible under very difficult circumstances. It was eventually agreed that the meeting was satisfied with the progress, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was decided to request weekly progress reports.

Arising out of the discussion initiated by Alderman Hadden on the making of houses waterproof, Ald. Hadden moved a motion that we ask the County Manager to seek and employ an architect to work on the housing survey for one month surveying all the houses he could in that time, and to give a detailed specification of what should be done with these houses to make them weather-proof. The Mayor seconded this motion, which was defeated by six votes against to three votes for.

A discussion also arose regarding the erection of the balance of the houses at Slippery Green, during which it was stated that the erection of the remaining 74 was being put on the long finger. The Town Clerk took objection to the statement that the erection of the houses was being placed on the longer finger, and pointed out that an advertisement had already been issued inviting tenders but without result, and it had now been decided to advertise for a Quantity Surveyor, as it was believed that unless a Bill of Quantities was provided members of the Master Builders' Federation would not tender. The Manager asked what was the position regarding the re-surfacing of John's Gate Street and Cornmarket, and it was intimated that the quarrying of the stones for this work had commenced.

The Manager also intimated that a further grant for the Relief of Unemployment in the Urban Area had been received and transferred to the County Council for the making of footpaths contiguous to the Borough, and it was proposed to employ Urban labour at Urban rates of wages on this work.

Chairman.....

15th September, 1947.

Councillor Byrne referred to the condition of the surface of Gibson Street, and the Borough Surveyor promised to see what he could do to have repairs carried out.

Councillor Byrne gave notice of his intention to move at next Statutory Meeting that the Relief Grant workers be paid the increased wages retrospective to the 1st January last.

A report was read from the County Medical Officer of Health on three samples of water submitted by her for bacteriological examination, and these reports showed very good results in each case. Complaint was made regarding the taste of the water, but it was intimated to the meeting that this was due to a growth of algae which would cease with the cold weather.

TURF BOXES

Councillor Morris referred to the provision of turf boxes at O'Connell Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that most of the materials were available, and as soon as the Corporation carpenter was finished on other works he would put him on to the making of turf boxes, and intimated that he would definitely start work before the end of October.

In reply to a complaint by Councillor Morris regarding the building of a wall at Clancy's, St. Magdalen Terrace, the Borough Surveyor stated he did not consider it urgent work and it would have to wait for some time longer.

It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor remove certain trees at the Old Pound immediately, and that he should examine the wall at Corry's Terrace, which Councillor Morris considered was dangerous.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also directed to loose flags at Mary Street, and the wall adjoining Mr. John Lawlor's premises at John Street.

Alderman Corish referred to holidays for the Caretaker of the Reservoir, and was informed that an order had been made granting this man four week's annual leave.

Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that a sum of 10/- be paid to the Assistant Gravedigger in respect of the opening of a grave at St. Ibar's Cemetery some weeks ago at which he was not present. Councillor Byrne's reason for giving this notice was that the man had called to the Town Hall in the morning and no notice had been received there of a grave.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

22nd September, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes (Housing) Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m.

The members present being:

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Corish, Hadden.

Councillors Byrne, Gaul, Roche and Duckland.

The Mayor referred to the conditions under which Mrs. O'Connor, Cornmarket, was residing, and it was decided to request the County Manager to re-house her as soon as possible.

It was reported that Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solrs., had asked for the sum of £350 for the Killeens property at Cornmarket and Abbey Street, which the Manager considered was only value at £300, but it was decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, to continue negotiations, and if necessary, to pay £350 for the property in question.

It was also agreed to offer £100 for two houses at Cornmarket owned by Mrs. McGoldrick.

Alderman Hadden referred to the conditions of the roofs of two houses at Abbey Street, which it was proposed to acquire from Mrs. Moran, but he was informed that nothing could be done to repair the houses until the property was acquired by the Corporation.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to the condition of a house at Castlehill Street, occupied by a man named Carroll, at Peter Street occupied by Scallan, and at Carrigeen occupied by Byrne; at Barrack Street occupied by Rossiter, where there was an alleged waste of water.

Complaint was made regarding dumping at the Corporation quarry from the Rocks, and the attention of the Sanitary Inspector was to be called to this.

In reply to Alderman Hadden The Town Clerk intimated that the Surveyor informed him that it would be possible to drain the Stafford/Gaffney property at William Street into the Corporation sewer there.

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that if at all possible he would have the Relief Grant workers paid on Friday evenings.

It was agreed on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that as a meeting of the Technical Committee would be held on the 29th instant that no meeting of the Corporation should be held on that date.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

6th October, 1947.

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)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature namely minutes of the Corporation of 1st ultimo. General purposes committees on the 8th, 15th and 22nd ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Tierney, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PRESENTATION OF CASKET TO AN UACTARAIN

Councillor Byrne referred to the attendance of the Mayor, County Manager and Town Clerk at Arus and Uactarain, on the 4th instant, to present the casket, to hold the Certificate of the freedom of the Borough to His Excellency, the President of Eire, and asked "who had appointed the deputation?"

In reply, the Town Clerk said, "that on the 15th ultimo, he had laid the casket on the table at a meeting of the General purposes Committee and had informed the members that he had communicated with the president's staff intimating that the Mayor and he (Town Clerk) proposed to visit Arus An Uactarain on an occasion convenient for his Excellency to hand over this casket. He later received with the Mayor and County Manager an invitation from his Excellency to attend Arus An Uactarain on Saturday last. He had done this, and he did not consider the suggestion made by Councillor Byrne was true, that an attempt had been made to fleece the authority of the Corporation. He pointed out that in his opinion the duties of the Corporation ended, when they presented the freedom of the Borough to the President at the New Bridge last year. The President could easily have asked him (Town Clerk) to forward the casket by registered post."

Councillors Morris and Buckland also complained that the matter should have come before the Corporation. The discussion ended.

James Sinnott

SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to Miss Kathleen Lacey, Town Clerk's office on the death of her mother. The motion was supported by the members present, the Co. Manager on behalf of the staff. The mayor also moved, that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mr. Tomas McCarty M.C.C., and Chairman of the Eniscorthy Urban district Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and was supported by all the members present. The mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Ambrose Murphy, Westlands, on the death of his wife, whose father was a former official of the Corporation. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present. The three resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

A memorial from the residents of South Main St., protesting against the suggested erection of a public convenience at Manx Lane was submitted, and on the suggestion of the Mayor, was referred to the General Purposes committee. The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Minister of Local Government, relating to the travelling expenses of local authorities and this was noted.

On the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, a recommendation of the County Manager, authorising the placing of the Booster at Monument Cross, over ground, was adopted, together with the provision of certain alterations in the plant at Eden Vale. It was also agreed, if at all possible, that the Manager should seek a guarantee from the manufacturers, that the Booster would not be a trouble for a period of twelve months. At the request of the Mayor, it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should give particulars of the painting work, carried out on Corporation houses at the next meeting of the General Purposes committee. Alderman Corish moved, that the road from Devereaux Villas to the Distillery Lane be extended, and the Town Clerk intimated, that this was part of the General scheme, in connection with the houses at Slippery Green.

In accordance with the notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that the Minister of Industry and Commerce be asked to amend the Holiday (Employees) Act, 1939, so that two weeks annual holidays would be given to all workers, including those employed on relief grants. In accordance with the notice given, Councillor Byrne moved, that a sum of 10/- be paid to the assistant grave digger, Crosstown, in respect of a grave, which he was not informed was being opened. Councillor Morris seconded this motion and the Co. Manager promised to examine the matter again.

Alderman Hadden referred to the extension of the road through the new housing site, from the Distillery Lane to Distillery Road, and the Manager intimated that he asked the Borough Surveyor to examine this proposal, and to report on the costs. Alderman Corish referred to the removal of the wall at Redmond Road, and the proposed traffic island there, and was informed that the traffic island be included in the grant but that any cost of removing the monument would have to be met locally.

The Mayor raised the question regarding two houses at Croke Avenue, and the County Manager explained the legal position which prohibited him from allocating to the sub tenants.

The question was raised regarding the payment of men on relief grant works, and the Town Clerk pointed out that to continue paying the men up to half five on Friday would be impossible, and a suggestion was made by Alderman Corish that in the coming week the men should be paid up to mid day on Friday and in the following week up to Thursday night. This suggestion was agreed to. The meeting then terminated.

13 October, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half past eight o'clock P.m.

The members present being:

His worship the Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen; George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Tomas Buckland, Tomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

The Co. Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Co. Manager mentioned that in connection with the Road Widening Scheme at Redmond Place, that it was advisable to remove for a short distance the Redmond Monument there, and to provide around the base of the Monument a Traffic Island. He pointed out the advantages to pedestrians and motorists of this suggestion, and emphasised the large amount of traffic which passed through this area each day. After lengthy discussion, however, it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending the provision of a map showing the alterations proposed.

Reference was made to the fact that the E.S.B. were now extending their own works to White Rock view, and it was suggested that the poles should be arranged to suit the public lighting of the area, and the Town Clerk was asked to consult with the E.S.B. authorities on the matter.

The Mayor mentioned that the owner of a house in John's Gate Street, occupied by Terence Dempsey wished to dispose of it to the Corporation, and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor be asked to examine it and make a report.

A discussion arose regarding the progress of the Slippery Green Housing Scheme, and the Town Clerk intimated that the matter had been discussed by the Co. Manager, Borough Surveyor and himself during the day, and the Manager had instructed him (Town Clerk) to request the attendance of the Local Government Housing Inspector for the area with a view to inspecting the timber which had been rejected by the Clerk of Works and Borough Surveyor. Alderman Corish drew attention to the condition of the junction of the concrete and macadam at Green Street and the Co. Manager intimated as this was a main road, he would mention the matter to the Co. Engineer. The meeting then terminated.

20th October, 1947.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Wexford at half-past seven O'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Tomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul.

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

It was agreed, that as a meeting of the town of Wexford Vocational Committee would be held on the 27th inst., that no meeting of the Corporation be held on that night.

In reply to Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk stated, that the Manager had made an order, that tenders be invited for the supply of boots for the Corporation workmen. In reply to a query, it was stated that the Housing Inspector of the Department of Local Government had visited Wexford recently and had inspected the timber, rejected by the Borough Surveyor and Clerk of Works in connection with the Slippery Green Housing Scheme, and had agreed that the officials were justified in rejecting same. The Town Clerk intimated, that the report of the Inspector would be placed before the Minister and he would possibly take the matter up with the Minister for Industry and Commerce. In this connection it was however, stated that the applications for the position of Quantity Surveyor in connection with the remaining eighty-four houses, were being examined and that appointment for this post would be made in the near future.

Councillor Byrne raised the question regarding the wages paid to watchmen, and was informed that the rates had been adjusted and that the watchmen concerned were satisfied.

Arising out of the wages of watchmen, councillor Byrne proposed that the Co. Manager be requested to increase the rate paid to week-end watchmen to twenty five shillings and twopence per week, as this was the rate paid to week-end watchmen employed by the Co. Council at a recent job at King Street.

It was agreed that the allotments for unemployed for the season 1947-48 should be advertised immediately. A discussion took place regarding the condition of the Stone Bridge river, and it was pointed out that considerable difficulty had been experienced in obtaining railings. It was suggested by the Co. Manager that a three foot wall, topped by concrete piers and chains should be substituted, and this was agreed to.

In reply to Councillor Morris, The Borough Surveyor intimated that the Turf Boxes of the houses at O'Connell Avenue were now in course of construction, and would be erected during the next couple of weeks.

Chairman *James Smith*

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3rd November, 1947.

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:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors: Tomas Buckland, James Gaul, Patk. Bierney, Kevin Morris and Edward Howlin.

The Co. Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Tomas Byrne on the death of his mother and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory. In this vote of sympathy, the Mayor also coupled the name of Mr. John Byrne, an old employee of the Corporation. Councillor Morris seconded the motion, it was supported by all the members present:- By the Co. Manager, and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Francis Staples, Vet. Surgeon of the Corporation for the past 39 (thirty nine) years, on the death of his brother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by all the members present:- By the Co. Manager and Town Clerk, and was also adopted in respectful silence. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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3rd November, 1947.

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.

Those present being the same as at the Statutory meeting.

Referring to the Housing Scheme at Slippery Green, the Co. Manager intimated that he had held a conference with the Contractor, Borough Surveyor, Clerk of Works, and Town Clerk, during the week. They had also spent a couple of hours at the site, and had inspected some of the timber, rejected by the Clerk of Works and Borough Surveyor. As a result of this inspection, samples of this timber had been sent to Professor Bailey Butler, who was regarded as one of the best authorities in this country on timber. It seemed to him, (Town Clerk) that some of the difficulties in connection with the timber could be overcome by the use of steel sashes, and he asked the views of the Corporation on this matter. It was apparent, however, that the members did not favour the use of steel sashes, and after some discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris, to defer a decision on this matter until the report of Professor Bailey Butler was received. The meeting then terminated.

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Chairman

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11 th November, 1947.

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:-

His Worship, the Mayor, (in the chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Tomas Buckland, Patrick Bierney, Tomas Roche, Kevin Morris, Tomas Byrne and Edward Howlin.

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature, copies of which had been furnished to the members. Minutes of Corporation on 6th ultimo and 3rd instant, and minutes of General Purposes Committee on 13th ultimo and 3rd inst.

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

SYMPATHY

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Kirwan of Mary Street, who was a former member of the Council. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence. A letter was read from Councillor Byrne returning thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Complaints were made regarding the lighting at White Rock View, and the Town Clerk undertook to interview the Gas Co. with a view to seeing if the lighting there, could not be improved. Complaint was also made with regard the lighting at Monk Street, and the Town Clerk was asked to see the Electricity Supply Board to see if any adjustment of the lights at either end of this Street would tend towards lighting the centre of the Street better than at present.

BOOTS FOR WORKMEN

In reply to Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk intimated that Tenners had been received during the week.

WAGES OF WATCHMEN

Alderman Corish also raised the question of the wages paid to Philip Sinnott, watchman, and the Town Clerk promised to inquire if this man was entitled to any retrospective payment in respect of a recent increase in the watchmen's wages. A question was again raised regarding the payment of week-end watchmen, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had inquired from the Co. Council if a rate of 25/2 (twenty five shillings and twopence) had been paid to week-end watchmen while employed on work at King Street, and had ascertained, that while this rate had been paid for the first week through error, it had been adjusted subsequently, and the over payments deducted from the persons concerned. Doubt was expressed that the Town Clerk was correct in this, and he (Town Clerk) promised to make further enquiries in the matter.

