

Wexford Corporation
Minutes

July 1948 - Dec. 1950

6th July, 1948.

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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, George Madden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature. Minutes of the Corporation on the 14th and 28th ultimo, Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 31st ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Buckland the minutes as submitted (copies of which had been circulated to the members before the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from Coras Iompar Eireann stating that the restoration of the Local Wexford Omnibus Services, had been agreed to and it was hoped that the necessary vehicles would be available in the near future.

CORISH MEMORIAL MASS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche, it was agreed to attend the 11 o'clock Mass in Rowe Street Church on Sunday 18th July for the repose of the soul of the late Alderman R. Corish, T.D.

STREET TRADING.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk intimated that Counsel's opinion had not yet been received in connection with the case submitted regarding Street trading, but it was expected in the course of a week or so.

HOUSE IN WILLIAM ST.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Town Clerk intimated that the position regarding the house at William St. being erected by Mrs. Goodall was being examined with a view to ascertaining whether the matter came under the jurisdiction of the County Council as the Road Authority, or the Corporation as the Town Planning Authority and that a report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES - MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mrs. McKnight intimating that she was prepared to provide sanitary conveniences for twelve houses in Maudlintown provided the Corporation extended the sewer to the back of the houses and that it was possible to procure the necessary materials and fittings. She was seeking estimates for the work. This letter was considered satisfactory and it was agreed that the Corporation sewer be extended to the

back of the houses as suggested by the Borough Surveyor in a previous report.

SEATS AT JOHN STREET AND ST.
JOHN'S ROAD.

The Borough Surveyor was to be directed to have seats provided in John Street and St. John's Road as soon as possible.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

In reply to Councillor Gaul the Town Clerk intimated that the proofs of the specification regarding public conveniences had been referred to the Borough Surveyor for checking and that the plan and specification would be submitted to the Department for approval during the coming week.

SIDE STREETS FROM THE QUAY

A recommendation was submitted from the General Purposes Committee that the Corporation should take over responsibility for the maintenance of the side streets leading from the quays from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners. This recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Buckland, but with Councillor Byrne dissenting.

VACANT SEAT

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to declare the seat formerly held by Robert Moran vacant, in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and the following Declaration was sealed and signed.

DECLARATION.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor Morris that the vacancy be not filled until the September meeting.

STATE PENSIONS.

A resolution from the Kilkenny Corporation in connection with an increase of pensions to Civil Servants and other State Pensioners, was referred back for an explanation of what was covered by the term "other State Pensioners".

NAMING OF NEW HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trade Council asking the Corporation to commemorate the memory of the late Alderman R. Corish, T.D. and Commodore John Barry, by naming some of the new Housing Schemes after them. On the suggestion of Councillor Byrne discussion of this matter was adjourned until the houses were ready.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities intimating that the annual Conference would be held at Dungarvan on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th September next and the Town Clerk pointed out that under the Rules of the Association the Delegates appointed in 1945, should continue to represent the Council until after the next Election but as requested last year he was placing the letter before the Council.

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Gaul and the Town Clerk

who had represented the Council for the past three years be appointed. Alderman Corish seconded. Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Buckland be one of the Delegates. Councillor Morris seconded, but Councillor Buckland would not allow his name to go forward and it was withdrawn. Councillor Byrne then proposed that Alderman Hadden be one of the Delegates and Councillor Roche seconded. On a poll being taken, there voted for Alderman Hadden:-

Councillors: Buckland, Morris, Byrne, Roche, Alderman Corish...(5).

For Councillor Gaul:-

Councillors: Buckland, Cullimore, Morris, Roche, Gaul and Alderman Corish and the Mayor. (7)

For the Town Clerk:-

Alderman Corish, Councillor; Byrne, Cullimore, Gaul and the Mayor. (4)

Alderman Hadden and Councillor Gaul were declared elected to represent the Corporation at the Conference.

HOUSING REPORT

The following progress report of the Housing Engineer in charge of the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green was submitted:-

"Foundations have been marked out for 69 houses and excavations are well advanced. 559 cubic yards excavation has been done. 6,372 assorted concrete blocks made.

Temporary access road to six constructed.

Office and cement store erected.

Framing for work shop erected.

Moulds for door blocks made.

The following is the number of men employed:-

1 Foreman, 1 Timekeeper, 1 Carpenter, 19 Labourers, 1 Carter, 1 boy, 2 Watchmen."

REPORT RE 16 HOUSE CONTRACT

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Carson, Contractor for 16 houses at Slippery Green had terminated his Contract on the 25th ultimo. Order had been issued to the Borough Surveyor to take immediate steps to have the Contract completed by Direct Labour; to take an inventory of the work done and of all materials, plant and machinery on the Site.

GRASS AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that instructions had been issued to have the grass cut at the above cemetery.

SALARY OF MAYOR

In accordance with notice given Ald. Corish moved that the salary of the Mayor for the year 1947/48 be revised to £200. instead of the £150. paid him. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul and unanimously agreed to.

19th July, 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 Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne, and Thomas Buckland.

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

CEMETERY.

A report and sketch map was received from the Borough Surveyor showing that 165 single grave spaces could be made available in Section B, at St. Ibar's Cemetery, and after some discussion it was agreed that the question of fixing prices for these graves should be referred to the August Statutory Meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to employ two extra men to clean up St. Ibar's Cemetery.

WAGES INCREASE.

With reference to the Minutes of the 5th inst. when the question of an increase of wages to the Corporation employees was under consideration, the Town Clerk intimated that more casual workers were now employed than was mentioned on the 5th July, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that all labourers employed by the Corporation should receive an increase of 11/- per week as from 6th May, and that the Manager be authorised to expend whatever sum was necessary over and above the Estimates to cover this increase. The question of men employed on the Housing Development work, which is financed out of Capital Account, in connection with the erection of 88 houses at Slippery Green, was also raised, and, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the necessary financial accommodation to enable these men to be paid the increased rate, with effect as from 6th May, was unanimously agreed to.

RELIEF GRANT WORKS.

The question of the payment of men engaged on Relief Grant Works was then referred to, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, it was also unanimously agreed to grant these men the increase with effect as from the 6th May, and to request the Minister for Local Government to increase the grant, if necessary, to enable the work to be completed.

72 HOUSES SCHEME.

Arising out of the report of the Housing Engineer on the progress of 72 houses at Slippery Green, the Mayor referred to the question of the use of steel sashes in these houses and pointed out unless Carpenters were absorbed very shortly they would leave Town and the Corporation might find themselves in the position of not having sufficient Tradesmen to carry out the Scheme, so it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne to recommend the County Manager to provide timber sashes

instead of the steel sashes specified.

REPAIRS-FOOTPATHS.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor stated that the hold up on the repairs to foot-paths was due to shortage of cement but he hoped to have the repairs carried out in the course of a few days.

FLOODING.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on flooding alledged to have taken place in the garden of a house in Davitt Road, North, occupied by Byrne. The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine and report on flooding at the premises of Mr. Myles Redmond, Barrack Street.

NAME PLATE- BRIDE ST.

In reply to the Mayor the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have a Name Plate erected at the Main Street end of Bride Street.

CHIMNEY - CORNMARKEET.

Councillor Byrne drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to a chimney at Cornmarket which he considered dangerous.

CORNER - NEW LANE

In reply to Alderman Hadden the Town Clerk intimated that they had now reached a stage regarding the removal of a corner at the New Lane where Mrs. Goodall had agreed to dedicate the necessary land, and the Borough Surveyor was now engaged in making a sketch of the proposed fence.

12 HOUSES - MAUDLINTOWN.

In reply to a further query by Alderman Hadden, the Town Clerk intimated that he had heard nothing further from Mrs. McKnight regarding the provision of Sanitary conveniences for houses at William Street since she informed him that she was inviting tender for the work.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

At the request of the Safety First Association of Ireland it was agreed to approve of their campaign to have a 30 m.p.h. speed limit in built up areas.

Arising out of this letter the question of traffic regulations in the Borough was raised and it was decided to consult with the Superintendant of the Garda and representatives of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE OF PETROL - 72 HOUSES.

The Mayor read a letter he had received from Mr. Thomas O'Leary, Contractor for the supply of sand and gravel for the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green, intimating that the Department of Industry and Commerce had refused to grant him a supplementary allowance of petrol to haul the sand and gravel, and requesting the Corporation to make representations with a view to obtaining the necessary petrol allowance. It was decided to make representations to the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Local Government.

GROUND RENTS - ABBEY ST. & CORNMARKET.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that so far no reply had been received from the owners of ground Rents at Cornmarket and Abbey Street which the Corporation wished to purchase, and he promised to communicate further with the Corporation Solicitor in the matter.

CONDITION OF QUAYS.

At the request of Councillor Byrne it was agreed to ask the Medical Officers of Health for reports on the condition of the Quays which Councillor Byrne stated were a danger to health through stagnant water lying there.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

Councillor Byrne intimated that he proposed to raise the questions at the next meeting regarding the letting of houses, and the Town Clerk asked him to give him notice of the questions in writing.

DERELICT SITES.

The Town Clerk promised to examine the possibility of taking action under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 in respect of a house at Richmond Terrace which had been left idle for a number of years.

STREET TRADING.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that no reply had yet been received from Counsel on the case submitted under the Street Trading Act, 1926, and he was asked to consult with the Corporation Solicitor with a view to having a reply expedited or to have the case submitted to another Counsel.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to Overdraft Accommodation on the Municipal Account for the period 1st April to 30th September, 1948, in the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred pounds.

James Smith

3rd August, 1948.

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.

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden.

Councillors Gaul and Byrne.

The County Manager, Housing Engineer, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

S Y M P A T H Y

At the outset the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Kevin Morris on the death of his brother Thomas, and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by Councillor Byrne, Alderman Hadden, the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The Mayor also proposed a vote of sympathy to the Corish family on the death of Sergeant John Beale of the Garda Siotchana. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by Councillor Gaul, Alderman Hadden, the County Manager and Town Clerk. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence, and the special meeting then terminated.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee (without the Press) was held at the close of the above meeting for the purpose of considering a report from the County Manager on the recommendation of the Corporation that wooden sashes should be provided for the 72 houses being erected at Slippery Green in lieu of steel sashes provided for in the Estimate.