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Complaint was made regarding the condition of the Stone-Bridge River, and it was decided to have a general discussion on the Sewerage Scheme at an early date.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Gaul raised the question of Public Sanitary conveniences, and pointed out that since the two conveniences at the Quays had been closed by the Harbour Commissioners, no public conveniences were available in the town, and moved that steps be taken to provide public conveniences as soon as possible. Councillor Morris seconded.

A general discussion arose regarding these sanitary conveniences and Councillor Buckland moved that the site selected at Well Lane be approved for the erection of a public convenience. Councillor Roche seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

A further suggestion was made that a second public convenience be erected at the Market in the Bull Ring, but before coming to a decision, the Borough Surveyor was asked to inspect and report to the General Purposes Committee on the 19th inst., as to whether or not the site in the Market and the site originally selected at Mann's Lane would be suitable.

RELIEF SCHEMES

In accordance with notice given, the Mayor asked for a report on the Relief Schemes and on the Slippery Green Housing Scheme. As regards the Relief Schemes, the Borough Surveyor stated that in the case of Redmond Place, it was a dangerous Road Junction, and he proposed to put in a low wall. The reinforcement for the extension of the road where it was widened had been ordered for some time past. As regards Maudlintown, the Borough Surveyor intimated that this was practically completed, and that Back Street was held up, pending Corporation getting possession of a dwelling house there.

Arising out of the suspension of the work at Back Street, Alderman Corish raised the question of the employment of a day-watchman and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine that the following morning.

As regards Slippery Green Housing Scheme, it was stated that no report had yet been received from Professor Bayley-Dutler regarding the quality of the timber submitted to him for examination and it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until this report was received.

TOWN HALL

In accordance with the notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the Co. Manager be requested to investigate the possibilities of converting the lower floor of the Town Hall into offices for the Corporation staff, and the Control Room into a Council Chamber.

It was stated that preliminary investigations into this matter had been undertaken by the Borough Surveyor, but that up to the moment he was not in a position to make a comprehensive report so the discussion on the matter was adjourned, pending the preparation of such a report.

CEMETERY

The next business was to discuss the proposed extension of Saint Ibar's Cemetery, and the Town Clerk intimated that at the present time he had no graves between five pounds and ten shillings in the present cemetery, and if a new cemetery was.....

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unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Buckland, that the necessary steps be taken to acquire certain adjoining lands for the purpose of extending the Cemetery and that a Landscape Gardener be employed to lay out the new portion.

Councillor Byrne complained regarding the general condition of the cemetery, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make an inspection and to report on its general condition, and that gravel for the walks should be procured as soon as possible. Complaint was also made regarding flooding of the graves, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had the pump repaired, and it was available for use in the cemetery by the grave-diggers. On further reference to the Cemetery, the Town Clerk intimated that as soon as the grave-diggers intimated to him the particular type of boots they required, he would provide them, in accordance with the order made by the Manager some time ago.

NEW TOWN HALL SITE

The next business was to decide on the further user of the proposed Town Hall site at Redmond Place, and in reply to Councillor Buckland, the Borough Surveyor intimated that in his opinion it was not suitable as a swimming pool but Councillor Buckland insisted that a report from the Town Planning Advisor in this matter should be procured before any decision was arrived at.

Councillor Morris however pressed for a decision on the question of selling the site, but the Mayor ruled this out of order, on the ground that it would be necessary to rescind the original resolution, acquiring the site for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall. Councillor Morris thereupon gave notice of motion that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the resolution deciding to erect a Town Hall on this site be rescinded.

WAGE OF RELIEF GRANT WORKERS

In accordance with the notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Co. Manager be recommended to make the increase of wages granted to relief Grant Workers retrospective to 1st January 1947, and that the necessary money be made available from Local Revenue and incorporated in the Rate Estimate, for the year 1948-49. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

WAGES OF BUILDERS' LABOURERS

Alderman Corish asked when it was proposed to pay the men engaged on the development of the Housing Site at Slippery Green the rate of wages recently agreed on between the Master Builders' Federation and the trade Unions, namely £4 7 6 (four pounds seven shillings and sixpence) per week for Builders' labourers.

The Town Clerk intimated that so far he had not been able to get any authoritative communication that such an increase had been granted, and he would have to produce such information to the Local Government Auditor when he was auditing the accounts of the Corporation if such a rate were payable. He intimated that he would communicate with the Labour Court on this matter with a view to ascertaining what the decision was.

STREET CLEANING

In accordance with the notice given, Alderman Corish asked for further information as to the number of sweepers employed each week every street in the town. The Town Clerk replied that the sweepers were employed every week and that the bins were emptied.

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In reply, the Town Clerk intimated he understood from the Borough Surveyor that the streets were swept once in each day, and most roads once a week. It was decided that a complete report from the Borough Surveyor should be submitted on this matter.

TRINITY STREET

Councillor Byrne referred to the condition of Trinity Street, owing to grass growing there, and to flooding at the entrance to the premises of the Wexford Bacon Factory, and it was decided to draw the attention of the Co. Engineer to these matters.

FAYTHE

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the condition of the Faythe near Back Lane, where an excavation had recently been made in the road way.

GROGAN'S ROAD

In connection with the sweeping of the streets, attention was drawn to the condition of Grogan's Road due to the constant passing of turf lorries, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was decided to ask Fuel Importers to take steps to have this street swept when the turf lorries were finished each evening.

HOLIDAY FOR RELIEF GRANT WORKER

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation request the Minister for ~~Industry and Commerce~~ *Local Government* to amend the regulations pertaining to unemployment on Relief Schemes so as to permit the employment of old I.R.A. men who are in receipt of pensions. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to, and the Co Manager was asked to make special representations in the matter.

TOWN PLANNING AND TOWN HALL

A notice by Councillor Byrne of his intention to raise questions regarding Town Planning, and the lighting of the Town Hall was adjourned to a future meeting.

TREES

The Borough Surveyor was asked to replace four trees, which had been damaged at the Faythe, and the Co. Manager was asked to examine the possibilities of opening the new Car Park at Well Lane.

PAINTING OF HOUSES

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the houses painted during the year by the Corporation.

Chairman *James Smith*

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17th November, 1947.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Tomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul, Kevin Morris and Tomas Buckland.

The Co- Manager and Town Clerk were also inattendance.

TIMBER

A lengthy report was read from Professor Bayley-Butler on the samples of timber supplied for the erection of houses at Slippery Green together with the observations of the Borough Surveyor on this matter.

During the course of his report, Professor Butler expressed the opinion that the timber supplied could safely be used in the houses if treated with a solution of mineral salts, containing fluobrine.

This question gave rise to a lengthy discussion, at the end of which Councillor Gaul moved that we recommend the Co. Manager to accept the report of Professor Butler, and that timber showing blue stain indicative of sap be treated with the solution recommended by Professor Butler. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The question was also raised regarding the inspection of joinery work at the Contractors' Works, and it was agreed that the timber to be used in joinery work should be inspected at the Contractors' site before being manufactured.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Byrne the thanks of the Corporation was extended to Professor Butler for his illuminative report.

FOOTPATHS

Councillor Gaul raised the question of the provision of a foot-path at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Town Clerk replied that the cement position was now infinitely worse than when permits were provided and that he did not feel justified in forwarding an application for sanction to a loan until the cement position was clarified. At the present time, it was not possible to get sufficient cement to carry on the work in hands and it was decided to ask Cement Limited for an explanation as to why Wexford cannot get sufficient cement to carry on normal works.

In reply to a query by Councillor Morris, the Town Clerk intimated that a legal question had arisen in regard to the provision of a Sanitary Convenience at the house occupied by Hagginbothan, William Street, and certain suggestions had been made by the Solicitor for the owner, which had been referred to the Corporation Legal Advisor for an opinion.

BUILDERS' LABOURERS WAGES

In reply to a query by Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with the Secretary of the Labour Court, regarding the wages of Builders' Labourers, but so far had not received a reply. At the request of Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk agreed to communicate with the Masters' Builders Federation on this matter.

PAINTING OF HOUSES

In connection with the painting of Artizans' Dwellings, a report submitted from the Borough Surveyor showing the amount expended on the painting of Artizans' Dwellings in the year, was read. Councillor Howlin who had originally asked for this report, intimated that he asked the Borough Surveyor to state when the old houses of the Corporation were last painted, and requested the Borough Surveyor to submit this information.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, ETC.,

In reply to a query by Alderman Hadden, the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received the report from the Borough Surveyor on the sites for the proposed Public lavatory, and after a lengthy discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to attend the next meeting and to give an explanation as to why the report was not made. It was agreed also, on the motion of Councillor Byrne to ask the Co. Manager to make an order for the Borough Surveyor to make an examination and to report on the present condition of St. Ibar's Cemetery.

TRAIN SERVICE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Corish it was agreed to protest to C.I.E. on the discontinuance of the evening trains from Dublin to Wexford and Wexford to Dublin, and to point out the serious inconvenience this caused to cross channel travellers via Rosslare and Fishguard.

MILK SUPPLY

It was agreed on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne to request the Milk Vendors' Association to renew the delivery of milk to the town twice daily.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING

In reply to a query regarding the lighting of Devereaux Villas and Wolfe Tone Villas, the Town Clerk intimated that he had arranged an interview with the Assistant District Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board during the coming fortnight to discuss the entire question of Public lighting in the town.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE

In reply to a query by Councillor Morris, the Town Clerk intimated that a legal question had arisen in regard to the provision of a Sanitary Convenience at the house occupied by Higginbotham, William Street, and certain suggestions had been made by the Solicitor for the owner, which had been referred to the Corporation Legal Advisor for an opinion.

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24th November, 1947

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 George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Edward Howlin, Tomas Byrne, Tomas Buckland.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset of the meeting, the Mayor moved that the Co. Manager be requested to take all steps possible to have Relief Grant Works put into operation before Christmas. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to and particular reference was made to the proposal to reconstruct foot paths outside the town.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the question of Public Conveniences at various parts of the town and after a lengthy discussion was agreed that the members of the Corporation should meet the Borough Surveyor with the Co. M.O.H. on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 3 p.m. to examine and consider on the suitability of these sites and that a report from this Committee should be made to the Corporation at their next meeting.

As the members had now to attend the Annual Meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Committee, the meeting terminated.

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:-

His Worship, the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

RAW WATER

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin, The County Manager intimated that for a few days the raw water had been sent into the Town without his knowledge, although he had given instructions to the Borough Surveyor not to do this even in an emergency without consulting him, and he had recorded his satisfaction with the action of the Borough Surveyor in doing this.

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A BUILDER'S LABOURER

In reply to a further query, The Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with the Labour Court and the Masters' Builders' Federation regarding the rate of wages paid to Builders' Labourers and to verify the rate, but neither the Labour Court nor the Masters' Builders' Federation had defined what a Builders' Labourer was, and in the circumstances he could see no hope of paying a Builders' Labourer's rate to men engaged on the development of a Housing Scheme at Slippery Green.

BATH STREET AREA

The next business was a recommendation from the County Manager that the area known as Bath Street be declared a clearance area within the meaning of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931. This gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which it was adjourned for two weeks to enable the County Manager to make a report on what it was proposed to do in this area, if and when the area was cleared.

TOWN HALL SITE

In accordance with the notice given, Councillor Morris moved that resolution deciding to build a Town Hall on the site at Bond Place be rescinded. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion. After a lengthy discussion five voted for the proposal and five against. The Mayor thereon gave his casting vote against the motion and it was declared lost.

Chairman

1st December, 1947.

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:-

His Worship, the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

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BATT STREET AREA

The next business was a recommendation from the County Manager that the area known as Batt Street be declared a clearance area within the meaning of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931. This gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which it was adjourned for two weeks to enable the County Manager make a report on what it was proposed to do in this area, if and when the area was cleared.

TOWN HALL SITE

In accordance with the notice given, Councillor Morris moved that the resolution deciding to build a Town Hall on the site at Redmond Place be rescinded. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion and after a lengthy discussion five voted for the proposal and five against. The Mayor thereon gave his casting vote against the motion and it was declared lost.

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A PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

As regard the erection of public conveniences in the Town it was pointed out that the Committee had recently inspected these, and were satisfied with the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor as to the construction of a public convenience at Well Lane, and it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should proceed immediately with the preparation of necessary plans for this. As regards the erection of a further convenience it was decided to await a report from the County M.O.H. and Borough Surveyor on the matter.

RELIEF GRANT WORKS

In reply to a query regarding the payment of Relief Grant Workers from the 1st January last, it was stated that the actual cost of such a payment was being examined and that a report would be submitted to the Corporation in the near future, so that the necessary financial arrangements authorising such payment might be made. The County Manager intimated that he had instructed the Borough Surveyor that day to prepare plans etc. for the erection of a block of four houses by direct Labour at Slippery Green.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

James Smith

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition to consider the recent unprecedented flooding of the Town and to consider what steps should be taken to alleviate extraordinary distress as a result of such flooding.

The members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Francis Cullimore, Kevin Morris, and Thomas Byrne.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James J. Stafford, a former Mayor of Wexford and one of the old Merchant Princes of the past century. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

FLOODING AT KING STREET.

The Meeting then proceeded to deal with the question of the King Street flooding, and the Mayor proposed that the Corporation go into Committee to discuss the matter. This motion was seconded. Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

The Corporation thereupon went into Committee and considered what should be done in this matter, and it was eventually decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne that a special appeal be issued for subscriptions to alleviate extraordinary distress in the Town as a result of the flooding, and that all subscriptions be forwarded to the Manager of the National Bank, Wexford, who were to pay them over to the Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This Society was to be requested to administer the fund with the assistance of representatives of the Wexford Clothing Society and the Irish Red Cross Society.

The Rev. P. Doyle, Adm., the Rev. John Butler, R.C.A., and Mrs. Bolger, and Mr. Michael Beary, representing the Wexford Branch of the Red Cross Society who were in attendance, then came before the meeting and agreed that the Corporation should issue this appeal and the funds be administered by the Vincent de Paul's Society.

In this connection, it was stated that Mrs. Bolger had taken steps immediately she heard of the distress floods to communicate with the Headquarters of the Red Cross Society and had succeeded in obtaining a number of blankets and stretcher-beds for the relief of the distress.

Councillor Byrne proposed a Vote of thanks to Mrs. Bolger for her action which was seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously agreed to.

SEWAGE SCHEME.

An estimate from the consulting Engineer for the John Street section of the proposed new Town Sewerage Scheme amounting to £12,141 5 0 was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche.

URBAN GRANT WORK

In reply to a question by several of the members, the County Manager agreed to try and increase the number of men employed on Urban Grant Work during the Christmas period. The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

A Special 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:-

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor James Sinnott) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Robert Moran and George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, Francis Cullimore.