The following correspondence between the Housing Engineer and Town Clerk was read:-

"Mr. T. J. Millar, Housing Engineer,

I am directed by the Deputy County Manager to state that at their Meeting on the 19th instant the Wexford Corporation unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that wooden sashes be substituted for the steel sashes proposed for the 72 houses in course of construction at Slippery Green, and to request your observations on this recommendation, together with an estimate of the extra cost, if any, involved. The Manager would also like your observations on the suggestion made at the Corporation meeting that the maintenance cost of steel sashes would be far in excess of the maintenance cost of timber sashes.

Town Clerk"

"Town Clerk,

Re 72 Houses Slippery Green.

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. re Corporation's resolution recommending the use of timber window frames and sashes instead of steel windows (as tendered for) be used in the above scheme. I wish to inform you that I have gone into the cost and find that timber windows will cost £19. 6. 0. (nineteen pounds, six shillings) per house extra or £1,389. over the estimated cost of steel windows.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter, re maintenance cost of steel as against timber, I should like to say that in my opinion with the timber that is available for joinery work, at present, maintenance cost of timber windows will be greater than that of steel.

I might mention a concrete example of steel sashes:- The Bungalows built eight years ago by the Corporation at Devereaux Villas have steel sashes. I inspected some of those to-day and find that although they have been in use for eight years and, in a large number of cases, have not been painted since erection they are in a very good state of repair and sound. I should also like to mention that over the past 25 years I have used steel sashes and have found them satisfactory.

I should like to point out there were no quantities taken out in the Bill for timber windows, consequently I could not give an alternative price.

If timber sashes and frames are to be made on the Site, progress of the work will definitely be held up.

Pending a decision from the Manager I am holding up the making of cills and tinsels.

Housing Engineer."

In view of the report of the Housing Engineer, the County Manager intimated that he was opposing the recommendation of the Corporation to provide wooden sashes on the ground of cost, and Mr. Millar pointed out that the materials for the making of

one window in these houses would cost £5. 18. 3. plus £5. 10.0. for manufacture, making the total cost £11. 8. 3. whereas a steel window could be purchased for approximately £5. 0. 0.

It was also pointed out that the extra £20. 0. 0. per house would mean an increase in rents, and that it would take approximately six to seven months longer to complete the job with a consequent increase in overhead expenses.

The attitude of the members, however, appeared to be in favour of providing wooden sashes so that work could be made available for Carpenters, although it was very clearly indicated to them that the provision of houses was a business proposition and not for the purpose of providing employment.

After a lengthy discussion, however, it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to recommend the Corporation, at their meeting due to be held on the 9th instant, to agree to the provision of wooden sashes. Alderman Hadden dissented from this recommendation.

James Smith

9th August, 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden.

Councillors:- James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Buckland and Patrick Bierney.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes (copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting) were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of the Corporation on the 6th ultimo, General Purposes Committee on the 19th ultimo and 3rd instant. On the motion of Councillor Roche, 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 Councillor Bierney on the death of his uncles, the late Laurence Turner and William Hore, and to James Turner, a member of the Fire Brigade, on the death of his father. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship, the Bishop, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Ferns on the death of Rev. Mogue O'Brien, C.C., Castlebridge. This motion was seconded by Councillor Roche, supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk stated that he had had a discussion with the Superintendent of the Garda on Traffic Regulations. He was meeting representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in the near future and he would then make a report to the Corporation.

STREET TRADING.

In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk also stated that the opinion of Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C. on Street Trading had been received that morning, and was at present being considered. He (Town Clerk) proposed to circulate amongst the members a copy of the cases submitted by the Corporation Solicitor and a copy of Mr. Lavery's opinion when the matter could be dealt with.

PRICES FOR GRAVES.

The first business was to fix prices for grave spaces for Section B. of St. Ibar's Cemetery. The Town Clerk reported that there were at present available for the Corporation,

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42 graves @ £10. 0. 0. each.

310	graves	@	£8. 10. 0.	each.
25	"	"	£6. 10. 0.	each.
82	"	"	£5. 10. 0.	each. (mainly in non-catholic Sections).

all the remaining lower-priced graves were also in non-catholic Sections with the exception of the 10/- graves in Section A. It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne to recommend the County Manager to fix the following prices for graves spaces in Section B. in lieu of those fixed by him on the 23rd August, 1946, namely . plots bordering the walks £5. 0. 0., plots in second Rowe from the walks £3. 0. 0. and all other interior plots 30/-.

SASHES FOR WINDOWS - 72 HOUSE SCHEME.

A recommendation was submitted from the General Purposes Committee that timber sashes be provided for the 72 houses in course of construction at Slinperry Green at an estimated increase of £1,389. 0. 0. over the price of steel windows. This recommendation gave rise to a lengthy discussion. Some of the members held that wooden sashes should be provided so that work would be made available for Carpenters, although it was pointed out that if it was decided to provide wooden sashes they would not be made on the Site, but would be put up for tender by Joinery Firms and it was quite possible the Contract would be secured by a Firm outside of Wexford. Other members opposed the provision of wooden sashes on the ground of cost, the necessary increase of rent, and the delay in completing the Scheme, which the Housing Engineer had stated would be from six to seven months. Eventually Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation and Councillor Gaul Seconded.

Councillor Buckland proposed as an Amendment that the matter be adjourned until prices were obtained for the supply of wooden sashes complete. Councillor Roche seconded. On a show of hands three voted for the Amendment and four against. The Amendment was declared lost and the recommendation adopted by four votes for, to three against.

HOUSING REPORT.

The following report from the Housing Engineer for the month of July was submitted:-

"Reinforcement laid and foundations ready for concrete in 24 houses. Excavations practically completed in 16 houses.

The workshop and office is practically completed. The following is the number of men employed on the Scheme:-

2 carpenters, 1 mason, 1 app. mason, 28 labourers, 1 carter, 1, boy.

Progress for the month was very good. There were 22 hours per man lost during the month caused by wet time."

POLITICAL PRISONERS.

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Byrne moved "that the Corporation request the Minister for Justice to hand over the remains of all those executed for Political reasons since 1932 to the Corporation for interment in the Burial Grounds." The Mayor seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed. to.

LETTING OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

Councillor Byrne asked the County Manager if he was satisfied that houses were being let in accordance with the Bye-Laws adopted by The Corporation, and the Manager explained that, generally speaking, he was satisfied that the houses were being let in accordance with the Regulations. There were, he said, one or two cases which gave rise to doubt, but he now proposed to issue an advertisement calling for applicants for the tenancy of subsidized houses as they became vacant. When the applications were received they would be examined by the Medical Officers and Health Inspector after which a panel would be drawn up, setting out the position on the panel of each applicant. They would then be allocated houses as they became vacant without any reference to him until the panel was exhausted. Each person would be informed by the Town Clerk of his position on the panel and if he did not take a vacant house when his turn came a further application would not be considered until the panel was exhausted.

This was considered satisfactory.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

In reply to the Mayor, the Town Clerk intimated that the proposals of the Corporation for the provision of a public convenience were submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval on the 12th ultimo but so far sanction had not been received, but he (Town Clerk) did not consider there was undue delay.

It was decided, however, that the Town Clerk should ask the Department to expedite a decision on this matter.

RECEPTION AND OPENING OF TENDERS.

In reply to a question by the Mayor as to whether it was the function of the Corporation or the Manager to receive and open tenders, the Town Clerk pointed out that under Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Council of a County or any elective Body could make Regulations prescribing the procedure to be followed in regard to the receipt and examination of tenders. However, as this power was not set out in the second Schedule to the Act, of 1940 which specifically set out the functions reserved to the elected members of the Council a doubt had always existed as to whether or not the Manager or Council should make such regulations. Under the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948 this doubt had been cleared up by setting out that the making of such regulations was a matter to be performed directly by the Council and it was open to the Council to make such regulations for submission to the Minister for Local Government for sanction.

It was suggested by the Mayor that the Town Clerk should draft regulations and submit them to the Council for approval.

SEWER RODS.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation had not a set of sewer canes as the Borough Surveyor advised that the canes at present procurable were of such poor quality as to be useless. The Manager intimated that an order had been made some years ago that canes be purchased and it was agreed that a set should be obtained without delay.

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The Town Clerk stated, in reply to a further query, that he had

asked the acting Borough Surveyor to submit proposals for the widening of the corner at the junction of Upper Batt Street and William Street.

NEW 12" MAIN - INCREASE OF
11/-.

In reply to the Mayor the Town Clerk intimated that correspondence had taken place between the Contractors for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, the Consulting Engineers and the Corporation Officials regarding an increase of 11/- per week for men engaged on the laying of a pipe line from Coolree to Wexford. The Contractors wanted the prior sanction of the Corporation before paying this increase, but the attitude of the Officials was that it was primarily a matter for the Contractors and the Mens' Union, and when the work on the Contract was finished it was for the Contractors to satisfy the Consulting Engineers, that their claim for any increase in wages under the Wages Variation Clause of the Contract, was justified.

MEMORIAL - COMMODORE BARRY.

Alderman Hadden referred to the decision of the Congress of the United States of America to present a Memorial to be erected in Ireland to the Late Commodore John Barry (father of the American Navy) and suggested that every step possible should be taken to have this memorial erected in Wexford which was the birth-place of Commodore Barry. Two sites were suggested for the erection of this Memorial, namely, the Faythe and the Ballast Bank at the mouth of the river Slaney and Wexford Harbour where Commodore Barry learned his sailing and from where he left to make a world-wide name for himself as the "Founder of the United States Navy." There was in Wexford, Alderman Hadden continued, a committee dealing with this matter but from inquiries he had made he had ascertained that the last few meetings of the Committee which had been called, had fallen through for want of a quorum. It was now suggested that the Town Clerks should write to the Secretary of the Committee suggesting the setting up of a Joint Committee with the members of the Corporation so that all steps possible would be taken to secure that this memorial would be erected in Wexford. Arising out of this matter the Mayor referred to a County Wexford man, Rev. Bro. Aidan Whelan of Tagmon whose life ambition it was to see a memorial erected to Commodore Barry and, for his services in this connection had been presented by President Truman with the pen with which he had signed the 30,000 dollar Barry Memorial Monument Bill recently passed by Congress, and proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Bro. Whelan on this signal honour. Alderman Hadden seconded this motion which was agreed to.

VENTILATION -
COUNCIL CHAMBER

Alderman Hadden referred to the need for ventilation in the Council Chamber and it was decided to ask for a report from the Borough Surveyor on what could be done to improve this. The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

16th August, 1948.