The meeting had been convened to deal with a recommendation from the County Manager "that the area known as Batt Street be declared a Clearance Area within the meaning of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, a matter which had been adjourned to allow the County Manager to detail his actual proposals for dealing with the area, if it was declared a Clearance Area.

At the outset the County Manager pointed out to the meeting that he had undertaken a survey of this area at the wish of the Corporation expressed on several occasions and some time ago had agreed for the purchase of the head landlord's interest at what he considered a reasonable figure. He further intimated that what prompted him to bring on this recommendation now was that it had been brought to his notice that there was speculation going on at the moment in connection with the ground rents.

He now submitted the following resolution for consideration which in his opinion would meet all the objections expressed by the members on behalf of some of the residents and would provide all reasonable guarantees that the businesses at present carried on in Batt Street would not be interfered with.

a "That We the Corporation of Wexford being satisfied that the area known as Batt Street (being more particularly delineated on a map submitted to the present meeting of the Corporation and being sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk) is an unhealthy area and that the conditions in such area can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or are dangerous or injurious to health, HEREBY declare that the area herein before mentioned be a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and that in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, proceedings be taken to secure the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation; and we further resolve that the County Manager take steps to have the area planned in such a way as to preserve its present character reserving specifically the seaside portion of the area as a fishing village and ensuring the new condition will permit of the carrying on of the present Industries"

It was stated at this stage that a deputation of the residents was in attendance and wished to place their views before the Corporation and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously agreed to receive them.

The deputation consisted of Messrs. John & Laurence Lett and Michael Hogan.

Messrs. Lett were engaged in the fishing industry and Mr. Hogan was engaged as a smith: All of them residing in the area adjoining their business premises.

The three men pointed out the difficulties they would be under if there was any interference with the businesses carried on and that

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no other part of the town would be suitable for them.

The Corporation promised to consider the views of the Deputation and they then withdrew.

After some further discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gail, seconded by Councillor Buckland to further adjourn the matter until a plan was prepared for the development of the area.

MEETINGS.

On the suggestion of the mayor it was agreed that no further meetings be held during the Month of December, and he also wished all the members and officials a Happy Xmas and a Bright New Year.

UNEMPLOYED.

On the motion of Councillor Gau, Seconded By Ald. Moran, the following were appointed to wait on the County Engineer on the 16th instant at 12-0 noon to urge him to employ as many of the unemployed as possible before Xmas, on the Relief Grant just commenced.

RETROSPECTIVE PAY FOR GRANT WORKERS.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor that a sum of £250 0 0 be approved to pay the recent increase of wages to men employed on Grant work and on the Housing Development site at Slippery Green retrospective to 1st January, 1947, and that such sum be raised in the Rates for the Financial year 1948/1949.

The meeting then terminated.

5th January, 1948.

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:-

His worship, the Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen:- George Madden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors:- James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne.

The following minutes, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members with the agenda for the meeting were submitted for ratification and signature, namely, minutes of Corporation on 1st, 10th and 15th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

TRAIN SERVICES

A letter was read from C.I.E. referring to a Resolution passed at a previous meeting calling on the Company to restore evening train service from Wexford to Dublin and Dublin to Rosslare Harbour.

The Company pointed out that the evening train-service was operated during the summer months to cater for the large number of passengers, and its withdrawal was necessitated because the limited number of passengers would not justify the provision of such a service and as well it had become necessary to conserve their stocks of fuel. Cross-Channel passengers, they said, travelling via Rosslare and Fishguard must now avail of the 9 a.m. morning train from Dublin to Wexford, from which pont connections were provided to Rosslare Hbr. and the Company considered these services adequate to meet existing requirements. In this connection, the following motion was moved by Alderman Corish "That considering the fact that the coal supply is taken off the ration, we ask C.I.E. to run evening trains from Dublin to Rosslare Harbour and From Wexford To Dublin, and we also ask C.I.E. to put local bus services from (1) Wexford to New Ross (2) Wexford to Gorey and Courtown Harbour and (3) Wexford to Kilmore Quay."

This motion was taken in conjunction with the letter from C.I.E. referred to above and Councillor Byrne pointed out as the mover of the original motion that he was not at all satisfied with the reply from the Company as people had been left stranded at Rosslare during the Christmas period, and the present arrangements were not at all adequate to deal with the traffic. He also pointed out that persons desiring to travel from Dublin to England via Rosslare and Fishguard would have to leave Dublin at 9 a.m. in order to catch a boat leaving Rosslare Hbr. at midnight. It was pointed out that Wexford had got a very raw deal in so far as transport was concerned during the recent emergency and several members expressed the hope that C.I.E. would recognise this fact and make up for it by improving transport services now that the emergency was not nearly as acute.

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Regarding local services it was pointed out that before the local buses were taken over by the National Co. bus services were not in operation as market buses and it was suggested that if C.I.E. were not in a position to provide market services that they should permit of such services being operated by local Independent Enterprise. These local services previously operated between Kilmore, Carne, Duncannon, Taghmon, Foulkesmills and Wexford were of considerable advantage to the people in outlying areas on marketing fair days.

Eventually Alderman Cirish's motion was unanimously agreed to with the addendum that C.I.E. be asked either to restore the market bus services or to permit of them being operated by local private enterprise.

HOLIDAY'S ACT

The Minister for Industry and Commerce acknowledged receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Corporation requesting the Amendment of the Holiday's (Employees act, 1939) so as to provide two weeks annual holidays for all workers. The Minister stated that he had in mind a general reconstruction of the Act and when Amendment Legislation was being prepared the terms of the Corporation's Resolution would be carefully considered. With reference to the Resolution adopted at a previous meeting calling on the Minister for Local Government to amend the regulations governing the Employment of men on Relief Grant Works so as to permit old I.R.A. men in receipt of pensions to be employed on these grants, the Minister stated that the regulations governing such schemes provided for the employment of Unemployment Assistance Recipients and in view of the fact that the amount of money available was limited, provision could not be made for all the classes.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to forward a copy of the Resolution adopted at the last meeting to the Taoiseach.

A letter was read from the Wexford Milk Producers and Suppliers Association which stated that they had unanimously decided not to provide two deliveries of milk per day in Town.

The following letter, addressed to the Town Clerk from Mr. James Stafford of Cromwell's Fort, Wexford was read:-

"With my brothers and sisters I thank you for your very kind letter conveying the expression of sympathy of the Wexford Corporation and yourself in our bereavement. Please accept and convey to the Corporation the family's sincere appreciation of condolence in our loss."

Yours sincerely,

James J. Stafford.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Reference was made by his worship the Mayor and other members to the unsatisfactory public lighting in the Town for some time past and the Town Clerk explained that he, as well as the members had received a considerable number of complaints and had himself observed a number of lights out from time to time recently. Last month he had consulted with the local representative of the E.S.D. and had ascertained (1) that a considerable amount of the trouble was due to breakage and (2) that there was a very serious shortage of lamps.

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He promised however, to take up the matter immediately with the local representative of the E.S.B. again and if he was not in a position to give him satisfaction he would take the matter up with the District Engineer in Waterford or with the head office in Dublin.

WEEK END WATCHMEN

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to increase the wages of week-end watchmen to 25/2d. per week. It was also agreed to recommend the Manager to pay labourers tending the Corporation tradesmen, repairing artisans' dwellings the rate agreed on with the Masters' Builders' Federation for builders' labourers.

A deputation was now received from the Wexford Unemployed Mens' Association. The deputation consisted of Mr. Mark Kearns, who acted as spokesman together with Mr. McCabe, secretary of the Association. Mr. Kearns, on behalf of the Association complained of the very small number of men employed on Grant Work around the Christmas period and said the Association understood there was three thousand pounds on hands to be spent for the Relief of Unemployed.

He also alleged that during the Christmas period there were only watchmen, gangers, timekeepers and very few men employed during the Christmas period. Mr. Kearns also complained that there was unfair discrimination in the selection of men from the lists furnished by the Labour Exchange and alleged that the men were selected not in accordance with the list supplied by the Labour Exchange but by the Gangers and time keepers. He also asked that the Corporation see that any money available was put into use immediately to provide work for some of these people who were in a deplorable state.

Reference by Mr. Kearns to the need for public conveniences and the water supply were ruled out of order as not coming within the scope of the business of the deputation.

MILK SUPPLY

A complaint that the milk supplied to Edward Kearney of 5, Thomas Clarke St. was refused and that his wife who was an expectant mother had been refused milk under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme was also made, and the Town Clerk promised to investigate this matter, immediately.

A further complaint that a man in receipt of milk under the Free Milk Scheme was in arrears by 16 pints was made and it was arranged that this man should call on the Town Clerk and make a statement to this effect, and the Town Clerk would take up the matter with the Contractor.

Mr. McCabe, the Secretary of the Association also spoke and stressed the hardship amongst the Unemployed in the Town. This concluded the business of the deputation and the Corporation promised to investigate the entire matter.

After the deputation had withdrawn, Councillor Byrne pointed out that the kernel of the situation appeared to be the lack of Unemployment during the past few years and the very few men employed on Relief Grant Work over the Christmas period, and he proposed that he demand that the various schemes submitted during the emergency as emergency Employment Schemes be sanctioned immediately. Councillor Roche seconded this motion which was agreed to.

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The meeting then decided to investigate the entire matter at a special meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on the 12th instant at which the Borough Surveyor and the County Manager were asked to attend.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMODATION

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 to obtaining overdraft accomodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £5,000 up to the 31st March, 1948.

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 to obtaining overdraft accomodation on the Capital Account of the Corporation in the sum of £10,000 up to the 1st March, 1948."

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James J. Smith*

12th January, 1948.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman:- George Hadden.

Councillors:- James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Kevin Morris.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Nicholas Corish on the death of his sister, Councillor Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

A number of old age Pension Claims were disposed of and a record of these will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the P.S.B. pointing out the difficulties in maintaining public lamps in Wexford and an appeal was made through the medium of the press requesting the public to prevent as far as possible the malicious breakages of public lights by stone throwing.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received a decision from the Corporation Solicitors on the question of the provision of a sanitary convenience at the house in William St. occupied by Higginbotham, but would take up the matter with them again.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Wexford Unemployed Association asking the Corporation to receive a further deputation. Thereon a discussion took place as to whether or not the deputation should be received considering the Corporation had received a similar deputation on the 5th instant when they promised the deputation that they would consider their grievances further. On the motion of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Bierney it was agreed to receive the Chairman and Secretary of the Association.

Messrs. Kearns and McCabe then came before the meeting but had nothing new to add to what was stated by them on the 5th instant. They merely pointed out that the situation in so far as the Unemployed were concerned had not improved during the week and Mr. Kearns complained that some men had been taken on for Corporation Work during the week who had no dependants.

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FREE MILK

Mr. Kearns also said that since last Monday, the Contractor under the Free Milk Supply Scheme had left Mrs. Kearney of Gulbar Road short of a further $4\frac{1}{2}$ pints of milk.

In this connection, the Town Clerk produced a signed statement from Mrs. E. Kearney, Duke St. stating that she had not applied to Nurse Daly for Milk under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, as stated by Mr. Kearns at the previous meeting, and her husband Edward had intimated that he did not make such a statement on the 5th instant.

Mr. McCabe, Secretary of the Association was then asked if he had any statement to make and he intimated that as the County Manager was not present and as it was he to whom he wished to speak, he had nothing to add to the remarks made by Mr. Kearns. The deputation then withdrew.

RELIEF GRANT WORK

A report from the Borough Surveyor was read regarding statements made by the deputation on the 5th instant that the selection of men for Relief Grant work was made by the foremen and timekeepers, but Mr. McNally intimated that as he was not personally acquainted with all the men sent to him from the Labour Exchange he considered he was entitled to seek advice on the suitability of any man from an employee of the Corporation.

The meeting then considered ways and means of alleviating the condition of the unemployed, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the transfer of land from the G.A.A. to the Corporation had not yet been received and he was instructed to get in touch immediately with the Solicitors for the G.A.A. to expedite the complaint of the bill and as well to apply to the department for a grant to construct the new road from Summerhill to White Rock View. The Borough Surveyor suggested that a large housing development scheme could be carried out outside the Borough with the idea of erecting approximately a thousand houses and as well the question of the provision of a public park was to be again brought to the notice of the department with a view to having the proposal sanctioned.

It was also agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bierney, that applications should be made to the department for sanction of a loan of £988 for the provision of foot-paths to 152 houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.

FLOODING AT KING ST.

A lengthy discussion took place on the flooding at King St. on Friday last, at the end of which it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councilloruckland that the Consulting Engineer for the Town Sewage Scheme should be asked to come to Wexford and meet the Corporation on the 26th instant to see what could be done to alleviate the flood conditions in this area. In connection with the flooding the Mayor pointed out that the members of the Corporation were not responsible for the flooding and it was most unfair for the public to blame the Corporation for the state of affairs in King St.

DRAINAGE

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to examine the drainage at the house of Mrs. Murphy, Selskar Ave. with a view to having the owner carry out repairs of the drains.

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS' COMMITTEE

Alderman Hadden asked the Town Clerk to communicate the the Ancient Monuments' Committee requesting them to schedule the old Town Wall and the Westgate as old time monuments. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman

James Swift

19th January, 1948.

A meeting of the General Purposes (Housing) Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Councillors:- Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, and Thomas Buckland.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Committee first met as an old Age Pension's Committee and a report of their deliberations as such will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to William Kehoe, Town Sergeant on the death of his uncle, the late Francis Kehoe. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and County Manager and adopted in respectful silence.

HOUSING SCHEME

The meeting then proceeded to deal with the question of housing, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that in his opinion very poor progress was being made by the Contractor for the 16 houses at Slippery Green, but that the Contractor had intimated to the County Manager that he was to be in a position to handover the 16 houses on the 1st June next which would be approximately three months over the time specified in the Contract.

The members felt that if the Contractor's statement could be relied on some progress could be recorded but they were rather doubtful of this, and suggested to the Town Clerk that he should try and obtain a statement in writing from the Contractor to the effect that he would have the 16 houses completed by 1st June next. It was also agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche that a progress report from the Clerk of Works and Borough Surveyor should be available for the next meeting.

As regards the proposal of the County Manager to erect four houses by direct labour the Manager intimated that following a discussion with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk that afternoon, he had decided to confine this proposal to two houses and at the moment was awaiting the quantities from the Quantity Surveyor. On receipt of these he would instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a detailed estimate of the cost of erecting two houses by direct labour.

As regards the proposal to acquire certain houses at Abbey Street, the Town Clerk intimated that this was awaiting sanction of the Minister for Local Government. He had, however, received a memo inquiring if, in view of the large grants now proposed under recent housing legislation it would be possible to persuade the owners to undertake the repair of these dwellings.

In his (Town Clerk's) opinion this would not be possible and he proposed to so inform the Minister. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the condition of a house in John's Gate St. occupied by Dempsey, and High St. occupied by Heffernan which had been offered to the Corporation for purchase. The Mayor intimated that he would move at the next statutory meeting that the Government be called on to abolish the means test in relation to ~~Chairman~~ Age Pension. The meeting then terminated.

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James Sinnott

Minutes of proceedings of Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on the 2nd February, 1948 at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott presiding.

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: Gaul, Bierney, Roche and Buckland.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Confirmation of the minutes of proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation held on the 5th day of January, having been circulated to all the members were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

CLEANING OF '98 MONUMENT

The question of cleaning the '98 monument was discussed, and it was eventually agreed that the statue be cleaned by the Corporation workmen.

EMPLOYMENT OF OLD I.R.A. MEN

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Secretary to an Taoiseach stating that the matter of the Corporation's recommendation to have the regulations governing the employment of old I.R.A. men on Relief Schemes amended, was having attention.

KING STREET CLEARANCE

A recommendation from the County Manager that King Street be declared a Clearance area was proposed by Councillor Roche. Councillor Buckland suggested that this matter be adjourned in view of the small meeting, and upon discussion this was agreed to.

WATCHMENS' WAGES

A query re wages paid to the week-end watchmen was answered by the Town Clerk.

CONDEMNED HOUSES

In reply to a question by Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk said that owners of condemned houses were not informed of the result of the 1944 Housing Survey. Information was available at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone who might require it.

TOWN HALL SITE

The Town Planning expert reported that the new Town Hall Site was not feasible as a site for a swimming pool.

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

The members present were:-

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

Alderman George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

The Acting County Manager, Mr. J. F. Doris and the Acting Town Clerk, Mr. H. F. Doyle were also in attendance.

Arising out of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee when complaints were made regarding the condition of the three following houses (1) Mrs. Nellie Johnson, The Faythe. (2) Mrs. Grattan, The Faythe. (3) Mrs. Ryan, Temperance Rowe, the Sanitary Inspector reported as follows.

"Further to your queries regarding the above aggrieved persons, here is the information you require:-

1. Made report to District M.O. on 3rd inst. recommending condemnation.
2. Made third report to District M.O. on 10th inst. recommending abatement of nuisance.
3. Made report to District M.O. on 11th inst. recommending abatement of nuisance.

After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously decided to write to the Medical Officer for the relevant reports. A number of complaints re defective sewers and lack of sanitary accommodation were resurrected by the members as follows:- William McGrath, John St., Doyle, Rose Rock, Morris, High St., Purlong, Rose Rock, Higginbotham, William St., and Carroll, Kevin Barry St., when it was decided that the sanitary Inspector be requested to report on the present position of the various complaints.

DUMPING AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Sanitary Inspector submitted a report stating that owing to dumping of household refuse in the vicinity of Artisan Dwellings in Maudlintown that the various open spaces there were in an insanitary condition. He had unsuccessfully tried to prevail on the numerous residents to procure bins. After a short discussion, it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul that a Notice be inserted in the local papers stating that anyone found dumping in the Borough of Wexford will be prosecuted without further warning. It was also decided that no member of the Corporation should plead or give any letters to anyone thereby prosecuted.

LACK OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Many members had complained of the number of public lights at present out of commission in Town and were strong in their assertions, the something should be done immediately to remedy this. The Acting Clerk reported that he had been in telephonic communication with the District E.S.B. Office in Waterford and had been informed that this action was due to failure on the part of the E.S.B. to procure bulbs, and that they (E.S.B.) were doing everything in their power to remedy this complaint. Members were not satisfied with this explanation and directed the Clerk to write very strongly to the E.S.B. pointing out their dissatisfaction and the general

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plight of the town.

WEEK END WATCHMEN.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the payment of wages to week end watchmen and proposed that the wages be increased from 18/9d. to 25/2d. This proposition was seconded by Alderman Corish, and having been agreed to unanimously, the Acting County Manager promised to look into this matter as soon as possible.

WALL AT KING STREET AVENUE.

Complaint was made re the dangerous condition of a wall at the bridge at King Street Avenue when it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor for a report thereon. It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the water supply at present, which it was stated, was totally inadequate in the vicinity of White Rock View and Wolfe Tone Villas.

FOUR HOUSES - DIRECT LABOUR.

It was unanimously decided after a short discussion to request the County Manager for a report on the present position of the proposed four houses to be built by direct labour. It was also decided that a date should be arranged between the Corporation and the Engineer for the new sewerage scheme, Mr. T. J. O'Connor, with special reference to the flooding at King Street. Councillor Byrne raised the question of a provision of some stakes for making a fence at a house at Devereaux Villas occupied by a man named Kielty, and Mr. Doris promised to have the Borough Surveyor look into this matter as soon as possible. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on (1) house of Dempsey, John's Gate St. (2) Heffernan, High St. with a view to their purchase by the Corporation.

SUSPENSION OF TOWN CLERK.

Mr. Doris, Acting County Manager, informed the meeting that he had that day received copy of a communication which had been sent to the Town Clerk, Mr. John J. Byrne, suspending him from duty pending the examination of his accounts. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Donohue*

1st March, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings of Statutory Meeting of Wexford Corporation held on the 1st day of March at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7.30. pm.

Present:-

His Worship, the Mayor (Councillor James Sinnott) presiding.

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors:- Byrne, Buckland, Gaul, Bierney, Morriss and Roche.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 16th February, having been circulated to the members were, on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Bierney taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

A VOTE OF CONGRATULATION.

Councillor Gaul proposed, and Mr. Bierney seconded that the Corporation extend their congratulations to Mr. Brendan Corish T.D. on the occasion of his election to Dail Eireann and elevation to the post of Parliamentary Secretary. The members generally associated themselves with this proposal and Mr. Byrne suggested that congratulations should be extended to all the T.D.'s of the County. On the motion being put to the Meeting, was carried unanimously.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that there were three motions on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Byrne and stated that according to the Standing Orders he could only allow two. Councillor Byrne disputed the Chairman's rule, but as the standing Orders could not be produced he eventually agreed to withdraw one motion.

ALLOTMENTS.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the availability of plots for the unemployed. It was suggested by Councillor Bierney that Mr. Laurence Kirwan of Ballinagee might have some land which would be suitable for allotments and the Clerk was requested to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL STAFF.

On the motion having been given, Alderman Corish now moved 'that we, the members of the Wexford Corporation request the County Manager that when making appointments to the Clerical Staff of Wexford Corporation, candidates for the examination would be confined to those whose parents are Rate Payers in the County Wexford.' This proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The amendment to this was moved by Councillor Roche that in future all examinations be set down by the Local Government Department. This proposal did not receive a seconder. On the original motion being put to the Meeting it was declared lost, the voting being three in favour five against.

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WORK ON GRANT SCHEMES

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the work being done on Grant Schemes with particular reference to the co-operation the County Manager was receiving from the Engineering Staff. It was thought that as far as was at present available there was no reason for any hold up on this work and that the Scheme was being carried out with efficiency.

PROVISION OF PUBLIC PARK

Councillor Byrne proposed, and Councillor Gaul seconded that the County Manager be requested to submit a detailed statement on the progress made re the provision of a public park for Wexford with a view to easing the abnormal amount of unemployment in the town, and after a lengthy discussion on this matter it was agreed that the statement of progress should be submitted at the next meeting.

TRAVELLING SHOPS.

It was moved by Councillor Byrne (notice of Motion having previously been given) that the Corporation resolve to prohibit travelling shops from selling goods by retail in the open area of Wexford. This was seconded by Councillor Morris. Councillor Gaul thought that this matter should come within the scope of the Corporation's Bye-laws and he also suggested that legal advice should be sought before arriving at any decision. The Mayor supported him in this and it was eventually decided that the advice of the Council Solicitor should be sought.

FLOODING

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul and resolved, that the Department of Local Government be requested to implement with the least possible delay the plans submitted by Mr. T. G. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, for the alleviation of flooding in King Street, Wexford.

JOHN STREET SEWER

It was suggested that John Street sewer should be included in Councillor Byrne's resolution, but on a proposal by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Byrne, a special resolution in respect of John Street sewer was adopted. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

8th March, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings of General Purposes Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on the 8th March, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:)

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor Presiding.

Aldermen:- Hadden and Corish.

Councillors:- Gaul, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne, Morris and Roche.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee was read stating that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, the 22nd March, 1948. This was agreed to by all the members.

NUISANCES

The question of abatement of nuisances was raised by various members, particular reference being made to the case of Johnson, The Faythe, (Councillor Byrne), Grattan, The Faythe, and McGrath, John St. It was suggested that the Medical Officer be communicated with immediately with reference to these cases, and that he be asked to submit a report.

WATER SUPPLY

Councillor Byrne raised the matter of the Water Supply at White Rock View and pointed out the hardships under which the tenant laboured. It was suggested that people should be notified of the times at which the water was being cut off and the question of issuing a report to the Corporation was adopted. It was also requested that the Borough Surveyor submit a report on this matter for the next meeting.

HOUSING SCHEME

The question of the progress made on the Housing Scheme was raised by Councillor Gaul and a report on this was read by the Clerk. The members declared themselves generally dissatisfied with the progress of the Housing Scheme. Mr. Byrne referred to the advertisement inviting Tenders for the erection of 74 houses. It was decided that any tenders received would be considered at the meeting to be held on Monday, the 15th instant.

CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

Alderman Corish mentioned the matter of sick leave for Corporation employees, but no motion was taken on this matter pending the consideration of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1947.

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCE

The Mayor raised the matter of the Sanitary Convenience and referred to the delay in proceeding with this work. It was stated that plans had already been approved for this and that there should now be no further hold-up. It was decided that a request should be submitted from the Borough Surveyor for the next meeting.

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ROAD FROM SUMMER HILL
TO WHITE MILL.

Reference was made to the question of land which was being acquired from the G. A. A. for the purpose of construction upon above road. It was thought that the Corporation should now be in a position to proceed with this work and that there should be no further delay. It was decided that a report on this matter also should be submitted for the next meeting.

Alderman Madden raised the matter of a corner at New Lane, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor submit a report on this matter also.

HORSE RIVER

The Mayor referred to the position re horse river where it was stated, considerable damage has been done to a certain plot, on which it is alleged stones, etc. have been dumped. The question of the Corporation's responsibility for this matter was raised, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to remove these stones immediately.

ALLOTMENTS

Reference was made to the provision of allotments and the Clerk informed the meeting that the matter was having attention.

TRAVELLING SHOPS

Councillor Byrne raised the matter of travelling shops, It was decided that the advice of the Corporation Solicitors on this matter be obtained immediately.

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A quarterly meeting of the Wexford Corporation will be held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday, the 5th instant at 7.30. p.m. for consideration of the following business:-

- (I) Confirmation of Minutes.
- (II) Report on Rate Collection.
- (III) Approval of overdraft accommodation.
- (IV) Report on Housing Progress.
- (V) Motion by Alderman Corish "That the members of this Corporation, being fully aware of the housing position in Town, insist upon an immediate start on the remaining houses on Slippery Green Site for the twofold reason of providing housing accommodation to the many people in need of houses, and to help in solving the problem of unemployment in Wexford."
- (VI) Memorial from the tenants of Sea View Avenue.
- (VII) Local Government Superannuation Act, 1948.
- (VIII) Fixing the date of Annual Meeting.
- (IX) Such other business as may properly arise.

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S. C. O'-h-Eir.

a/s Cleirigh an Bhaile.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.

3rd April, 1948.

To each member of the Wexford Corporation.

Minutes of proceedings of General Purposes Meeting held on the 15th March, 1948 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

The Mayor Presiding.

Aldermen:- Corish and Hadden.

Councillors:- Gaul, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne, Morris, and Roche.

(1) VOTE OF SYMPATHY

It was proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish and resolved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. T. Millar on the death of his father. All the members present associated themselves with this motion which passed unanimously, all the members standing.

(11) EASTER MEMORIAL

A letter from Thomas Cullmore, Esq., Sec. to the Easter Commemoration Committee was read requesting the attendance of the Mayor and members of the Corporation at the ceremonies to be held on Easter Sunday. On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was decided that members should attend Mass on that day and that any members would be free to attend any further ceremonies should he wish to do so.

(111) THE CORPORATION AND G.A.A.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor, with reference to the above matter, was read stating that the Deed of Assignment to the Corporation was lodged in the Adjudication Office for assessment to Stamp Duty on the 24th January last, and that a query had emanated from that office asking for production of the Conveyance from the Corporation to the G.A.A. for inspection. The Solicitors, however, stated that they had hoped to have the Assignment stamped and registered in the near future.

(1V) SANITARY CONVENIENCE

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the public Sanitary Convenience which was read by the Clerk and which inferred that the location of the Site had not been finally decided. The members were of the opinion that it had been decided to site the convenience centrally, that is in the middle of the road. It was suggested by Alderman Corish that the Borough Surveyor should get definite instructions on this matter. Alderman Hadden suggested that an early opportunity should be taken of discussing this whole matter with the County Manager. It was requested that the Borough Surveyor submit plans for approval.

(V) HORSE RIVER

The Borough Surveyor reported on the question of Horse River to the effect that the Corporation's responsibility was limited to the cleansing of this stream and that their liability only extended to the portion below Pierce and Co.'s factory. He also stated that he had had no instructions with regard to the boundary wall, which had collapsed into the River and which the workmen had taken out and stacked on the adjoining land.

Members in general were of the opinion that this was a matter for the Corporation's Legal Advisor. Alderman Hadden stated that he had looked at the place and that the stones could not possibly be put anywhere else. Councillor Gaul suggested that the responsibility would lie upon the owner of the plot who could be communicated with in regard to the matter. The Borough Surveyor explained that eventually the field *Chairman* appears into the River.... if steps were not taken to safeguard it.

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(VI)

WATER SUPPLY

The report on the condition of the Water supply was submitted by the Borough Surveyor and read by the Clerk. A general discussion on this matter then took place to which all members contributed. Alderman Hadden suggested that the exact date for beginning to lay the new main should be obtained and Councillor Byrne referred to the parts of the town which were left without a supply of water for some three or four days. In reply to this the Borough Surveyor explained that an unusual break down had occurred in the mechanism of the booster and that this was difficult of location. The question of notification during times of stoppage was raised, but no satisfactory means was suggested. The Mayor raised the question of leakage. It was considered that this was not more than usual and the leaks would be more easily determined when the new main came into operation. It was decided to get in touch with the Consulting Engineer on this matter.