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: Corish and Hadden.

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

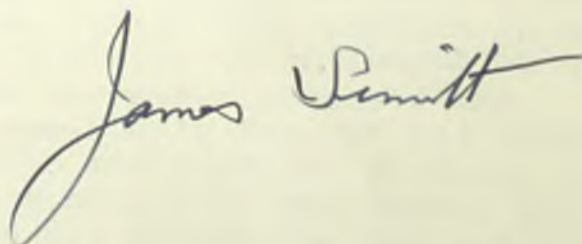
The County manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

WINDOW SASHES FOR 72 HOUSES.

With reference to minutes of the 9th instant when a resolution was adopted to provide timber sashes for the 72 houses at Slippery Green in lieu of steel sashes estimated for, the Minister for Local Government under date of the 13th instant by letter No. H. 7525/13/48 intimated that, apart from the extra cost involved, he noted that the proposal would delay the completion of the Scheme for seven months. While the Minister appreciated the desire of the Corporation to provide extra work for carpenters he could not agree to any proposal that would so seriously retard the provision of much needed houses. The Minister pointed out that the Scheme at Slippery Green only provided an instalment of the Corporation's total housing needs, and that it was open to the Corporation by expediting the completion of their plans for further schemes, to arrange for employment on the preparation of joinery for further schemes of any carpenters who may be available for such work.

A lengthy discussion followed during which a suggestion was made that a deputation should be appointed to await on the Minister and explain the views of the Corporation, but eventually Councillor Buckland proposed that the decision of the Minister be accepted and Councillor Cullimore seconded. Councillor Byrne, however, proposed as an Amendment that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision and allow the substitution of timber for steel sashes, Alderman Corish seconded.

On the Amendment being put to the Meeting four voted for and four against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote in favour of the Amendment which was declared carried as the substantive motion. The meeting then terminated.



23rd August, 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).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to a former member, Mr. Raymond E. Corish, on the death of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Kinsella. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and County Manager and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Franciscan Order on the death of the Rev. Fr. Angelus Hollis, a former Guardian of the Community in Wexford. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

PROPERTY AT CORNMARKEET AND ABBEY STREET.

Alderman Corish asked if the Town Clerk had any word in connection with the proposal of the Corporation to acquire 11 houses at Abbey St. and Cornmarket.

The Town Clerk replied that last week the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government had called on him in connection with this matter, when he (Town Clerk) explained to the Parliamentary Secretary the difficulty of the immediate acquisition of the Fee Simple which was a condition of purchase laid down in the sanction of the Minister.

He had suggested to Mr. Corish that sanction might be given to the purchase of the property without the immediate acquisition of the Ground Rents, and he had received a telephone message from the Department that afternoon, that a proposal from the Corporation on the lines suggested to the Parliamentary Secretary would receive immediate sanction, and in the meantime he had been authorised to complete the purchase in anticipation of such sanction. Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed and Alderman Corish seconded that the County Manager be recommended to request the Minister to sanction the purchase of these houses without the immediate acquisition of the Ground Rents, and that negotiations be carried on, with all speed, for the purchase of the Fee Simple.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The Mayor suggested that the Corporation should be going on holidays on the 1st September that a meeting should be held on 30th instant to discuss Housing only, and this was agreed to.

STREET TRADING.

The next business was to consider the opinion of Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C. on Street Trading. A copy of Mr. Lavery's opinion, together with the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor and the case submitted to Counsel, had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting, and after a lengthy discussion, the Mayor gave notice of motion that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Market Bye-Laws of 21st October, 1878 be amended by the deletion of Clause 5(2), which Clause constituted a market for live fowls in Rowe St. and the Main St., from Anne St. to the Redmond Monument and in the Bullring.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

A report was submitted from the Town Clerk on conversations he had had with the Superintendent of the Garda and representatives of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce on suggested Traffic Regulations for the Borough. A copy of this report had also been circulated to the members prior to the Meeting. After some discussion it was decided to request the Superintendent of the Garda, two representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Wexford Development Association, the Wexford Trades Council, the Drapers' and Bootmerchants' Association and the Master Bakers' Association to meet the Corporation on a suitable occasion to discuss this matter.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

It was agreed that a Joint Meeting of the Corporation and the existing Commodore Barry Memorial Committee be held on Tuesday, the 31st inst. at 8.30. p.m.

HOUSE AT CHARLOTTE STREET.

At the request of Councillor Byrne reports and correspondence dealing with the house at Charlotte St. were submitted to the meeting, and the meeting informed that what further action would be taken in the matter was at present under consideration.

MAINTENANCE OF HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners asking for a contribution towards the maintenance of the Harbour, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was agreed to suggest to the Harbour Commissioners that a Committee composed of representatives of the Harbour Board, the County Council and the Corporation should be convened to consider the whole question of Wexford Harbour.

IMPORTATION OF COAL.

It was decided to urge Coras Iompair Eireann to have some of the coal used on the railway imported through either Wexford or Rosslare Harbour.

RELIEF GRANTS.

In reply to a query by the Mayor, the Town Clerk stated that no intimation had yet been received regarding Relief Grants for the Winter, although it was usual to receive a notification about May or June, and that a Grant had been refused for the construction of a road from Summerhill to Whitemill owing to the low labour content of the job. It was decided to communicate with the Department asking what grants would be available for the coming winter.

FOOTPATHS.

Councillor Gaul asked the Town Clerk to resurrect a proposal made some years ago to concrete the foot-paths leading to the houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

In reply to Alderman Hadden the Town Clerk intimated that the house at Distillery was now practically completed and would be advertised for letting in the course of a week.

VENTILATION - COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Town Clerk also informed Alderman Hadden that the question of the ventilation of Council Chamber had been referred to the Engineer for a report, and the County Manager informed Alderman Hadden that the alteration of the Corner at Back St. and John's Gate St. would be considered for inclusion in the next relief Grants, and that the completion of the Back St./Cornmarket corner would be expedited.

ROSE ROCK.

In reply to Councillor Byrne it was stated that the Manager and Officials were constantly in touch with the insanitary conditions of Rose Rock Terrace, and that an order had been made that day for the preparation of a provisional Drainage Order in connection with this place.

RECEPTION AND OPENING OF TENDERS.

The next business was to consider draft regulations prepared by the Town Clerk for the reception and examination of tenders. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached to these Minutes. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish to forward these draft regulations to the Minister for Local Government for provisional approval.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Mayor requested the Town Clerk to have the following matters attended to:-

The condition of the Faythe at Swan View.

The surface of Keyser's Lane.

The scavenging of Emmet Place and the surface of Emmet Place.

BRAVERY OF MICHAEL GOODISON.

The Mayor also referred to the bravery of Michael Goodison, Emmet Place, who had within the past six months saved two people from drowning at Wexford, and suggested that this should be brought under the notice of The Irish Society for awards for gallantry.

HORSE RIVER.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the Horse River underneath the arches from Rope Walk yard to the Quay, and it was decided to request the Engineer for a report on the condition of this part of the river.

The Engineer was also asked to report on a gap in the wall at the Golden Pinn Lane which it was alleged the Corporation Employees made while cleansing the Suck Bridge River.

LIGHTING - WHITEROCK VIEW & WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

It was also agreed to ask the Electricity Supply Board if they could now undertake the Public lighting of Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas.

PLAYGROUND- MAUDLINTOWN.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be called to the fact that children were using the wall around the playground at Maudlintown as a cycle track, and to request him to make suggestions for the prevention of this dangerous practice.

The meeting then terminated.

James Perrott

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

REGULATIONS F O R T H E R E C E P T I O N A N D E X A M I N A T I O N

of

T E N D E R S

We, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, Acting by the Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940; the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948; and every other power in that behalf enabling us, do hereby make the following Regulations for the reception and examination of tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works, or any other purpose for which the Corporation may lawfully have invited the submission of tenders.

- (1) All tenders shall be delivered to the Town Clerk (or his deputy) at his office in the Town Hall, Wexford not later than the time prescribed in the advertisement or invitation to tender.
- (2) All tenders received in accordance with the preceding Regulations shall be laid by the Town Clerk (or his deputy) before the meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee of the Corporation next following the latest date fixed for the receipt of such tenders.
- (3) All tenders received shall be opened by the Mayor or Chairman at a meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee who shall thereupon number and initial each such tender and forthwith deliver same to the Town Clerk (or his deputy) for transmission to the County Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon.
- (4) The particulars of the names and addresses of all persons or firms from whom tenders are received in accordance with these Regulations and, so far as possible, the amounts thereof shall be recorded by the Town Clerk in the minutes of the meeting at which they are opened.
- (5) These Regulations shall not apply to tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works, or any other purpose, the cost of which is estimated not to exceed the sum of £50. 0. 0. (Fifty Pounds).
- (6) These Regulations shall come into force when approved by the Minister for Local Government and shall remain

in force until a Resolution of the Council terminating same shall have received the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

In witness whereof the Common Seal of the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford was hereunto affixed this day of 1948, in the presence of

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

The foregoing Regulations made in pursuance of Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940, and the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948, are hereby approved by me, the Minister for Local Government this day of 1948.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

30th August, . 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:-

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Byrne, Buckland, Howlin and Morris.

SYMPATHY.

His Worship, The Mayor spoke of the great loss sustained by the Church and Ireland on the death of the late Dr. Paschal Robinson, Papal Nuncio. He went on to say that the Nuncio was a very distinguished Churchman and the doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in this country. He (Mayor) had the pleasure of meeting him on the 700th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order in this town. He proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Church and to the Franciscan Order, particularly, and that they adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect.

Councillor Byrne seconding this motion, said he also had the honour of meeting the Nuncio and found him very unassuming, a great Churchman and a great statesman.

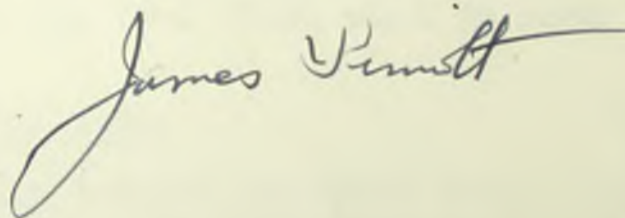
Alderman Corish, Councillors Morris, Howlin, Buckland associated themselves with this Vote.