(VII)

CORNER OF NEW LANE.

A report on the above submitted by the Borough Surveyor was read stating that plans for the erection of a shop on this point were approved and as soon as notification to begin work was received the boundary line would be marked out. Alderman Hadden referred to the long delay in this matter. He said that instructions had been given two years ago for the work to be carried out, but so far nothing had been done. The Mayor referred to the question of chargeability that is whether to Main Roads or Urban Roads. Alderman Hadden, however, stated that this was a matter for the Borough Surveyor and County Manager and that he would like to refer the matter to the County Manager and to find out from him the exact position. A further discussion took place on this matter and it was decided to communicate with the lady in question with a view to finding out when she intended to begin work on this site.

(VIII)

BRIDGE WALL AT KING ST.

A report on the parapet wall of a bridge at King Street stating that the Bridge was standing on private property and was not maintained by the Corporation, was submitted by the Borough Surveyor. It was decided after some discussion that the Corporation could do nothing in this matter.

(IX)

SLIPPERY GREEN

A progress report from the Clerk of the Works on the 16 houses at Slippery Green was submitted and read by the Clerk. The report expressed dissatisfaction about the progress made and it was suggested that the Contractor should submit an explanation. The Borough Surveyor explained that the Moisture Content of the timber was very high and much of it had been condemned. He also said that roof timbers had been wrongly cut and this caused further delay. It was agreed that copies of the report should be sent to the Contractor from whom an explanation should be received.

(X)

NUISANCES

A report from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that certain nuisances had been abated, and that orders requiring abatement of nuisances had been served on other cases, was submitted and adopted.

(XI)

ROAD WIDENING

Councillor Byrne referred to the question of widening the Road at the proposed new town hall site. The Borough Surveyor explained that sanction for Relief Grant on this work had been refused by the Dept. because the labour content was too low.

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turned down by the Dept. because the labour content was too low. The Mayor suggested that the Borough Surveyor should communicate with the Department again on this matter. Alderman Corish suggested that the edge of the existing path should be painted in two colours, as at present it is dangerous to traffic. The Borough Surveyor thought that this should be painted in black and white.

(X11)

PROVISION OF SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Roche raised the question of providing a lavatory in a house occupied by P. Furlong. The Borough Surveyor stated that he had examined this, the job would be very expensive. It was pointed out that "we could not force the landlord to do this work, though the Corporation could endeavour to undertake it themselves and recover the cost." Councillor Gaul suggested that the Borough Surveyor should submit a report. It was pointed out that the difficulty about the position was that the drain was at the back of the house and that two owners were concerned. A bad job had been done on this originally and if the Corporation were to settle it now they would assume liability. It was decided that in view of alternative accommodation being available the house could be condemned and that in the meantime the Sanitary Inspector should make frequent inspections and reports.

STREET TRADING

The matter of street trading was raised by Councillor Byrne, and the Clerk reported the consultation he had had with the Corporation Solicitor. On the proposal of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until further evidence would be forthcoming from the Solicitors.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Gaul raised the question of three houses at William Street, and requested a report from the Legal Advisor. Councillor Morris referred to a nuisance at Ryan's of Temperance Row, and the Mayor mentioned the installation of a water closet at McGrath John Street. Alderman Hadden mentioned the matter of draining the Cemetary and suggested that "perhaps we could carry out this work for the Relief of the Unemployment." The Borough Surveyor explained as there was no drain leading away from the Cemetary nothing could be done as matters stand at present. Councillor Roche referred to houses occupied by Dempsey and Wadding of John St. and requested a report from the Sanitary Inspector on them. The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Smith*

24th March, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at Estimates Committee Meeting held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on the 24th March, 1948 at 8.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Councillors: Buckland, Bierney, Bynne, Howlin, and Morris.

(1) ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE

Details of the estimate of expenditure had been previously submitted to members and consideration was now given to the items as set out therein.

(a) URBAN ROADS

An amount of £600.0.0. for maintenance of Urban roads was referred to, and it was suggested that details of this amount be submitted. Councillor Byrne proposed, and it was resolved that the Committee recommend the reduction of item No. 6, that is Contingencies from £120.0.0. to £100.0.0.

(b) SANITARY SERVICES

On the proposal of the Mayor, it was decided to recommend the reduction of item for Domestic Scavenging from £1,350 to £1,000. It was recommended that the Borough Surveyor attend and submit details of his estimate for Burial Grounds. It was also recommended that an amount of £350.0.0. in respect of loan charges for the the proposed Sanitary Convenience be deleted.

(c) HOUSING.

It was recommended that the Borough Surveyor submit a detailed explanation of expenditure on houses during the year and the proposed expenditure for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1949. It was also recommended that an item of £240. 0.0. be deleted.

(d) GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne it was recommended that an item of £300. 0. 0. for Town Hall improvement be deleted: It was also recommended that an item of £20.0.0. for expenditure on fairs and markets, etc. be deleted also.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

The County Council demand was considered in some detail, but no recommendations were taken on this, and the meeting then adjourned.

Minutes of proceedings at Estimates Committee Meeting held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Tuesday, 30th March, 1948 at 8.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

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

(1) URBAN ROADS.

It was decided to recommend that the Estimates of expenditure be reduced as follows.

- (a) Travelling allowance £10 deleted.
- (b) Stationery, printing and advertising £15 deleted.
- (c) Contingencies £120 reduced to £100.

(2) SANITARY SERVICES

The following reductions were recommended.

| | FROM £ | TO £ |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| Domestic Scavenging | 1,350 | £1,000. |
| Burial Grounds | 1,021 | 721 |
| Salaries | 375 | 345 |
| Contingencies | 566 | 350 |

Printing, stationery and advertising 35 deleted.

Loan charges £350 for proposed Sanitary Convenience deleted.

(3) HOUSING

The following reduction in the estimated expenditure were recommended:-

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Repairs and Maintenance | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Salaries, etc. | 650 | 600 |
| Printing, stationery and advertising | 100 | 60 |
| Contingencies £240 deleted. | | |

(4) GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The following reductions were recommended:-

- (1) Town Hall improvements £300 deleted.
- (2) Town and Regional Planning 150 50
- (3) Derelict Sites and demolitions £100 deleted.
- (4) Fairs and markets £80 deleted.
- (5) Milk and Dairies Acts. 150 75
- (6) Preparation of Rate Books 100 80

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| | £. | £. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| (7) Miscellaneous A.R.P. expenses | 100 | 50 |
| (8) Materials expenses | 1,000 | 300 |

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICE

It was proposed by Councillor Gaul, Seconded by Byrne that consideration of the estimate for County Council's service be adjourned. This proposal was adopted and the meeting then terminated.

Chairman

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2nd April, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at Annual Estimates Meeting held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Friday, 2nd April, at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

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

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Mr. Gaul that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mrs. Roche on the death of her son. All the members associated themselves with this vote which was passed unanimously, all members standing. The Mayor proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Councillor John Billington on the death of his mother. This motion was passed unanimously all the members standing. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Gaul that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Father M. Doyle and his brother on the death of their Aunt. All the members associated themselves with this vote of sympathy which was passed unanimously, all the members standing.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

The Mayor referred to the fact that the Borough Surveyor who had been requested to attend was not present. He said that he regretted having to mention this matter, but he had had to take a serious view of it. The Deputy County Manager informed the meeting that he too had taken a serious view of this matter and had already taken appropriate action.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATE

The Mayor proposed that the Estimate be then considered and Councillor Gaul expressed himself in agreement with this. Councillor Byrne expressed his dissatisfaction with the demand made by the County Council on the Wexford Corporation. He was of opinion that this should not be accepted without the submission of detailed figures etc. He referred to the question of over-expenses during the year ending 31st March, 1948, and asked the Mayor to refuse to consider the County Council demand until an appropriate scrutiny had been given to it. He also referred to such matters as the planting of trees and their destruction, the lack of co-operation from officials, and the public generally, and proposed that consideration of the estimate as submitted be adjourned. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Howlin. Councillor Gaul proposed that the estimate as submitted be considered and this was seconded by Councillor Buckland. Mr. Gaul's proposal was ruled out of order by the Mayor because it was a direct negative to the original proposal. On Mr. Byrne's motion being put to the meeting it was carried, the following voting in favour:- Byrne, Cullmore, Howlin, and Morris (4) and against Messrs. Gaul, Buckland and the Mayor. The Meeting then adjourned until Friday, the 9th May of April, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

Minutes of proceedings at Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday, the 5th day of April, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE
MINUTES.

Minutes of previous monthly Meeting and General Purposes Meetings held on the 8th and 15th ult. having been circulated to the members, on the proposal of Gaul, seconded by Buckland, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Gaul raised the question of allotments. The progress made since the last meeting was stated and members discussed the advisability of pheughing the fields for laying them out in "easy beds". It was decided to accept the advice of the Allotments Instructor on this matter.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION.

A report on the Rate Collection was read by the Clerk and adopted. Percentage collection being 97.29% as compared with 96.1% for the previous year.

APPROVAL OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the proposal of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Byrne, it was resolved that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,978.0. 0. on Capital Account and £4,516. 0. 0. on General Municipal Account for the period ending 31st May of March, 1948.

HOUSING.

A progress report on the Housing situation for the week ending 3rd April, was submitted by the Clerk of Works and read by the Clerk. Councillor Morris queried a report from the Contractor with reference to^a previous housing progress report, and was informed that the Contractor had submitted a statement setting out the difficulties with which he had been faced. The Deputy County Manager stated that he had made inspection of the work and he was satisfied that progress was being made. His worship the Mayor and the members generally expressed their satisfaction with the improvement shown and the report was adopted.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CORISH.

Alderman Corish moved and Councillor Gaul seconded the following motion:-

"That the members of this Corporation, being fully aware of the housing position in Town, insist upon an immediate start on the remaining houses on Slippery Green Site for the twofold reason of providing accommodation to the many people in need of houses, and to help in solving the problem of unemployment in Wexford."

Reference was made to the fact that a number of tradesmen in the town are idle and to the danger that these men would migrate to other districts if work was not made available for them here. The question of Tenders received was also mentioned, and it was suggested that if the Tenders received were not acceptable, a direct labour scheme should be started immediately. The Tender which had been received for the erection of 74 houses was produced but on further consideration it was decided that this should not be opened pending production of comparative figures by the Borough Surveyor. Councillor Gaul then proposed that consideration of Alderman Corish's motion should be adjourned until the Manager had a chance of looking into the figures, and it was resolved that further consideration be adjourned until Friday night, the 9th inst.

A memorial from the tenants of Sea View Avenue with reference to the unsatisfactory condition of the Avenue due to the collapse of the embankment and containing wall, and the need for resurfacing, and attention to drains, was read by the Clerk. His worship, the Mayor, in explanation, stated that he knew the place well, that it was private property and that the Corporation had no responsibility in the matter. Discussion on this matter was very general, and it was suggested that a report on the situation should be obtained from the Sanitary Inspector, from the Borough Surveyor, from the Corporation's Legal Advisor, that site should be acquired, and that a small Committee be formed to visit the locality in company with the Borough Surveyor. Eventually, it was decided to ask the Sanitary Inspector to report, and to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the condition of the wall and embankment. Doctor Hadden suggested getting in touch with the Corporation's Legal Advisor with a view to compelling the Landlord to take steps to improve the situation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1948.

A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was read, pointing out that it was unanimously resolved at a meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, that the maximum benefits payable to retired officers and officers due to retire before 1950 under the above Act, should be paid, and requesting the members of the Corporation to support the Committee in this connection. On the proposal of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was resolved that this be done.

FIXING DATE OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was resolved that the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation which was obliged by law to be held between the 23rd day of June and the 1st day of July, be held on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

STREET TRADING.

The question of street trading was raised by Councillor Byrne and a letter from the Corporation Solicitor explaining the position was read by the Clerk. Members were not quite clear as to what their position was under the Street Trading Act, 1926, and it was agreed that the Mayor and the Town Clerk should consult the Chief Superintendent of the Garda with reference to this matter.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

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The Deputy County Manager promised to inspect Distillery House, and Alderman Hadden asked him for a considered report on the Houses at Abbey Street. The matter of a wall at Grogan's Road, was raised by Councillor Morris and a report requested from the Borough Surveyor. Councillor Byrne mentioned the question of providing a W.C. in a house occupied by Fraser, Thomas Clarke St. and requested a report. Matters raised by Councillor Roche, included Sanitary accommodation in a house occupied by P. Byrne Rose Rock, and the provision of seats in John St. The question of the sewer at Rose Rock was raised by the Mayor. It was suggested that consultation between the Borough Surveyor and the manager should take place on this matter.

Councillor Bierney mentioned the new play ground at Maudlintown, where a nuisance is now supposed to exist, and it was decided to ask a report from the Borough Surveyor. - .

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES.

With reference to the keeping of logs, etc., the instructions given to employees were queried by Alderman Corish, and the Deputy County Manager explained what was intended here. Councillor Morris referred to the provision of Sanitary accommodation for three houses in William St. and requested a report from the Corporation's Legal Advisor. The matter of the plot at Horse River was raised by the Mayor, who requested a report from the Borough Surveyor. The Meeting then adjourned.

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Chairman

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9th April, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at adjourned Estimates ~~Committee~~ Meeting held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Friday, the 9th day of April, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Alderman Hadden.

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

The Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

ORDER PRESCRIBING DATE FOR ESTIMATES' COMMITTEE MEETING.

An Order signed by the Minister for Local Government prescribing "that the date for the Estimates Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford at which the estimate of expenses for the Fiscal Financial year beginning on 1st April, 1948 is to be considered, shall be the 2nd day of April, 1948 in lieu of the date mentioned in the Schedule to the Wexford County (Estimates) Order, 1942" was read by the Clerk.

LETTER FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

A letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union requesting that an increase of wages amounting to 11/- per week should be given to all employees and carters of the Wexford Corporation, was read. Councillor Gaul proposed, and Councillor Bierney seconded, and it was resolved that provision be made for this increase. The question of the interpretation of this letter was read by some members and it was decided that further information on this matter should be obtained.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Councillor Byrne protested against the County Council Demand and proposed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to examine the apportionment of the charges against the Urban Areas in the County. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Corish and on being put to the Meeting was passed. Councillor Gaul dissenting.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES

Detailed consideration having previously been given to the Estimate of Expenditure at Committee meetings held on the 24th and 30th of March, and the recommendations from these Committee meetings being now before the Meeting, members proceeded to consider the Estimate of Receipts as submitted.

Chairman

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The following changes were made:

| (1) | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council. |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| (2) | | |
| Main Road Scavenging | £150.0.0. | £250.0.0. |
| (11) | | |
| (2) Water Rents | £873.0.0. | £900.0.0. |
| (111) | | |
| (3) Rents of Artizan's Dwellings | £5,450.00. | £5,500.0.0. |
| (1V) | | |
| (9) A.R.P. | 50.0.0. | 100.0.0. |

Taking into account the recommendations of the previous Committee Meetings, the net. estimated expenditure arrived at was as follows:

| | | | |
|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| (1) | Urban Roads | £1,870.0.0. | £1,725.0.0. |
| (11) | Sanitary Services | 9,893.0.0. | 8,585.0.0. |
| (111) | Housing | 3,876 | 3,296.0.0. |
| (1V) | General Urban Purposes | 10,204 | 8,789.0.0. |
| (V) | County Council Demand | 15,072 | 15,072.0.0. |

leaving a total net estimate of Expenditure £37,467.

On the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by the Mayor, it was resolved that the Estimate of Expenses be adopted and that a total general rate of 400d. in the Pound be determined. This rate to be levied for the several purposes mentioned in the said estimate for the Financial year ending on the 31st March, 1949.

Chairman *James Smith*

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14th April, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at meeting held on the 14th day of April, 1948 in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish..

Councillors: Gaul, Bierney, Roche, Howlin, Buckland and Byrne. The Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk were also present.

A letter from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners to a public meeting to be held on the succeeding Monday, was read, by the Clerk and noticed.

Alderman Hadden stated that he did not favour the holding of Meetings on nights other than Monday nights, and that it was his desire that Monday night Meetings should continue.

VISIT OF MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Mayor told the Meeting that the Minister for Local Government was anxious to visit Wexford. The question of fixing a date for this meeting arose. Alderman Corish proposed that Monday, the 26th of April be appointed as the date on which the Minister would be present. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Roche.

Reference was made to the fact that the Vocational Educational Committee would be meeting on that date, and it was suggested that this meeting might be postponed. The Clerk was directed to write to the Minister for Local Government immediately inviting him to be present at a Meeting to be held on Monday, the 26th April.

HOUSING SCHEMES:

Councillor Byrne suggested that a temporary Clerk of Works should be employed on the Housing Scheme and this suggestion was supported by Councillor Roche. Alderman Corish moved that the Meeting recommend that the Corporation proceed to build by direct labour and Councillor Byrne seconded. Councillor Byrne moved an Amendment to this recommendation, that the Tender received for the building of 74 houses be admitted and compared with the Borough Surveyor's figures. This Amendment was seconded by Alderman Hadden. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Millar be asked to proceed with all speed to price the Bills of Quantities, and that the County Manager consider the appointing of a Clerk of Works to act under Mr. Millar.

A question by Councillor Howlin as to the employment of men on a possible direct Labour Scheme was ruled out of order, by the Chairman.

PURCHASE OF ABBEY STREET HOUSES:

The question of the purchase of houses in Abbey Street and Cornmarket was discussed and it was decided that a report be submitted to the next meeting.

NUISANCES:

Councillor Bierney raised the question of a nuisance in a house in the Boker occupied by Mrs. Kehoe and Alderman Hadden raised the matter of a playground at Maudlintown. It was decided that reports on these matters be submitted.

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James Smith

19th April, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings of General Purposes Meeting held on the 19th April, 1948 in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7.30.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Alderman Hadden and Corish.

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

The Deputy County Manager and Acting Town Clerk were also in attendance.

A Deputation from the Wexford People's Regatta Committee was received and a statement was read with regard to the lettings of the Town Hall. It was proposed by Councillor Gaul and seconded by Morris and resolved that the matter be referred to the County Manager, who would deal with the applications in strict rotation, and further that a list of recognised clubs be made out and hung in a prominent place.

HOUSING PROGRESS.

A report on the progress of the 16 housing Scheme was read by the Clerk. The Mayor expressed himself dissatisfied with the progress made on this job and Councillor Byrne stated that an explanation should be forthcoming. It was decided that the Clerk of Works be asked to state the cause of the slow progress. The meeting then adjourned.

Chairman

James Smith

21st April, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at Committee Meeting held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor presiding.

Alderman Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Howlin, Morris, Roche and Buckland.
The Deputy County ~~manager~~ and Town Clerk were also present.

RECEPTION FOR MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

A General discussion took place on the reception to be given in honour of the Minister for Local Government on the occasion of his visit to Wexford. The Minister had intimated that he would be unable to attend before the 27th of April, and it was decided that the meeting fixed for the 26th be postponed until the 27th. It was also decided that the Mayor, Alderman and members would meet the Minister officially in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. and that all the members would wear their robes on this occasion. It was decided that a reception for the Minister be held after the Meeting at approximately 9 p.m. in one of the hotels in Wexford. The question as to which Hotel should be chosen was resolved by throwing in lots and Clancy's Hotel, Anne Street, was selected.

INVITATIONS:

It was unanimously agreed that invitations to the reception in honour of the Minister should be limited to the members of the Corporation and the Officers of the Corporation together with the County Manager, the County Engineer, the Borough Treasurer, the Borough Solicitors, the Medical Officers, the Veterinary Surgeon and the representatives of the Press.

EXPENSES:

It was proposed by Councillor Howlin and resolved that the Mayor's salary for the current year be increased by a sum sufficient to cover the expenses of the reception.

AGENDA:

On the question of the Agenda for the Meeting which the Minister was to attend, it was decided that the discussion should be limited to Housing, and further that only members of the Corporation would be allowed to take part in the discussion. It was further decided that the meeting be held in the Town Hall and not in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chairman *James Smith*

Minutes of proceedings at a Meeting held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Tuesday, the 27th of April, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott presiding.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. T. J. Murphy.

Mr. Brendan Corish, Parliamentary Secretary,

Mr. D. O'Connell, Private Secretary to the Minister.

Messrs Scott, Daly, Meagher and Keane, Officers to the Minister.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

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

The County Manager, Mr. T. D. Sinnott; The County Engineer, Mr. J. F. Doris; The Borough Surveyor, Mr. P. K. McNally; The Borough Solicitor, Mr. F. M. O'Connor; The Clerk of Works, Mr. T. J. Millar and the Town Clerk, Mr. J. K. O'Hare, were also in attendance.

WELCOME TO MINISTER:

His Worship the Mayor opened the proceedings by welcoming the Minister, stating how happy he was that the Minister had been able to attend, and how much he appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him. To this the Minister replied, thanking the Mayor, Aldermen and members for their kind invitation and stating how pleased he was to be there to assist them in their deliberations. He promised the full co-operation of his department in the work on hands, and gave a brief resume of his plans with regard to local Government authorities generally.

DISCUSSION ON HOUSING:

After the Minister's speech, Councillors Gaul, Bierney and Roche asked to be excused as they had to attend the Vocational Education Committee Meeting.

A discussion on Housing was opened by the Mayor, who briefly summarised the position to date, and outlined plans which the Corporation had in mind for the further provision of Housing Accommodation. The Borough Surveyor was then asked to explain the cause of the slow progress being made on the Slippery Green Scheme. He said that in his opinion, the use of no fines concrete was largely responsible for the slowness in progress, and also agreed to the Minister's suggestion that lack of cement, plant and scaffolding were also contributory factors. In his opinion lack of sufficient capital was perhaps the biggest reason. The Minister suggested that the County Manager should consider terminating the Contract if he was unable to get satisfactory assurance from the Contractor that the work would be speeded up and completed within a reasonable time, and mentioned, inter alia, the danger of skilled workers leaving the town to take up occupation elsewhere. Councillor Byrne asked why this admittedly slow process was sanctioned in Wexford where there was such an urgent need for building quickly. The Minister stated that he could not explain this. Alderman Hadden thought that thought the use of no

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fines concrete had perhaps delayed progress, they had, nevertheless accepted this matter, and Councillor Howlin was of the opinion that there was not enough labour employed on the scheme. The Minister stated that there was no blame attached to the Corporation and that they were quite right in endeavouring to secure a drier house. The County Manager mentioned that both the Contractor and the Borough Surveyor had reported that there was difficulty in obtaining both timber and materials, and the Minister suggested that the Manager should meet the Contractor and get an assurance from him that the work would be completed speedily. His (Minister's) Inspector had reported that the job should be completed in about three months and he would ask his Inspector to visit Wexford at the end of May to see what progress had been made.

RE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES:

It was stated that the Department had been notified of the Corporation's intention to acquire 11 houses. The difficulties of acquiring the ground Rents were mentioned and the advantages or disadvantages of acquisition by Compulsory Purchase Order, was adopted. The Minister was of the opinion that the houses must be acquired and that if necessary standards must be modified. The Corporation could not await for ideal conditions and should proceed with the task as rapidly as possible.

DERELICT SITES:

On the question of derelict sites, the County Manager explained that these had been acquired by means of an omnibus Order which had been challenged in the High Court, but not quashed. However, the Arbitrator's award had been quashed and the matter was now in the hands of the Solicitors. Schemes were in course of preparation for building on the derelict sites that were suitable viz. Corry's Terrace, Batt Street, Area, Trinity Street, etc., where it was estimated by Councillor Byrne that 140 houses could be erected.

CO-OPERATION OF TRADES' COUNCIL:

The Minister who had previously met a deputation from the Trades' Council stated that they had offered their fullest co-operation in the event of the Corporation deciding to build by direct labour. Figures were given of the numbers of skilled men who were at present living in the Town and unemployed, and it was suggested that the services of the Trades' Council Committee should be utilised in a consultative capacity. Other points mentioned in discussion were the set up of an organisation to cope with this work, the necessity of employing an engineer to assume the responsibility, the laying out of a programme for the fulfilment of the Housing needs of the Borough, advantages of direct negotiations with the Departmental Officials and the fact that the Departmental Officials were available at all times, together whatever help and assistance was possible.

The Chairman of the Trade's Council was admitted to the meeting and said it was proposed to set up a small Committee which would consult with and meet the officials and he gave an assurance that the fullest co-operation would be forthcoming. In answer to this the Mayor spoke, as did also Mr. Byrne, who thanked the Minister for his work in this regard. In reply the Minister stated that this Policy might well be the turning point in the matter of providing Housing accommodation. The Mayor then proposed a vote of thanks which was passed with acclamation, and the meeting ended.

Chairman *James Smith*

Town Clerk's Office,

Town Hall,

Wexford.

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday, the 3rd inst. at 7.30 p.m. for consideration of the following business:

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes.
- (11) Correspondence.
- (111) Report on Housing progress.
- (1V) Determination of Basic Rents.
- (V) Motion by Councillor Morris "that the Corporation request the Minister for Social Welfare to reconsider his decision with regard to the withdrawal of Food Vouchers for recipients of Home Assistance."
- (VI) Motion by Alderman Corish "That the members of this Corporation, being fully aware of the housing position in Town, insist upon an immediate start on the remaining houses on Slippery Green Site for the two-fold reason of providing housing accommodation to the many people in need of houses, and to help in solving the problem of unemployment in Wexford."
- (VII) Motion from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference, 1947, "that we, the Association of the Municipal Authorities assembled in Annual Conference, desire to impress on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Finance that the finances in connection with Housing as now proposed are, in our opinion, totally inadequate to meet the costs of providing houses for the working people; the amount provided by the Transition Fund and the subsidy should be greatly increased, as if not the burden to be placed on the Ratepayers and the rent to be charged to the tenant will be an impossible one for these classes to bear, and we wish to request the Ministers concerned to be much more generous in the Grant from the Transition Fund and that the subsidy of 66 two-thirds should be given on the all-in cost, less the amount of the Transition Grant, the Building Cost now being nearly three times the pre-war cost."
- (VIII) Resolution adopted by New Ross Urban District Council, "We, the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council, protest against the 1946 Rent Restrictions Act, in so much as that it enables the landlord to increase existing rent by approximately 15 per cent of the money he expends in putting a house in a reasonable state of repair: and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Department of State responsible, and to all the Public Bodies in Eire."

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- (1X) Consideration of adoption of part 3 of the Local (Superannuation) Act, 1948.
- (X) Consideration of Housing (Amendment Act) 1948 with reference to Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1889-1948.
- (X1) Report of Joint Committee re Bridge Order.

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a/s Cleirigh an Bhaile.

To each member of the Wexford Corporation.

3rd May, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at Monthly meeting of Wexford Corporation held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor James Sinnott, presiding.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Gaul, Byrne, Morris, Howlin, Cullimore and Buckland. The Co. Manager and Town Clerk were also present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th day of April, and the Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on the 9th April and Meetings held on the 14th, 19th, and 21st and 27th April were on the proposal of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

STREET TRADING:

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Byrne raised the question of street trading. It was decided to request the Council's Legal Advisor to be present at the next Meeting of the Corporation when this matter would be further discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Alderman R. Moran tendering his resignation from membership of the Wexford Corporation was read by the Clerk. The Mayor and all the members expressed their sincere regret at Alderman Moran's resolve and it was unanimously decided that he be asked to reconsider his decision.

A letter from the Secretary, Wexford Drapers' and Bootmakers' Association protesting against street trading was read by the Clerk.

A letter from Mr. P. F. O'Leary, Cornmarket, Wexford was read by the Clerk with reference to the Town Hall lettings. Mr. O'Leary suggested that the "Corporation should put up a notice in the Hall asking dancers to refrain from dancing what is known as the Jitterbug." This suggestion was discussed and on the proposal of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish it was decided that notices prohibiting Jitterbug dancing be displayed in the Town Hall and on the stairs.

The County Manager raised the question of letting the Hall to clubs outside the Borough. Councillor Morris proposed that clubs that had the hall previously should be given one annual dance. This was agreed to.

REPORT ON HOUSING PROGRESS:

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the progress of the 16 Housing Scheme was read by the Clerk. The report stated that an extension of the time clause would be necessary and suggested that the Contractor be given until the 31st August, 1948 to complete the houses and hand them over to the Corporation by that date. It was proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved that the report be adopted and that

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the extension suggested therein be granted, to enable the Contractor to complete this Scheme by the 31st August, 1948.

DETERMINATION OF BASIC RENTS:

On the question of the determination of basic rents for houses being built at Slippery Green (16 Housing Scheme) it was suggested by Councillor Byrne that the Department should be asked to increase the grant available from the Transition Development Fund. The Mayor supported this suggestion, and stated that representations should be made to get a sum of from £500 to £600 per house. for this purpose. He proposed that a Basic Rent of 8/- weekly be fixed and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to make a sufficient grant available to enable this rent to be adopted without an undue burden falling on the Rates. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Gaul and resolved.