The County Manager who had also the pleasure of meeting the Papal Nuncio, on the occasion of his visit to Wexford, spoke of his outstanding qualities and especially his humility.

The Town Clerk also associated himself with the Vote on behalf of the Staff.

It was decided that the papal flag be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect.

The meeting then terminated.



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.

Members present being :-

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

Aldermen : Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris, James Gaul,
Thomas Buckland, Francis Cullimore and Patrick Tierney.

The County Manager and Acting Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of the Corporation on 9th ult., Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on 16th ult., 23rd ult., 30th ult.

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.

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne asked when would Distillery House be advertised, and was informed by the County Manager, that it was his intention to advertise it this week. Councillor Byrne also asked what was the position regarding installation of Sanitary Conveniences at Rose Rock, when the County Manager explained what had been done up to the present in this case. Councillor Byrne also referred to the question of Relief Grants this year, and asked if any grant had been made available, when he was informed that the Corporation had not yet got any notification of a grant so far. Councillor Byrne proposed that in view of unemployment being on the upward trend, they should call on the Department for a grant, this was seconded by Councillor Gaul and was passed unanimously.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. William Kehoe, Town Hall, on the death of his sister, this motion was seconded by Councillor Morris, all the other members, County Manager and Acting Town Clerk, on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf, associated themselves with this vote.

STREET LIGHTING.

Reference was made to the lighting at White Rock View, Wolf's Tone Villas, Devereux Villas, and it was decided to get in touch with the E. S. B. and Gas Works to have this matter remedied.

Alderman Hadden asked had anything been done yet, with regard to a suggestion that a report be made on the ventilation of the Council Chamber, and was informed by the Acting Town Clerk that no such report had yet come to hand.

RELIEF OF RATEPAYERS.

A resolution from the Galway Borough Council required "that serious representations be made to the Government to introduce legislation to come to the relief of the ratepayers particularly in the Urban Areas, where the burden of rates has now become intolerable and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Association of Municipal Authorities, and each Municipal Authority".

when on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, this resolution was adopted unanimously.

BUILDING SITES.

Resolutions by Alderman Corish and Councillor Gaul, that Sites be acquired for the Building of future houses was discussed at length, when the County Manager explained that plans had been prepared for the Paradise Row area, and Batt Street area and proposals also had been made for other lands, out-side the Borough. He suggested that a small Committee be appointed to examine the various Sites in the Town and on a proposition of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche, the following Committee was appointed;

Aldermen: Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Buckland, Gaul, Morris, and Mayor, the Committee agreed to meet at 7 o'clock p.m. on Friday the 17th inst. when they would visit the various sites with the County Manager and Borough Surveyor.

TOWN HALL SITES.

Councillor Morris proposed that the decision of the Corporation, to build the Town Hall on the Site at Redmond Place be rescinded. Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposition.

The Mayor explained that he was still of the opinion that it was an ideal site for a Town Hall and thereupon proposed a direct negative to Councillor Morris's proposition, Alderman Corish seconded this proposition. A poll was thereupon taken on Councillors Morris's resolution which resulted as follows, for:

Alderman Hadden, Councillors Buckland, Byrne, Morris, Cullimore, and Roche. 6.

Against; Alderman Corish, Councillors Gaul, Bierney, and Mayor. 4.

The motion was thereupon carried.

LOANS FOR BUILDING NEW HOUSES

The following resolution was submitted from the Thurles Urban District Council, "That as the cost of Building is so heavy most local Authorities feel that, unless the local burden is eased considerably, it will not be possible to proceed with the full heavy demand for houses which is being made on all Councils. That the Minister for Local Government be requested to have legislation amended to permit the payment of the subsidy of ~~sixty~~ six two thirds per cent. for all houses erected by local Authorities".

It was pointed out that the Corporation some time ago, had requested that two thirds subsidy be made available up to £600. but materials and labour costs had increased since then. On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was agreed that this resolution be adopted.

STATE PENSIONERS.

A resolution from the Kilkenny Corporation was as follows, "that we request the Government to grant an immediate increase to all Civil Service and other State Pensioners, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Taoiseach, the Tanaiste and the Minister for Finance, also to each Local Authority" was discussed at length and eventually on the proposition of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was adopted with the following addition; "that the pensions should be based on service and fixed before 1947.

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STREET TRADING.

A Motion by his Worship the Mayor with regard to deletion of article

5 (2) of Market Bye-laws was adjourned.

LOAN FOR WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

There was submitted for execution on part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of loan £12,400. 0. 0. borrowed for the purpose of laying a new Main from Coolree to Wexford. It was moved by Councillor Gaul and seconded by Councillor Bierney and resolved; "that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the Sum of £12,400. Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1948." The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

CO-OPTION IN ROOM OF ALDERMAN MORAN.

Councillor Morris proposed that Lt. Sean O'Flaherty, be appointed to fill the vacant seat caused by the resignation of Alderman Moran. Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposition. The Mayor proposed Mr. Michael Martin, ex member of the Corporation, which proposal was seconded by Alderman Corish. The Mayor went on to say that the Irish Labour Party had never regained the seat lost to their party, caused by the death of the late Alderman R. Corish and for that reason he was now proposing a member of that party. Alderman Hadden thought that it was only interpreting the wishes of the electorate to select a man from the party losing the seat thereof.

After such discussion a poll was taken when there voted for Mr. O'Flaherty:

Alderman Hadden, Councillors Byrne, Roche, Morris, Buckland and Cullimore. 6.

For Mr. Martin:

Alderman Corish and Councillors Gaul, Bierney, and Mayor. 4.

Mr. S. O'Flaherty was accordingly appointed to the seat.

HOUSING LOANS.

On the proposition of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, authority was given to raise loans of £16,500. for the erection of 16 houses at Slippery Green and on the proposal of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Morris, authority was given to raising of loan of £91,000. for the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green. The meeting then terminated.

Councillor Morris complained that James Malone of Davitt Road, South, had been refused employment on the Slipper Green Housing Scheme and alledged that this refusal was due to political victimisation. It was agreed to obtain a written report from the Housing Engineer.

James Smith

20th September, 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:-

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

Alderman Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: O'Flaherty, Cullimore, Morris, Byrne, Bierney, and Buckland.

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

SYMPATHY.

At the outset the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Housing Engineer on the death of his father. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBER.

The Mayor extended a welcome to Councillor O'Flaherty who was co-opted to the Corporation on the 6th inst. and who had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Councillors Cullimore and Morris.

PREMISES AT WESTGATE.

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor regarding premises at Westgate held under lease from the Corporation at a rent of £25. 0. 0. per annum. The Lease was for a period of 31 years from 1st November, 1932 and contained a covenant to keep in being the Publican's Licence attached to the premises. In March, 1936 the Corporation obtained an ejectment decree against the then lessee, Mr. Patrick McCabe, which was duly executed, and Mr. McCabe moved into the dwelling house and premises adjoining, and applied to have the Licence restricted to that premises, and carried on the Licensed business in these premises solely. This restriction was granted and the premises, the subject of the Lease ceased to be Licensed. In November, 1936 the National Bank Ltd., as Mortgagees of the Late Mr. McCabe's premises applied for and were granted an Order of restitution in respect of the premises and paid up the arrears of rent due.

The Solicitors of the National Bank had now written to the Corporation Solicitor to know if, in the circumstances, the Corporation would execute an endorsement on the Lease waiving the Covenant for user of the premises comprised in that Lease as Licensed premises.

The position now appeared to be that the Bank had received a proposal for the purchase of these premises by Messrs. Nunn & Co. Malsters, but before completing the purchase Messrs. Nunn insisted on a waiver of the covenant regarding the maintenance of a publican's Licence.

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The whole question resolved itself to one of security for the rent and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland to agree to execute the waiver requested by the Bank if the Corporation Solicitor was satisfied that there was ample security by the new tenants for the rent of the premises.

SUBSTITUTION - TIMBER FOR STEEL SASHES.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the substitution of timber for steel sashes in the 72 houses in course of construction at Slippery Green, the Town Clerk read the following minute of a Conference held on the 16th inst. on this subject:-

"16th September, 1948.

Adverting to Minutes of Meeting of Housing Consultative Council held on 24th ultimo when a discussion took place on the use of steel sashes in the 72 houses in course of erection at Slippery Green and when Mr. Howlin, as Chairman of the Wexford Trades Council, suggested that he should arrange a Conference between Officials of the Carpenters' Society, Officials of the Corporation and Officials of the Department of Local Government with a view to settling the difference which had arisen, such a conference was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. John Howlin, Chairman of the Wexford Trades' Council presided and the others present were:-

Representing the Carpenters' Society:- Messrs. McEntee, Organiser, Wm. McGrath, Denis Lacey, Jas. Browne and J. Parle.

Representing Wexford Corporation:- T. D. Sinnott, County Manager; T. J. Millar, Housing Engineer; and John J. Byrne, Town Clerk, who acted as Secretary to the meeting.

Representing the Minister for Local Government:- Brendan Corish, Parliamentary Secretary; and Martin Scott, Housing Inspector.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by setting out the facts which led up to the dispute and Mr. McEntee set out the various objections of the Carpenters to the use of steel windows admitting at the same time that timber sashes would be dearer. The County Manager, on behalf of the Corporation Officials, intimated that the question, so far as they were concerned, resolved itself into having much-needed houses erected with the least possible delay and at the lowest possible cost. Mr. McGrath stated that his objection was mainly based on the lowering of the standard of craftsmen as, he pointed out, apprentices were not getting the experience of seeing timber sashes made, with the result that when they completed their apprenticeship they were unable to carry out an important work in their trade. The Housing Engineer intimated that the extra cost of providing timber sashes would be £1,389 in respect of the 72 houses.

A question of the number of carpenters available to make these sashes and carry out the other carpentry work on the scheme was also discussed and Mr. McEntee, on behalf of the Society, guaranteed that all the men required would be made available if the Corporation on the other hand, guaranteed employment for the duration of the Scheme.

After a lengthy discussion an adjournment was agreed on, and Mr. Corish and Mr. Scott interviewed the representatives of the Carpenters Society without the attendance of the Corporation Officials.

After the adjournment Mr. Corish suggested that half of the houses should be completed with timber sashes and half with steel sashes, and he proposed to make such a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

Eventually it was agreed that the Carpenters' Representatives would recommend their Society to agree to half steel and half timber sashes, and the Corporation Representatives undertook to make a similar recommendation to the Corporation, and on the Carpenters agreeing to supply all the Carpenters required by the Corporation the County Manager undertook to guarantee employment for the duration of the Housing Schemes and to examine the possibility of creating a permanent staff of joiners to make windows &c. for the various housing schemes in contemplation.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Browne, a Vote of thanks was passed to all those who had attended the Conference which then terminated."

Councillor Byrne raised strong objection to any compromise on this matter and thought that the Corporation should insist on the provision of timber sashes, but after some discussion it was agreed on a show of hands by five votes for to three against to adopt the recommendations contained in the Minute above referred to.

72 HOUSE SCHEME

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the costs of the present Housing Scheme at Slippery Green.

From this it was seen that on the basis of his estimate and charging a rent of 12/6d. per week exclusive of rates there would be a loss to the Corporation of a proximately £1,800. per annum.

This matter was discussed at length, and a proposal made to send a deputation to the Minister for Local Government to discuss this whole question of Housing Finance, but it was eventually agreed that the Corporation discuss the matter on Tuesday, 5th October at 7.30 p.m. and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to circulate amongst the members a copy of the report he had submitted.

WALL AT CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND.

With reference to a complaint at a previous meeting that the children at Maudlintown were using the wall of the playground as a cycle track, the Acting Borough Surveyor reported that to prevent this practice would require the erection of concrete blocks at about three yards apart. In connection with this report the Town Clerk stated that the County Manager did not recommend the erection of blocks as suggested by the Engineer and the present meeting thought that the erection of blocks would be a greater danger to the children, and it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

HORSE RIVER.

Referring to a previous complaint regarding the Horse River a letter was read from the Acting Borough Surveyor intimating that thorough cleansing of the river was carried out recently, and the suggestion that the recent flooding of the south Main St. was due to the arches from the Rope Walk yard to King Street

being choked was entirely without foundation. He had personally examined the arches and found the river perfectly clear right down to the Quay.

This gave rise to a discussion regarding flooding at two points of the South Main St. and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, that the Borough Surveyor submit a report and estimate of the cost of dealing with the sewerage at the two points mentioned.

EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

A letter addressed to the County Manager from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Employment Grant for the Borough would be £3,250.0.0., subject to a local contribution of £460. was read. Strong dissatisfaction was expressed at the reduction of the Grant by 50% and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was agreed to ask the Department, in view of the large number of unemployed in Wexford, for the same grant as in previous years.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

No action was taken on a letter from the Harbour Commissioners intimating that the County Council had refused to attend a suggested Conference to consider the future of the Wexford Harbour.

CONDITION OF QUAYS.

A complaint regarding the condition of the gullies and channels on the Quay was referred to the Co. M.O.H. for a report.

CATTLE MARKET.

A suggestion by the County Manager that the Corporation might consider the possibility of acquiring an enclosed area of 6,150 square yards at Redmond Road for use as a cattle market, was mentioned, and it was decided that the County Manager should examine the matter further.

SURFACE OF KEYSER'S LANE, EMMET PLACE & ALLEN STREET.

The Mayor drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the surface of Keyser's Lane, Emmet Place and Allen St. and requested that some repairs be carried out. The attention of the Surveyor was also directed to the fact that Emmet Place was not being swept regularly.

NUISANCE AT STONE BRIDGE.

Complaint was made by Councillor Cullimore that a grave nuisance existed at Stone Bridge Lane owing to the existence of some derelict house there which were the subject of a Clearance Order a number of years ago, and it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney to take steps to have the owners of the property clear and level the Site.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PRINT AN OFFICIAL GUIDE OF WEXFORD.

An application from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. for permission to print an official guide of Wexford was refused.

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS OF SEA VIEW
AVENUE.

Reference was made to a memorial submitted some months ago by the residents of Sea View Avenue and a report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that this was private property, and the Corporation could not interfere, but it was decided to ask the Sanitary Inspector for a report as to whether or not the condition of the Avenue was insanitary at the present time.

DOOR OF OFFICE - TOWN HALL.

Complaint was made by Alderman Hadden that an Order of the Corporation some months ago to have the door leading to the girls' office in the Town Hall re-hung on the opposite side, had not been carried out, but it was decided to await for some time to see if the new partition erected in the outer office would obviate the need for hanging the door.

COUNCIL CHAMBER- SOUND PROOF.

Complaint was also made by Alderman Hadden that no attempt had yet been made to try and make the Council Chamber sound proof, and the Alderman offered to supply himself the necessary blankets to carry out an experiment of hanging blankets over the door, with a view to keeping out the sound of dance bands in the adjoining room.

VENTILATION OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.

a report was read from the Borough Surveyor on ventilation of the Council Chamber and it was decided to instruct Mr. McNally to experiment with a system of ventilation by the provision of a board about 6" in depth in the bottom sash of the window.

DELAY IN SANCTIONING PROPOSED
PUBLIC LAVATORY.

Complaint was also made regarding the delay in sanctioning the proposed public lavatory, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the Department of Local Government with a view to having sanction expedited.

James Bennett.

4th October, 1948.

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

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

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors : Frank Cullimore, Thomas Buckland, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, John O'Flaherty, James Gaul, and Patrick Bierney.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature, minutes of the Corporation on 6th ult. and minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 20th ultimo.

OBJECTION - COUNCILLOR MORRIS.

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Morris objected to the minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 6th ultimo being signed on the ground they were incorrect in as much as no reference had been made by the Acting Town Clerk to a complaint made by the Councillor, that James Malone of Davitt Road, South had been refused employment on the Slippery Green Housing Scheme, and Councillor Morris had contended that this refusal was due to political victimisation. The members recalled Councillor Morris's complaint which was made at the close of the meeting, and it had been decided to ask for a report from the Housing Engineer.

A discussion took place as to whether or not the Minutes should be signed and reference to Councillor Morris's complaint embodied in the Minutes of the current meeting, but it was eventually decided not to sign the Minutes of the 6th ultimo until the Town Clerk had an opportunity of rectifying them by the insertion of a minute, covering Councillor Morris's complaint.

Regarding Councillor Morris's complaint it was decided to investigate the matter at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee due to be held on the 11th instant, and to have in attendance the Housing Engineer, Mr. Malone, the shop steward and the Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

It was agreed that the minutes of the 20th instant be taken as having been read, and they were signed by the Mayor.

WAGES OF CARPENTERS.

The County Manager referred to a statement he had made at the last meeting that the wages of carpenters were £7. 18. 0. per week. At the time that this question was asked he had turned to the Borough Surveyor who had made a mental calculation and had now admitted he was wrong. The County Manager therefore apologised for the error and stated that the correct wages of carpenters

was £6. 19. 1.

RELIEF GRANTS.

Alderman Corish referred to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding Relief Grants and contradicted the statement made at that meeting, that the Grants for 1948 had been reduced by 50%. This gave rise to a discussion, during which various opinions were given, and it was eventually decided that the Town Clerk should lay on the table at the next meeting a list of Grants received by the Corporation for 1946/7 and 1947/8.

CHANNELS ON QUAYS.

In reply to Councillor Morris the Town Clerk stated that he had received a report from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the channels and gullies on the Quays and an order had been made to draw the attention of the Harbour Commissioners to their condition, and request them to have them cleaned.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

In reply to Alderman Corish as to what was the position regarding the proposed public lavatory, the Town Clerk intimated that he received a telephone message that evening from the Department to the effect that a letter would issue that day, and would state that the Plans furnished were unsuitable in a number of particulars. The contained no provision for ventilation or the lighting of the interior of the structure, and the absence of baffle walls would make the compartment visible to passersby. Having regard to the importance of providing a structure of pleasing appearance and one which was suitable in all respects it was suggested that the Corporation might consider the desirability of appointing an Architect for the preparation of Plans. The present meeting could not see their way to appointing an Architect, which, in their opinion, would cause further unnecessary delay in providing this much needed convenience and decided that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to amend his Plan to comply with the observations of the Department, and that they should be resubmitted for sanction without delay.

STONEBRIDGE LANE.

In reply to Councillor Cullimore the Town Clerk intimated that he was making inquiries as to the name and address of the owner of portion of the property at Stonebridge Lane with a view to taking steps to have the Derelict Sites there cleared and levelled.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF VOTES OF SYMPATHY PAID.

The following acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed on the death of Archbishop Robinson, Papal Nuncio, were received from His Excellency, Gino Para, and Rev. Fr. Charles, O.F.M.

" I hasten to acknowledge with many thanks your letter

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of yesterday transmitting the resolution of sympathy passed by the Wexford Corporation on the death of His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Paschal Robinson O.F.M., Nuncio Apostolic, R.I.P.

I would be very grateful if you would convey my gratitude to the members of the Corporation for their condolence on this sad occasion and I shall forward their kind message to the Holy Father. I know it will gladden the heart of His Holiness to learn of this tribute of devotion and loyalty to the Holy See.

I would like also to add a word of gratitude to you for your kind expression of grief which I appreciated very much."

"Please convey to the Wexford Corporation the sincere thanks of the Irish Franciscans for their very kind vote of sympathy on the death of the Most Rev. Paschal Robinson, O.F.M. (R.I.P.)

We appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of our good friends, the members of the Wexford Corporation, in moving such a resolution, as also their feeling allusion to the late Nuncio (R.I.P.)

With renewed thanks and best wishes to yourself."

Acknowledgements were also received from Messrs. Thomas J. Millar, and William Kohoe, and the family of the late Mary J. Kinsella.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgements were also read from the Department of Local Government re Housing Subsidy and the Department of Finance re increase of Pensions to Civil Servants, etc.

IMPORTATION OF COAL

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann setting out the reasons why it would not be an economical proposition to import their coal requirements through the ports of Rosslare and Wexford; and whilst the members agreed that it would not be possible to bring in large quantities of coal into Wexford there was no reason why it could not be brought into Rosslare Harbour, and on the suggestion of Alderman Corish, it was decided to press Coras Iompair Eireann to import some of their coal requirements through Rosslare Harbour.

LIGHTS AT DEVEREAUX VILLAS AND WHITE ROCK VIEW: WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board regarding an extension of the public lighting system to Devereaux Villas, White Rock View and Wolfe Tone Villas, and intimated that owing to an acute shortage of brackets they were unable at present to carry out an extension, but as soon as the position improved the Corporation's requirements would receive immediate attention.

GAS LIGHTING.