FOOD VOUCHERS FOR HOME ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS:

Copies of motion having been given, Councillor Morris moved "that the Corporation request the Minister for Social Welfare to reconsider his decision with regard to the withdrawal of Food Vouchers for recipients of Home Assistance." This motion was seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

Councillor Byrne proposed an Amendment that the system of cash payments to Home Assistance Recipients be continued, and that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to recoup to Local Authorities their full expenditure under this head, and to consider increasing the amounts payable to recipients. On this Amendment being put to the Meeting it was carried, five voting in favour and two against, and became the substantive motion and was resolved.

74 HOUSING SCHEME SLIPPERY GREEN:

Notice of motion having been given Alderman Corish moved "That the members of this Corporation, being fully aware of the housing position in Town, insist upon an immediate start on the remaining houses on Slippery Green Site for the two-fold reason of providing housing accommodation to the many people in need of houses, and to help in solving the problem of unemployment in Wexford." This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne. In connection with this matter a report submitted by the County Manager was read by the Clerk setting out the Manager's recommendations for the operation of 74 Housing Scheme by direct labour. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish and resolved that the County Manager's report be adopted. The proposed scheme was discussed in some detail, reference being made to the Housing Engineer, Mr. Millar, the question of control, the Trades' Advisory Council, grievances etc. and it was agreed that the Housing Engineer should have full complete control over this work.

HOUSING FINANCES:

A resolution from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference was submitted as follows "that we, the Association of the Municipal Authorities assembled in Annual Conference, desire to impress on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Finance that the finances in connection with Housing as now proposed are, in our opinion, totally inadequate to meet the costs of providing houses for the working people: the amount

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provided by the Transition Fund and the subsidy should be greatly increased, as if not the burden to be placed on the Rate payers and the rent to be charged to the tenant will be an impossible one for these classes to bear, and we wish to request the Ministers concerned to be much more generous in the Grant from the Transition Fund and that the subsidy of 66 two-thirds should be given on the all-in cost, less the amount of the Transition Grant, the Building Cost now being nearly three times the pre-war cost." It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul and resolved that this motion be adopted.

1946 RENT RESTRICTIONS' ACT:

A Resolution was passed by the New Ross Urban District Council with reference to the 1946 Rent Restrictions' Act, was submitted as follows:- "We, the members of the New Ross Urban District Council protest against the 1946 Rent Restrictions Act, in so much as that it enables the landlord to increase existing rent by approximately 15 per cent of the money he expends in putting a house in a reasonable state of repair; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Department of State responsible, and to all the Public Bodies in Eire," and its adoption was proposed by the Mayor. Councillor Byrne moved that the resolution be marked "read". This was seconded by Councillor Morris. It was proposed by Councillor Gaul and seconded by Councillor Buckland that consideration of the resolution be adjourned pending the obtaining of further particulars, and this was agreed to.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1948 - ADOPTION OF PART 3.

The question of adopting part 3 of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1948 was discussed and an explanatory Circular from the Department of Local Government on this matter was read by the Clerk. It was decided that a decision on this matter be deferred pending further discussion and consideration.

HOUSING AMENDMENT ACT, 1948;

The Housing Amendment Act, 1948 was discussed with particular reference to the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Acts, 1889-48 and an explanatory statement was read by the Clerk. It was pointed out that the Council had previously borrowed for the purpose of the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Acts at the rate of $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ and that they were now entitled to borrow at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ for the purposes of these Acts. A decision on this matter was also deferred to enable further information to be made available to the members.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT RE BRIDGE ORDER:

A report of the Joint Committee set up under section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1946 to consider proposals for making applications for a Bridge Order was submitted and read by the Clerk. The report set out:-

- (1) The nature of the work.
- (2) The situation.
- (3) The contribution to the cost. (Order
- (4) The contributing Bodies. (should be
- (5) The Body by whom the application for the Bridge made. Chairman

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It recommended that a contribution of 40% of the cost of the work should be borne by the Wexford County Council, the Wexford Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners, in the proportion of 85, 10, and 5 respectively, and that the Council of the County of Wexford should be the Road Authority to make application for the Bridge Order pursuant to Section 44 of the Local Government Act, 1948. It was proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland and resolved that the report as submitted be adopted.

Chairman *James Smith*

10th May, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings of General Purposes Meeting held on the 10th May, 1948 in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at 7. 30. p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor, presiding.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Gaul, Buckland, Byrne, Morris and Roche at end of meeting.

The County Manager, Borough Engineer and Corporation Solicitor, Mr. F. M. O'Connor and Acting Town Clerk were also present.

STREET TRADING:

The Corporation Solicitor Mr. F. M. O'Connor who was in attendance at the Meeting read an opinion on the Street Trading Act, 1926. He pointed out that subsection 5 (C) of Section 2 of the Act made it inoperative in so far as the said section excluded from the provisions of the Act "A person who sells goods or offers, exposes or carries goods for sale in any lawful public market or fair." He also referred to the Bye Laws with regard to markets, made in 1878 and which/the market as being of three divisions.
defined

(1) Cornmarket.

(2) Rowe Street and the Main Street from Anne Street to the Redmond Monument and the Bullring.

(3) The Market.

He was of the opinion that to prohibit trading in the Bullring it would be necessary to alter the Bye Laws and he questioned the effect that this would have on other traders, example fish women. He suggested also that a case should be submitted for the information of senior Council and on the proposal of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was resolved that this be done.

REPORT ON HOSSING PROGRESS 16 HOUSES:

Report on progress made on the 16 Housing Scheme during week ending 8th was read by the Clerk. The report was expressed as being satisfactory and adopted.

TENDERS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL:

Tenders, receipt of which the closing date was the 10th May, 1948, were submitted to the Meeting and opened by the Mayor, On the proposal of Mr. Byrne. The lowest Tender submitted was that of Mr. T. O'Leary, Upper John St., Wexford who tendered for the supply of sand and gravel, to the Housing Site at Slippery Green at 5/9d. per ton delivered on the Site. It was proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Buckland and resolved that this Tender be accepted.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT:

Two Tenders were only received for the supply of cement that is

- (a) Tender from Wexford Timber Co., Chairman
(b) Tender from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty.

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as both Contractors tendered at the same price,
 (a) £5. 2. 0. per ton less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$
 (b) £4.19. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per ton net. delivered to Site,
 it was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor
 Buckland that the Contract for the supply of approximately 1,300
 tons of cement be divided between the Wexford Timber Co., Ltd.
 and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

TRADES' COUNCIL - CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Corish raised the question of a Consultative Committee of the Trades' Council, as suggested by the Minister, and asked the County Manager to include a reference to this Committee in his Order with regard to the proposed 74 Housing Scheme. The County Manager explained that the Housing Engineer would be in complete charge of the Scheme and that he was quite sure he would be willing to avail of all the help and advice he could obtain. Alderman Corish stated that the Body to which he referred was not a directing Committee but would act partly in a Consultative capacity with a view to obtaining one hundred per cent efficiency, that the Committee would consult with the Trade Unions in the event of any trouble being likely to arise and that at no time would strike action be necessary, etc. Alderman Hadden thought that the idea might be interpreted and suggested that the Secretary of the Trades Council should consult the County Manager. After some further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Buckland, seconded by Alderman Hadden and resolved that the Chairman of the Trades' Council and one representative meet the County Manager and Mr. Millar for discussions in connection with this matter. It was suggested that Friday night at 7.30 p.m. might be suitable to both parties.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE:

Alderman Corish raised the question of the Public Convenience and wanted to know if this matter was ever going to be attended to. The Borough Surveyor stated that plans for this erection had been completed, and on the proposal of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor it was resolved that the work be put in hands at once.

Chairman *James D. ...*

24th May, 1948.

Minutes of proceedings at General Purposes' Meeting held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday, the 24th May, 1948 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott, presiding.

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Morris, Roche and Buckland.

DEPUTATION FROM WATCHMEN:

A deputation from the casual watchmen employed by the Corporation was received and heard. The spokesman stated that they were at present in receipt of 17/1d. and that they were asking for 25/5d. Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor Roche seconded that the County Manager be asked to reexamine the proposal to increase the remuneration payable to temporary watchmen.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN R. MORAN:

A letter from Alderman R. Moran dated the 14th May, 1948 intimating "that though he had given careful and sincere consideration to the matter of his resignation, it was impossible for him to continue to remain a member of the Corporation and also conveying to the members his sincere thanks for their kind expressions at their last meeting," was read by the Clerk. Members expressed regret at Alderman Moran's decision and Councillor Morris moved that the seat be now declared vacant and that notice of motion be given of the Corporation's intention to co-opt a member on the Council of the Borough of Wexford at the Statutory Meeting to be held on June the 7th, 1948, the Declaration of vacancy was signed and sealed.

REPORT ON HOUSING PROGRESS:

A report on progress for the week ending 22nd May, 1948 was read by the Clerk and noted as satisfactory.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT ABBEY STREET AND CORNMARKE:

A letter from the Department of Local Government with reference to above was read by the Clerk. This letter confirmed the oral sanction already conveyed to the proposal to purchase the houses in question subject to acquisition of relevant ground rents. Members discussed the possibility of acquiring the ground rents and referred the matter to the County Manager for his attention.

WAGES INCREASE - CORPORATION EMPLOYEES:

A letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, with reference to a demand for an increase of 11/- per week in wages paid to the Corporation employees was read. It was stated that provision for this increase had been made in the estimate by increasing the estimate for Town charges by 2d. in the pound and the matter was referred to the County Manager.

TRAVELLING SHOPS:

A letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wexford Chamber of Commerce with reference to travelling shops, was read by the Clerk. It was directed that a reply to this letter should be forwarded stating that the Solicitor was attending to the matter and that every endeavour is being made to control the activities of such traders.

24th May, 1948.

MAUDLINTOWN SEWER:

Alderman Hadden raised the matter of a nuisance existing in certain houses in Maudlintown and a report of the Health Officer to the effect that the Agent, Mrs. McKnight had no intention of laying a drain approximately 100 feet long was submitted. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden and resolved that the Corporation sewer be brought to within one hundred feet of the curtelage of the premises in question, that an estimate for this work be considered before the work was begun, and that notice requiring abatement of nuisance be served on the owners or their agents on completion of the said work.

DEPUTATIONS FOR ALLOTMENTS:

A deputation with reference to allotments was received. It was stated that fencing was badly needed on the allotments and the County Manager was requested to ask the Borough Surveyor to have this work done as quickly as possible.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:

Particulars as to inquiries made by the Pension Officer and his recommendations in respect of certain Old Age Pensioners, were submitted for consideration and passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor's report of his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford for the year ended 31st March, 1947 and his extraordinary audit of the said accounts in respect of the period ended 14th February, 1948 was submitted by the Mayor and read by the Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved "that the Minister for Local Government be recommended to reinstate the Town Clerk immediately."

Chairman *James Smith*

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

2nd June, 1948.

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A special Meeting of the Wexford Corporation will be held in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford on Monday the 7th June, 1948 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of adopting and allowing the Municipal Rate in the pound for the different services for the year ending 31st day of March, 1949. Immediately after the special Meeting a Statutory Meeting of the Council will be held for consideration of the following business:-

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes.
- (2) Report on Housing Progress.
- (3) Approval of Overdraft accommodation.
- (4) Motion by Alderman Corish "that this Corporation hold only Statutory Meetings in the months of July and August, a special Meeting being called if found necessary during these months."
- (5) Consideration of Auditor's report.
- (6) Resolution adopted by the Listowel Urban District Council;
"That we strongly urge the Government to find ways and means, financially or otherwise, to come to the relief of the Urban Districts. Otherwise we feel it our duty to inform the Government that if this much needed relief is not given, Urban Councils can no longer carry on. We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Urban Councils in Ireland and to the Minister for Local Government."
- (7) Resolution adopted by the Sligo County Council:
"That whilst welcoming the additions to the Council's Reserved Functions set out in the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948, we are still of opinion that the County Management Acts should be repealed and that the fullest measure of responsibility for the conduct of local government should again be placed on the members of local authorities, who as elected representatives of the people in their respective areas are best qualified to understand their needs, interpret their wishes and wield power democratically in their interests; that we urge the Minister to give the earliest possible effect to the terms of this resolution; and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister and all County Councils and Corporations in Eire."
- (8) Increase in wages to Employees of the Corporation.
- (9) Replies to queries.
- (10) Such other business as may properly arise.

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.

To each member of the Wexford Corporation.

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7th June, 1948.

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: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The Town Clerk and County Manager were also in attendance.

The first business was to formally make a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1949 as agreed to on the 9th day of April, 1948, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That a Municipal Rate of 33/4... (Thirty-three Shillings and Fourpence) in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Municipal 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, 1949, as considered and adopted on the 9th day of April, last."

The Rate Book was thereupon duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that a loan of £18,500. 0. 0. be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the laying of the New Water Main from Coolree to Wexford and contingent works.

It was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to authorise Overdraft Accommodation on the Capital Account not exceeding £30,000. 0. 0. up to ~~30th~~ *December*, next.

The Mayor then referred to the death of Miss Kathleen Lacey, Clerical Officer in the employment of the Corporation for the past 27 years. He recalled the efficiency and loyalty Miss Lacey had displayed through her lengthy service, and moved that the Corporation express their sympathy with her relatives and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, and by Alderman Corish on behalf of Councillor Roche who was unavoidably absent, the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence. The meeting then terminated.

14th June, 1948.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford 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: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Francis Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland and James Gaul.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The following Minutes were submitted for confirmation and signature, namely Minutes of Corporation on 3rd ultimo, Minutes of 'General Purposes' Committee on 10th and 24th ultimo, and Meeting of Corporation on 7th instant.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the Minutes as submitted (copies of which had been circulated to the members before the present meeting) were taken as having been read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Referring to the Minutes of last Meeting, Mrs. M. J. Hayes returned thanks for the expression of sympathy passed by the Corporation on the death of Miss Lacey.

Arising out of the Minutes the following matters were raised:-

STREET TRADING.

Alderman Hadden asked to be informed what was the position regarding Street Trading, and the Town Clerk intimated, that as far as he was aware, the Corporation Solicitor had not yet received the opinion of Senior Counsel on the case submitted.

WILLIAM STREET SEWER.

Alderman Hadden also asked that the Borough Surveyor be directed to expedite his report, and Estimate of the cost of extending the sewer at William Street.

RATE CLERKS REMUNERATION.