Attention was also called to the gas lighting in the Wolfe Tone Villas area and it was decided to request the Gas Co. to make an improvement.

ELECTRICITY VALUATION TARIFF.

Complaint was also made regarding the present high valuation charges for electricity and it was agreed to request the Electricity Supply Board to consider the possibility of making a reduction.

CEMETERY STAFF.

The meeting then proceeded with the Agenda, and the first matter was a question by Alderman Corish regarding the Staff at St. Ivar's Cemetery. Alderman Corish pointed out that for some time past it had been necessary to send a member of the permanent Staff to the Cemetery whenever a grave had to be opened or closed, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Gaul to request the County Manager to examine and report on the present Cemetery Staff.

DERELICT SITES.

Alderman Hadden raised the question of the acquisition of Derelict Sites and the costs involved in operating the Act of 1940, and proposed that representations be made to the Minister for Local Government pointing out the difficulties the Corporation had experienced operating the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 with a request that the procedure be simplified.

Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was agreed to.

REPORT FROM HOUSING SITES' COMMITTEE.

A report from a special Committee who had examined Housing Sites recommended the acquisition of 74 acres of land outside the Borough for the accommodation of 804 houses, and that the permission of the Wexford County Council be sought to the acquisition of the land in question. This recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARIES.

A second recommendation from the same special Committee was to the effect that the Corporation take immediate steps to extend the Borough Boundary, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should prepare a Preliminary Map, and that a special meeting be called to examine this, and decide what additions were necessary to the town.

HOUSING ASSOCIATION.

A letter from the Emergency Housing Association was marked "read."

RESOLUTION - CASHEL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A resolution from the Cashel Urban District Council protesting against the proposed new Licencing Bill, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris.

PUBLIC MARKET.

A motion by His Worship the Mayor that portion of the Market Bye-Laws constituting the Main St. and the Bull Ring as a public market, be deleted with a view to preventing Street Trading, was discussed at length, and as the matter had been before the recent Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities and referred to the Executive of that Body for special study, it was decided to adjourn the matter sine die.

PROGRESS REPORT.

A progress report from the Housing Engineer in respect of the 72 and 16 house Schemes at Slippery Green, was read and considered satisfactory.

CLERICAL STAFF - HOUSES.

Arising out of these reports Councillor Byrne asked if a report appointment had been made to the Clerical Staff on the houses, and he was informed that the only appointment made had been as a result of a competitive examination in the County Some months ago.

Complaint was also made regarding the letting off of men on mornings when a slight rain fall occurred, and it was instanced on Saturday morning last that the men could have commenced work at 9 o'clock. It was decided to draw the attention of the Housing Engineer to this matter.

RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS.

Councillor Byrne referred to the Regulations adopted some time ago regarding the reception and examination of tenders and asked why the procedure laid down in these regulations had not been carried out, and tenders for housing materials submitted to the Corporation. The Town Clerk replied that the tenders referred to by Councillor Byrne had actually been opened prior to the adoption of these regulations, and as well that the regulations had no binding effect until they received the approval of the Minister for Local Government. Such approval had not yet been received.

The County Manager further agreed to lay the tenders received for materials on the table at the next meeting.

STEEL SASHES.

Lengthy correspondence was read from Messrs. Smith and Pearson and the Congress of Irish Unions regarding the dispute with the Carpenter's Union over the use of steel sashes, but it was decided to take no action in the matter.

MAINTENANCE OF HARBOUR.

A letter from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners requesting the Corporation to make a Grant towards the maintenance of the Harbour was read, and after some discussion it was decided to ask the Harbour Commissioners to send an application to the Corporation with definite proposals of what work they proposed to carry out from the Grant. The meeting then terminated.

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James Smith

5th October, 1948.

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:-

His Worship, the Mayor, in the Chair.

Alderman Gorish and Hadden:

Councillors: Roche, Bierney, O'Flaherty.

The meeting had been convened to consider a report made by the Town Clerk on the 30th ultimo regarding the estimated All-in-cost for the 88 houses at present in course of construction at Slippery Green. Copy of the Town Clerk's report is attached to these minutes.

The meeting gave this matter very serious consideration and took strong exception to the fact that once the Corporation started to erect houses before the development of the site was completed, the Department withdrew the employment Schemes Grant which had been originally made for this development.

The members considered that if through their eagerness to erect much needed houses they had started this work as soon as was possible, that it was not equitable they should be penalised by loss of the Grant and considered that the substitution of the Transitional Development Grant had been compensated for the loss of the Development Grant, and in their opinion the Transitional Grant was intended to meet the greatly increased costs of building.

The second question taken up was the amount of the Transitional Development Grant, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had no official word as to what the Grant would be beyond the fact that he had been paid at the rate of £300. 0. 0. per house in respect of the 16 House Scheme.

The third question taken up was that of the deduction of subsidy, and the members considered that the limit of £350. 0. 0. per house, on which subsidy would be paid was much too small having regard to present building costs.

After a general discussion it was decided that the Town Clerk should prepare a memorandum of points to be made to the Minister for Local Govt. on this question of Housing Finance, for consideration by a further meeting of the Committee.

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

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.

30th September, 1940.

A Chara,

As requested by the General Purposes Committee, I give you hereunder the estimated All-in cost of the acquisition and development of the Housing Site at Slippery Green, together with erection of 88 houses thereon: the probable rent and the annual charge on the rates.

(A) ACQUISITION AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

	£
(1) Cost of Land	3,220.
(2) Inquiry, legal and Preliminary Expenses	400.
(3) Site development (Originally estimated at £8,500) now estimated at	<u>9,500.</u>
	£13,120

Average £150. per house.

(B) ERECTION OF 16 HOUSES

	£
(1) Contract for 16 houses (originally £832. 2. 0. per house) now estimated at £1,100 or	17,600.
(2) Clerk of Works (originally estimated at £350) now estimated at	600.
(3) Contingencies	<u>200.</u>
	£18,400.

Average per house £1,150.

(C) ERECTION OF 72 HOUSES

	£.
(1) Estimated cost of erection at £1,430. each	102,960.
(2) Housing Engineer	1,300.
(3) Contingencies (including estimated increases since original estimate)	<u>3,740.</u>
	£108,000.

Average £1,500 per houses

S U M M A R Y.

	£
(A) Acquisition and Site Development	13,120.
(B) Erection of 16 houses	18,400.
(C) Erection of 72 houses	<u>108,000.</u>
Gross Total for 88 houses	£139,520

Estimated average all-in cost, say,	1,600.
Less estimated Grant from Transitional Development Fund	<u>300.</u>
	£1,300.

Repay £1,300 in 50 years with interest at 3½% (annuity £4.5.0. per cent)	55. 5. 0.
Less subsidy at 2/3rd on £350.	<u>9. 18. 4.</u>
	£45. 6. 8.
Add administrative expenses @ ½% on average building costs (approx. £1,450.)	<u>7. 5. 0.</u>
Total annual charges	£52. 11. 8.
Economic Rent £1.0.3.	

Taking the average all-in cost at £1,600.

	<u>Per annum</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
To repay same would cost	£68. 0. 0. <u>OR</u>	1. 6. 1½
Administrative Expenses	<u>7. 5. 0.</u>	<u>2. 9½</u>
TOTALS	75. 5. 0.	1. 8. 11.
Deduct subsidy (1932 Act)	<u>9. 18. 4.</u>	<u>3. 10.</u>
	65. 6. 8.	1. 5. 1.
Deduct F.D.F. Grant	<u>12. 15. 0.</u>	<u>4. 11.</u>
	52. 11. 8.	1. 0. 2.
If a rent of 12/6d. per week charged	<u>32. 10. 0.</u>	<u>12. 6.</u>
The Corporation would have to meet per house	<u>20. 1. 8.</u>	<u>7. 8.</u>

This would mean an annual charge in the Rates of £1,767. 6. 8. or 1/5½d. in the £1

On the foregoing basis the annual charge would be distributed as follows:-

	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Per week.</u>
Tenant	£32.10. 0.	12. 6.
State	22.13. 4.	8. 9.
Corporation	<u>20. 1. 8.</u>	<u>7. 8.</u>
	£75. 5. 0.	£1. 8.11.

The total annual cost to the tenant would be:-

	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Rent	32.10. 0.	12. 6.
Rates on an assumed Valuation of £7. 2 33/4d. in the £1.	<u>11.13. 4.</u>	<u>4. 6.</u>
	<u>£44. 3. 4.</u>	<u>17. 0.</u>

JOHN J. LYNN:

Town Clerk.

James Smith

11th October, 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).

Alderman Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Roche, O'Flaherty, Morris, Howlin,
Byrne, Gaul and Cullimore.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

OLD AGE PENSIONS' COMMITTEE.

The members first met as an Old Age Pensions' Committee and details of their decisions of claims and questions will be found in the Register.

When the members, acting as an Old Age Pensions Committee, had concluded their examination of claims and questions, the Mayor complained of the general attitude of Mr. Fox, Investigation Officer, towards Claimants and Pensioners. The Mayor stated that on the 9th instant he had made an appointment with Mr. Fox together with a pensioner named Mrs. Murray, against whom the Investigation Officer had raised a question.

The Mayor stated that the general attitude of Mr. Fox towards this lady was a bullying one and on two occasions during the interview, and in presence of the Mayor and another Investigation Officer, Mr. Leahy, called this woman a liar.

Subsequently during the course of the interview Mr. Fox said,

"If I only told you, Mr. Mayor, what this lady said about you and your wife, you would be surprised."

The Mayor stated that at the time he took strong exception to any reference being made to his wife and, although pressed, Mr. Fox did not explain the remark he had made.

The members of the Old Age Pensions' Committee took strong exception to the remarks of the Investigation Officer to the Mayor, who had called on him as a public representative to see if anything could be done to deal with the proposed reduction in Mrs. Murray's pension, and eventually Councillor Byrne, proposed that the Committee enter a strong protest against Mr. Fox's attitude to Old Age Pensioners and Claimants, and that this protest be forwarded to the Minister for Social Welfare. Councillor Howlin seconded the proposal which was unanimously adopted.

POLITICAL VICTIMISATION.

With reference to the subject of the victimisation of Councillor Morris complained that Mr. James Malone of Davitt Road, North, had been the subject of political victimisation

Mr. Howlin said they (union representatives) were there out of courtesy to the Corporation, not that they were responsible to the Corporation for any action to the union might take. They reserved the right of a trades union, representing some 1,100 people in the town to answer any questions they cared to answer, and only what they cared to answer.