Councillor Byrne asked was it a fact that it was only proposed to pay the Rate Clerks the sum of £60. 0. 0. and pointed out that provision was made in the Estimate to pay these men the sum of £80. 0. 0. The Town Clerk stated that he was not aware of this provision and had applied for sanction for £60. 0. 0. but the Manager intimated that in deference to the wishes of the Corporation, provision for the payment of £80. 0. 0. had been made the Rate Clerks would be paid that amount, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

ABBEY STREET GROUND RENTS.

The Town Clerk also informed Councillor Byrne that he had written to the Corporation Solicitor this day inquiring what was the position regarding the purchase of ground rents in respect of houses at Abbey Street proposed to be acquired by the Corporation...

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PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

In reply to Alderman Corish, the Town Clerk intimated that so far as he was aware the Plans for proposed Public Conveniences were ready and that the Specification was now being typed, and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government would be sought as soon as the documents were completed.

RESIGNATION OF ALD. MORAN.

Councillor Morris raised the question regarding the co-option of a person to fill the seat on the Council caused by the resignation of Alderman Moran. In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that a casual vacancy could not be filled until after the expiration of one month from the occurrence of such vacancy. In the present case the point arose as to when the vacancy had occurred. In his (Town Clerk's) opinion the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation had no Statutory Authority to accept the resignation of a member, which should be done by the Corporation at a Statutory Meeting, and consequently the vacancy did not arise until nowafter the minutes of the Committee meeting, at which the resignation had been accepted, were confirmed. This gave rise to a rather sharp discussion during which it was claimed by Councillor Buckland that the Resignation should have come before the present meeting as a motion on the Agenda for acceptance, and until that was done Alderman Moran remained a member of Council. Eventually it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Morris to regard Alderman Moran as still a member and to ask him to reconsider his resignation.

HOUSING PROGRESS.

The Town Clerk reported on the number of men employed on the erection of 74 houses by direct labour.

A report on the position of the 16 house scheme at Slippery Green was submitted in Committee. .

The Town Clerk stated that following three conferences during the past week between the officials, it was thought, in view of the unsatisfactory progress being made by Mr. Carson that Clause 20 of the General Conditions of Contract should be invoked by giving ten day's notice of intention to take over the works.

One or two legal points in connection with this notice, which would have to be given by the Borough Surveyor, had been raised by Mr. McNally, but neither the County Manager nor himself (Town Clerk) considered Mr. McNally's points to be of any importance, and a final decision would be made on the 15th inst.

In this connection the County Manager intimated that as the report had been given in Committee he would like the Corporation to keep it in Committee, as any talk outside the Council Chamber on a matter of this kind was liable to effect the credit of the person involved, and in his opinion, previous discussions at the Corporation Meetings had not helped the Contractor with his suppliers.

JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that for the months of July and August only Statutory Meetings of the Corporation be held and that a special meeting be called if found necessary during these months.

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Councillor Roche seconded the motion. Councillor Byrne objected and held that meetings should be held on each Monday night (with the exception of the 4th Monday night when a meeting of the Technical Committee was due) as usual. Alderman Corish then amended his resolution to provide for a meeting of the General Purposes Committee being also held on the third Monday of each month, but even the amended resolution did not meet with general favour and on a show of hands five voted for the resolution as amended and four against. The motion was declared carried.

URBAN FINANCES.

The following resolution was submitted from the Listowel Urban District Council:-

"That we strongly urge the Government to find ways and means, financially or otherwise, to come to the relief of the Urban Districts. Otherwise we feel it our duty to inform the Government that if this much needed relief is not given, Urban Councils can no longer carry on. We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Urban Councils in Ireland and to the Minister for Local Government."

Whilst the members favoured the adoption of the resolution it was thought that some suggestions should be made for the implementing of it, and reference was made to the fact that in the current year the Corporation were called upon to provide a rate of 6/8d. in the pound for public assistance, and 9d. for Unemployment Assistance, while it was also pointed out that County Councils were not recouped the full one hundred per cent of the cost of supplementary Food Vouchers to Old Age Pensioners. It was also considered that the relief of Unemployment and Distress should be the responsibility of the Central Government.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne the resolution was unanimously adopted.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT.

A resolution was submitted from the Sligo Corporation calling for the repeal of the County Management Act, 1940, Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the resolution, but there was no seconder for the reason, pointed out by several members, that the revision of this Act was at present engaging the attention of the Minister for Local Government.

WAGES INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES.

The next business was to discuss the increase in wages to Corporation Employees.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the total cost of granting an increase of 11/- per week to ten regular labourers, four casual labourers, two carters, foreman, lorry driver, three caretakers and two gravediggers, would involve an annual expenditure of £690. 0. 0. or rate of 7d. in the pound, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that authority be given to the County Manager to increase the wages in accordance with the application of the Trade Union.

TOWN FAIR.

It was pointed out that the Town Fair day (29th June) was a Catholic Holiday and the Town Clerk explained that he had been in communication with the Chief Agricultural Officer for the County who had advised him that Monday, the 28th June appeared to be the most suitable alternative date, and on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to fix the fair for Monday, 28th June.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) ACT, 1948.

The next business was to consider the adoption of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, and it was explained that the County Council, at their meeting on this day, had adjourned consideration of this matter until a memorandum had been circulated amongst the members pointing out the implications, financially and otherwise of the Statute, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to adopt a similar procedure in the Corporation.

TOWN CLERK

The County Manager read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health reinstating the Town Clerk with effect as from the 3rd instant, and the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had read and understood the terms of this communication.

ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Councillor Gaul moved that Corus Iompair Eireann be asked to restore all the rural bus services in operation prior to the emergency, and asking them to also provide services between Gorey and Wexford, Bannow and Wexford and New Ross and Wexford. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

NUMBERING OF FAYTHE.

On the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was agreed to allocate house numbers to the various premises in the Faythe.

LETTER BOXES-HILL ST.

Councillor Morris complained that some of the Corporation houses at Hill Street were without letter boxes and moved that boxes be provided for these dwellings. Councillor Roche seconded the motion which was agreed to.

RAT INFESTATION.

Councillor Roche also complained that portion of the St. John's Road area had been infested with rats, and it was decided to ask for a report from the Sanitary Inspector.

SEATS - JOHN STREET.

It was also agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Roche that seats be erected in the John Street area as decided some time ago.

RESTORATION OF ALLOTMENTS FIELD.

The Town Clerk was asked to look up the position regarding the reinstatement of the Christian Brothers' field which had been used by the Corporation for a number of years.

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WAGES - BATHING PLACE.

In reply to a query, the County Manager said that the wages to be paid in the bathing place in the current year would be the prevailing rate.

ST. IDAR'S CEMETERY.

The Mayor asked that the Borough Surveyor be informed that he(Mayor)intended to raise the question at the meeting on the 21st inst. of the utilisation of Section 1 in Crosstown Cemetery for grave spaces.

OPEN SEWER AND DANGEROUS WALL.

Complaint was also made regarding an open sewer at Grogan's Road and a dangerous wall there.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of his Accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 47 and his extraordinary audit in respect of the period 14th February, 1948 was formally laid before the meeting, but as the members had considered this on the 24th ultimo it was agreed that there was no need to read it again.

The Meeting then terminated.

21st June, 1948.

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: George Hadden and Nicholas Coris h.

Councillors: James Baul, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland, Kevin Morris.

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

SECTION B - CROSTOWN CEMETERY.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the proposed opening of Section B. at St. Iber's Cemetery and after some discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of Alderman Hadden that the Borough Surveyor submit a plan showing (1) How much of the ground could be used, (2) How much of it is depressed, and (3) That available filling there was to level the depression.

DANGEROUS WALL - WATERLOO ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported in connection with a complaint made at the last Meeting regarding a dangerous wall at Waterloo Road, that negotiations were at present proceeding for the purchase of this field, and that any action in connection with the wall at the present time might prejudice such negotiations.

LETTER BOXES - 14, HOUSES AT HILL ST.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to have letter boxes provided for 14 houses at Hill St. at an estimated cost of £8. 15. 0.

SEATS.

The County Manager was asked to arrange to have seats provided at Bishopswater and Dunlough.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN- GROGAN'S ROAD.

Regarding a complaint about a defective drain at Grogan's Road the Borough Surveyor intimated that this would be embodied in the main drainage scheme and would also form part of the development of a housing site adjoining.

BUILDING - WILKINSON ST.

Complaint was made that a building being erected at Wilkin St. was not 35 feet from the centre of the road, and it was decided that plans approved should be examined to see if the actual site was included in the approval given.

LAVATORIES - WHITE ROCK VIEW.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and report on two defective lavatories at White Rock View.

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SANITARY CONVENIENCES - UPPER WILLIAM ST.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on proposed extension of the sewerage at Upper William St. to facilitate the conditions of sanitary conveniences to a number of houses owned by Mrs. McKnight, and after some discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to Mrs. McKnight asking her if she was prepared to provide these 'C.'s if the Corporation made the necessary extension to their sewer.

PAINTING OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated he intended to start painting some of the Artizan's dwellings including Grattan Terrace as soon as a painter was available.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

In reply to a further query the Borough Surveyor intimated that work on the reconstruction of the Distillery House was not held up by lack of a painter but by lack of a plumber, and intimated that so far as he knew there was no plumber idle, Councillor Byrne intimated that he would send the Borough Surveyor a Plumber on the following morning.

MAINTENANCE OF SIDE STREETS.

A letter was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners requesting the Corporation to agree to an Order from the Minister for Industry and Commerce transferring the liability of the Maintenance of the side streets to the Corporation. Councillor Gaul proposed that the Corporation be recommended to agree to the Commissioner's suggestion, Councillor Buckland seconded, but Councillor Byrne, proposed as an Amendment and Councillor Morris seconded that the same procedure be adopted by the Corporation as adopted by the County Council, namely to leave the matter in the hands of the Minister for Industry and Commerce. On a vote being taken, two voted for the Amendment and five against, the original motion was then declared carried as a recommendation to the Corporation.

74 HOUSING SCHEME.

It was reported that 23 men were employed on the erection of 74 houses by direct labour and arising out of this Councillor Byrne questioned the method by which these men were employed, and alleged that men had been taken off other work, namely the Waterworks Scheme and the 16 house Scheme at Slippery Green, and as well dockers had been employed. It was pointed out, however, that the Scheme adopted for the erection of these houses gave complete control to the Architect in charge, Mr. Hillar to employ and dismiss all men and that the Corporation had no right whatever to interfere or to criticise any action he took in this respect. As regards the employment of a timekeeper the County Manager intimated that acting on the advice of his officials he had appointed an existing and experienced time keeper to the 74 house Scheme and he was not prepared to advertise the post, and a motion by Councillor ^{Byrne} that the post be advertised, was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

ALLOCATIONS FOR TOWN HALL.

The County Manager submitted for the information of the Corporation a list of proposed allocations for the Town Hall up to Easter Sunday next and the Mayor proposed to see the allocations made.

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FREE MILK SCHEME.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Gaul, an over expenditure of £148. 16. 9. on the Free Milk Scheme in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1948 was approved.

RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN MORAN.

A lengthy letter from the Town Clerk to the Corporation Solicitor on the subject of the resignation of Alderman Moran, and the Solicitor's reply, were read from the meeting. According to the Law Advisor, Alderman Moran's resignation was effective and irrevocable on the 1st May, 1948, Alderman Moran was no longer a member of the Corporation, but that the Corporation itself and not a Committee must declare the seat vacant, and after the expiration of a month from the vacancy the seat could be filled. Councillor Auckland complained that the Corporation had not been properly advised on this matter by the Acting Town Clerk on the 1st of May, as a result of which the Corporation were short of a member for a considerable period.

COMMODORE . BARRY MEMORIAL

Alderman Hadden referred to the recent decision of the United States Congress allocating the sum of 30,000 dollars for the erection of a memorial to Commodore John Barry, a Wexford man who was father of the United States Navy and suggested that the Ballast Bank in the river Slaney would be a suitable site for the erection of such a memorial. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should get in touch with the Local Committee on this matter.

28th June, 1948.

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: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager, Corporation Solicitor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Byrne asked why the appointment of a Vocational Education Committee was not on the Agenda and the Town Clerk replied that the appointment of such a Committee was governed by the Vocational Education Act, 1930, which laid down that the Corporation should in every Election year elect at their Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July a Vocational Education Committee, but as this year was not an Election year, the appointment of such Committee did not arise.

ELECTION OF A MAYOR.

The Meeting then proceeded with the first business on the Agenda which was the election of a Mayor, to hold office until quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1949 and until his successor has been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Gaul proposed that Councillor Sinnott be re-elected Mayor for the ensuing year. Alderman Corish seconded.

Councillor Byrne referred to previous discussions on the rotation of the Mayoralty and proposed that Councillor Thomas Buckland be elected Mayor. Councillor Morris seconded this motion.

Alderman Hadden, whilst agreeing with the principle of rotation, pointed out that some years ago the seat held by the late Alderman Corish had been filled by a person not a member of the late Alderman's party, and whilst the new member was an excellent addition to the Corporation he (Alderman Hadden) felt that as a result, the party to which Alderman Corish belonged had lost a seat to which they were justly entitled, and for that reason he would continue the support, for the life of the present Corporation, the nominee of the late Alderman Corish's party for the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Buckland returned thanks to his proposer and seconder and claimed that the office of Mayor should be rotated. In the case of the late Alderman Corish, he said, who held the office for over twenty-five years, he was a man of outstanding ability and in whom the people of the Town had the utmost confidence as was shown at various elections by the overwhelming vote he received making it clear that they wished him to retain the office of Mayor. This did not apply to the other members of his party

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and he saw no reason why the office should not now rotate.

As there was no other nomination a Poll was taken between the two nominees when there voted for Councillor Sinnott,

Aldermen: Corish, and Hadden, Councillors: Bierney, Roche, Gaul and Sinnott. (5).

For Councillor Budkland:

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne and Budkland. (5).

As Councillor Sinnott had a majority, he was declared elected and made the Declaration of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporation (Ireland) Act, 1840.

The newly elected Mayor in returning thanks for his election, referred to the gentlemanly manner in which the election had been conducted. He referred to the work before the Corporation, such as the need for houses, the condition of the Harbour and the New Bridge, and paid tribute to the work of the County Manager and Officials, particularly the Rate and Rent Collectors, and the Rate-paying public.

Councillors Byrne and Howlin also referred to the manner in which the election had been conducted.

DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne the following dates of three Quarterly Meetings were agreed to.

Monday, October, 4th 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Monday, January, 3rd, 1949 at 7.30 p.m.

Monday, April, 4th, 1949 at 7.30 p.m.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided to continue the existing Committee arrangements.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *James Sinnott*