THE COMPLAINT:

Mr. Malone made a statement in which he said he had been employed at the Horse River and was kept on by the Corporation afterwards. He was told that workers at the Horse River had been stopped and that all casual labour in the Corporation had been stopped, that casual labours were objecting to his being kept on - that they were stopped and he was not in the Transport Union. He did not want trouble, and he asked the shop steward in the Corporation if he could join the Transport Union, and he (steward) said he could. He went to the Transport rooms. Mr. Howlin asked him if he belonged to any other union, and he said he belonged to the Irish Union. (Irish Engineering Union). Mr. Howlin said it would be necessary for him to get a clearance from Mr. Dick Keating. He told a union official about the matter, and he said not to think of transferring - that he heard someone say at a Trades Council meeting that once a man was in a union he was all right. He did no more about the matter until he went to Mr. Millar on 28th August. He had been stopped in the Corporation on the Wednesday night previous to that. Mr. Millar told him that trouble might be caused, and to see Mr. Howlin. He met an official of the Irish Union, and they both went to Mr. Howlin. The official of the Irish Union told Mr. Howlin that he was in the Irish Union and that everything was "O.K." Mr. Howlin said he had no objection to his starting work on the housing scheme. Mr. Howlin was asked if he could be transferred to the Transport Union and he said "Certainly."

DID NOT WANT ANY TROUBLE-

Continuing, Mr. Malone referred to a conversation with a man who, he said, informed him he had been told that he (Mr. Malone) could not get any job on the houses. The man also told him to turn in to work on the following morning - that he had no objection to him and did not think any of the men had. He did not like to turn in fearing there would be trouble. An official of the Irish Union saw Mr. Howlin on the Monday, and told him he had sent a letter to the shop steward to get the feelings of the men. On Tuesday, a man belonging to an English union turned in, and there was no objection to him. Mr. Howlin told him (Mr. Malone) he had settled it with the shop steward to call a meeting to see what they were going to do about him. He got word from Messrs. Pierce's to turn in to work, and a man told him he was speaking to a member of the Corporation who told him that if he did not turn in to Pierce's he would have to get out of the Corporation.

Mr. Howlin - I would like to know how long he was employed by the Corporation at the time that he requested membership of the Transport Union.

Mr. Malone - I was employed from 1st Sept. last year.

The Mayor remarked that the charge that had been made was political victimisation.

Mr. Morris said it looked like that to him because members of an English Union and the men who were not members of the Transport Union - members of other unions - turned in without question, and it was maintained it was political victimisation, not that Mr. Malone wanted a job in the Corporation, as, thank God, he had a job, but they did not want a recurrence - that their members would be victimised for their political affiliations.

NOT A CLEAR MEMBER

Mr. Howlin said they were there out of courtesy to the Corporation because of the many courtesies that the Corporation had shown them in the trades union movement, particularly in the Transport Union. They had no obligation to come there to meet any charges - there were other ways and means if there was any grievance against them as a body. The complaint seemed to have been made because he happened to hold certain political affiliations. Mr. Morris said "Thanks be to God the man had a job, and he (Mr. Howlin) would say "Thanks be to God and thanks to the Transport Union" that he had a job applicable to the Transport Union. If any objection had been raised he would not be in the job. Mr. Malone was employed for close on a year in the Corporation when he was approached to join the Transport Union. Trouble would have been caused and he (Mr. Howlin) had known that during the year he was employed in the Corporation he had lapsed as a member of the Irish Engineers' Union. Mr. Malone came to join the Transport Union. The rule was that a man could not transfer to another union unless he had a clearance from his original union. He told Mr. Malone that under the rules of the Trades Council and trades unionism generally he could not take him until he brought a clearance from the Sec. of the Irish Engineers' Union. On the Monday he inquired from the Sec. of the Irish Engineers' Union if it was all right to take Mr. Malone, and he said it was not - that he was not a clear member of the union. Afterwards, he came to him (Mr. Malone) and said "The man is all right now if you want to transfer him."

Continuing, Mr. Howlin referred to the passing of a resolution at a meeting on 18th May, to the effect that the building section be closed until the employment of all the members. He said he tried to prevent that being passed. He asked that the resolution be amended, but the reason given was that men had been employed who had had a continuity of employment, particularly during the war years, while the unfortunate builders' labourers got no work at all, and those men were eligible to go on a building scheme while men who were appropriate by their trades union and profession were not getting any chance. He pointed out that certain of the craftsmen referred to would get, perhaps, only three months' work in the year, and that as some had large families they should be considered. Eventually that resolution was amended, and he might say that the Transport Union, although appropriate in the building line, had never taken exception to any other union man being employed provided he was a trades unionist. They had understood

that on employment questions on the building side they would be answerable to the Housing Engineer and officials of the Corporation, and not to the members of the Corporation. They would like to get a direction on that on behalf of their union, because they had still a lot of unemployed members in the particular section, and would like to know if it would be in order for those people to come to a Corporation meeting to air their grievances.

CORPORATION POSITION

The Mayor said the position was that the Corporation had absolutely nothing to do with the employment of men.

Mr. Howlin said he was glad to hear that. He was sorry that Mr. Malone did not bring along his trades union official. At the last meeting of the Trades Council an explanation was asked for. A rather long discussion took place, and the credentials of another man the Transport Union were within their rights and had acted very fairly in that particular case and any other cases that had come up before. He sent a letter to the shop steward to try to get the feelings of the men, and if he could not do that, to call a special meeting. That special meeting was held on the Thursday night of that week, and the credentials of another man who had turned in were examined. It turned out that that man had been employed as a labourer at Pierces', and only got a couple of months' work in the year, whereas in the case of Mr. Malone, he had been in continuous employment for all the war years and a considerable time before that. He was a few weeks unemployed in Pierces' for lack of materials, and he turned in then as charge hand in the Corporation. He was laid off in a particular week, and could turn in on the building site within a few days. They considered that very unfair in view of the number of men they had. Mr. Malone stated he had an opportunity of returning to Pierces' and he (Mr. Howlin) thought that proved conclusively that the case was fairly met by their committee and a very fair decision arrived at.

Mr. Malone said he was nine months out of Pierces' and a man that had turned in to the housing site had been in the plastic factory for nearly a year, and had been only about a fortnight idle, and there was no objection to him at all.

Mr. Howlin said that man had been employed on the building of the Mouldex Factory. He returned to Pierces' to work, and he got, he (Mr. Howlin) thought, a month or five weeks when he was unemployed again. He was engaged in the building line previous to that. There were members of Mr. Malone's union and the other engineers' union, and the Transport Union took no objection.

STILL MAINTAINED THERE WAS POLITICAL VICTIMISATION -

Mr. Morris said he would like to say that the case was not made personally against Mr. Howlin because of political affiliations. He would like to know if Mr. Howlin got a clearance from everyone, because he (Mr. Morris) knew a man who was 37/- or 38/- in arrears and was not asked for a clearance. He still maintained there was victimisation under those circumstances.

Mr. Howlin said that in every case a man who came to join the Transport Union was asked if he was a member of the Transport Union or any other union formerly, and in any case in which he knew they were members the clearance had to be secured. Members of the Trades Council knew the trouble that had been caused by taking in people in arrears from another union. He was not doubting Mr. Morris's word, but he thought the union very lax to let away such a thing.

Mr. Morris - When Mr. Malone approached Mr. Miller for a job, hadn't he a clear card?

Mr. Howlin - I'm not in a position to answer that.

Mr. Malone - I had a clear card when I asked Mr. Miller for work.

Mr. Howlin said that even if Mr. Malone had a card from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, he would still, in their opinion, not be eligible for employment on the housing scheme, because he had alternative employment and refused to take it.

Mr. Malone said he was sent for from Pierces' in July, and he would have been out in August again, and he thought he had the right to step out of it.

Mr. Howlin said that whether the Corporation investigated the matter or not did not make one whit of difference to the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union. Their members would make the rules and would carry them out whether they coincided with the views of the Corporation or not.

COULD NOT ALLOW COERCION -

Mr. T. Byrne said he believed any individual should be allowed to pursue any calling he desired. It was not the function of a trade union or of a public authority to dictate what employment people should pursue. For years the attempts of the Government to direct people into specific employment had been opposed very strenuously, and the Government's attempts to dragoon people had been broken down. Why should a trade union be allowed to do it? He wanted to be fair and frank. Another statement was that certain things were not matters for the Corporation. The Corporation was elected by the free democratic votes of the people. The Consultative Council was set up because of some new plaything of the Minister, but any action to be taken in pursuance of employment on building should be taken by members of the Corporation as duly elected representatives of the people. Thirty-six people contested for the membership of the Corporation and twelve were elected. The people decided these twelve were the best equipped to direct their policy for the ensuing three years. They were endeavouring to do that and he was prepared to co-operate with the trade unions, but he would not allow the coercion of the Corporation into any position they took exception to.

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any member of the Corporation with the exception of
Councillor Roche going into school to teach. r

Councillor Morris would object to him (Ald. Corish) going behind the counter and demanding full wages. Mr. Bierney would object to him going into Pierces as a craftsman and the Mayor would object to him going in as a printer. Trade Unions must guard their members' rights. Trade unionism was accepted both by Church and State everywhere.

Mr. Byrne - I agree.

Mayor - Now, Councillor Byrne, you got your chance.

Ald. Corish - This Corporation by its silence gave assent to what the Minister said at the meeting in the Town Hall about the Consultative Council.

Mr. J. Gaul - I disagreed.

Ald. Corish - I know this is a matter for the trades union. I mentioned that the night it was brought up before but there was a statement made that night, probably through ignorance. It was said the secretary of the Irish Labour Party refused to bring Mr. Malone into the Transport Union. I am secretary of the Labour Party and I have nothing to do with the Transport Union.

Mr. K. C. Morris - I did not hear that statement being made.

Mayor - It was made.

Ald. Corish - It may have been made in mistake.

Mr. Gaul said the matter was one for the trade union and not for the Corporation, but Councillor Cullimore was within his rights in bringing it before the Corporation.

Mr. F. Cullimore - Why did Mr. Miller ask Mr. Malone that question when he went to ask for work? Was not that a matter for the trade union?

FEARED TROUBLE:

Mr. Miller said he feared there would have been trouble on the job if Mr. Malone had been employed.

Mr. Cullimore - He had a clear book. That was victimisation.

MAYOR - On the statement to-night it was proved it was not political.

Mr. Morris - It did not convince us. It proved political victimisation. The accusation was not denied.

Mayor - It was pointed out that when he first made application he was not a member when he made application for the Transport Union. It is a matter for a trade union. For instance, the Typographical Association rules would not allow Councillor Morris to go into our job.

Mr. Morris - There is no comparison between a labourer going in as a printer and a tradesman going in as a labourer.

Mr. T. Roche said the Corporation was the employing body and had a moral responsibility and an interest. That interest was not being sustained.

The Mayor said he was not taking dictation from any outside body. The Consultative Council was not setting itself up as dictators. There was not protest when the Minister suggested it should be set up.

Mr. Gaul - I protested afterwards.

Mr. Byrne said that at a subsequent Corporation meeting Councillors Buckland, Morris and himself objected that it was not a Consultative but a Directive Council.

Mayor - The Corporation unanimously agreed to it in the Minister's presence. When the Minister turned his back, members changed their views a week afterwards.

Mr. J. O'Flaherty said it was strange to say that the shop steward said Mr. Malone was not to be employed on the housing scheme and now he could be employed in Elastics, Ltd., and there was no objection there by the union.

Mayor - He was not eligible to take up the job. He was employed by the Corporation for 12 months and we have a resolution on our books that only trade union labour be employed.

Mr. O'Flaherty - He was a trade unionist.

Mayor - I have nothing against him. I still hold this is a matter for the trade union to settle.

Mr. Cullimore said the Corporation had heard the Secretary of the Transport Union and should also hear the Secretary of Mr. Malone's Union.

The Mayor said it was Mr. Malone's business to have brought the secretary of his union to the Corporation.

Ald. Corish said he had mentioned at the previous meeting that the secretary of the engineering union should be present and Mr. Morris said he would object to him attending.

Mr. E. Howlin said he would not like Mr. Byrne's statement that the Consultative Council was set up at the whim of the Minister to go from the Corporation. The members had accepted the Minister's suggestion in silence and the Minister intended the Consultative Council to assist in improving the housing conditions. The Corporation were doing their best to carry out that intention. Councillor Byrne should withdraw it.

Mr. Byrne - I will do no such thing. I made myself clear on the first night.

Mayor - Councillor Byrne agreed on the first night. The meeting agrees to leave the matter to the trade union.

Mr. Cullimore said that the report of the discussion would make it appear that Mr. Malone was in trade union arrears. In fairness to him the Secretary of his union should be brought to the next meeting.

Mayor - It is a pity he did not bring him to-night.
Are we going to re-open the whole discussion?

TRADE UNION TO SETTLE IT On a show of hands it was decided
by six votes to five to leave the matter in the trade union
to deal with it.

G RAITS.

The next business was a statement by the Town Clerk of the
Grants received by the Corporation during the years 1946/47
and 47/48. The following was the Town Clerk's report:-

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS FROM EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

VOYE

1946/47.

On 27th July, 1946 (RU/213/3) the County Manager was
notified that the amount provisionally allocated to Wexford
Urban was £3,200. 0. 0. plus a local contribution of
£455. 0. 0. total £3,655. 0. 0.

On 26th August, 1946, the following proposals were provision-
ally suggested.

	£.
(1) Completion of open space at Temperance Row	550.
(2) Childrens' playground at Maudlintown	1,100.
(3) " " John Street	800.
(4) Balance in Road Works	<u>1,205.</u>
	£3,655 .

On 19th February, 1947, a request was received from the
Department for the submission of the necessary Plans &c.
to cover works costing £3,655. and the following schemes
were submitted on 10th March, 1947:-

(1) Open space at Temperance Row/Well Lane	602.
(2) Childrens' Playground at Maudlintown	1,098.
(3) Clearance of Derelict Site at Cornmarket	390.
(4) Completion of road at Browne's Hill	<u>775.</u>
	£2,865.

On 14th May, 1947, Nos.'s (1), (2) and (3) above were
approved totalling £2,090. leaving a balance of £1,565, out
of which £700. was allocated to the Co. Council for
footpath work on the Duncannon Road.

1947/48.

On 28th May, 1947, a provisional allocation of £3,300
plus a local contribution of £470. (total £3,770) was
intimated and on 18th July, 1947 the following Schemes were
submitted:-

(1) Street widening at Back Street/Cornmarket	£1,200.
(2) Street surfacing at Cornmarket/John's Gate	
	St. 2,170.
(3) Street widening at Duncannon Road	<u>400.</u>
	£3,770.

On 29/8/47, the above Schemes were approved by 'Phone.

It will be seen from the above that the Grant of £3,200. for 1946/7 was not in operation until 1947/8 with the Grant of £3,300. allocated for 1947/8 and that the sum of £3,250. plus a local Contribution of £460. for the year 1948/9 compares favourably with the Grants for 1946/47 and 1947/48. Perry Carrig footpath Grant was a special one owing to abnormal unemployment due to closing of the foundaries."

In reply to Councillor Byrne as to what money was diverted by the Corporation to the County Council to surface William Street and to make a footpath to Perry Carrig, the Town Clerk replied that he had not this information as it was a matter for the Wexford County Council. Councillor Byrne then suggested that the Town Clerk was trying to camouflage the figures, to which remark the Mayor and Town Clerk took strong exception, and the Mayor insisted that the remark be withdrawn before he allowed Councillor Byrne to speak further. It was eventually decided to request the County Engineer to set out the Urban Grants diverted to Wexford County Council during the years in question.

TENDERS.

The file of tenders received in connection with the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green by direct labour was also laid on the table together with a report from the Housing Engineer on his examination of the Tenders received for the supply of tiles.

On the Housing Engineer's report being read the members considered that the matter had been satisfactorily dealt with.

Reference was also made to the fact that a tender for the supply of steel windows had been received after the latest date, set out in the advertisement calling for these tenders, and the Manager asked for a direction as to whether or not this tender should be considered, and after a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to take this tender into consideration when examining the tenders received for steel windows.

LETTER FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RE FIXING OF RENTS.

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding the fixing of Rents for Corporation houses, and it was decided to inform the Chamber that the whole question of Housing Finance was under consideration by the Corporation. and that no rents had yet been fixed for new houses.

TRAIN SERVICE.

Complaint was also made regarding the time table of the Rosslare Harbour - Cork train services, and it was decided to make representations to Coras Iompair Eireann to improve the train services to and from the Harbour and the South of Ireland.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSES TRINITY ST.

Alderman Corbett asked the County Manager to enquire the possibility of acquiring houses at Trinity St. on the Duggan Estate. The meeting then terminated.

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James Dunlop

16th October, 1948.

Committee

A meeting of the General Purposes of the Corporation 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 Hadden and Corish..

Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Bierney, Byrne, O'Flaherty and Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late Robert Donnelly, Town Planning Advisor to the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne; supported by all the members present; by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

GRANTS.

With reference to minutes of the last meeting a letter was read from the County Engineer setting out the Urban Grants which had been diverted to the County Council during the years 1946/47 and 1947/48, and the County Manager intimated that he had made a special application for a Grant at the time the foundries were closed, owing to lack of raw material.

WATER SUPPLY

Reference was made to the recent cutting off of the water supply, and the Town Clerk explained that this was necessary, due to the fact that certain valves had to be put on to the old main, and as the water had to be turned off at Coolree, the pipes drained causing air locks when the supply was again turned on, as a result of which a considerable portion of the Town was without water for about 48 hours.

Councillor Byrne asked if the pumps at Eden Vale were in working order, and it was decided to request a report from the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting.

STATUTORY MEETING.

It was decided that the Statutory meeting, due to be held on Monday, 1st prox., which was a Holyday, should be held at 8.30 on Tuesday, 2nd idem.

TENDERS.

In reply to a query it was stated that tenders had been received for the supply of boots and oil coats for workmen, and that a decision would be taken on the tenders in the next few days.

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that a

a report had been received from the Borough Surveyor on a letter from the Minister for Local Government on the proposed public lavatory, and an Order had been made directing the Surveyor to amend his Plan, etc. in accordance with the Department's recommendations.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT JOHN ST.

In reply to a query regarding the position of proposed sanitary convenience for the house at John St. occupied by William McGrath, the Town Clerk intimated that this matter was now before the Courts.

The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

2nd November, 1948.

A Statutory meeting of the Council 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, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

With reference to minutes of the 4th ultimo when an objection was raised by Councillor Morris to the minutes of the 6th September, the Town Clerk read a minute he had inserted which had been inadvertently omitted by the Acting Town Clerk. This was considered satisfactory and the Minutes of the 6th September were signed by the Mayor.

The following minutes for the month of October, copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, were submitted for ratification and signature, Minutes of the Corporation on the 4th ultimo, Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on the 5th, 11th and 16th 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, and it was agreed owing to the late hour of the meeting that questions arising out of the minutes should be dealt with at the General Purposes Committee due to be held on the 9th instant.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

With reference to a previous decision to call a joint meeting of the Corporation and other persons interested in Traffic Regulations, the Town Clerk read the names of those who had been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Wexford Drapers' and Bootmerchants' Association and the Wexford Trades' Council, and it was decided to invite these gentlemen to meet the Corporation on the 15th instant at 8.30. p.m.

SUPERANNUATION. ACT. 1948.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to adopt Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948. The Mayor seconded this motion and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should submit a Memorandum to the members on the provision of this Part of the Act, and that the necessary motion be placed on the Agenda for the December Statutory Meeting.

LIGHTING OF TOWN HALL.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Corish moved

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moved that the County Manager obtain an Estimate for providing fluorescent lighting in the Town Clerk's Office and in the Town Hall. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion, and after some discussion it was agreed, with Councillor Byrne dissenting, that the Manager obtain the necessary estimate, and that the Town Clerk give the members some idea of the operational costs as compared with the present lighting system.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager seek a further Grant of £3,000. from the Unemployment Relief Fund so as to relieve Unemployment in the Borough of Wexford.

The Town Clerk then read for the meeting an official communication from the Department setting out that the Grant provisionally fixed for the Urban Area for 1948/49, was £3,250. 0. 0. plus a Local Contribution of £460. making the total amount available £3,710. The County Manager also recommended that this Grant be utilised towards the construction of a new road from Summerhill to Whitemill, and pointed out that the Estimate for this road was £4,950. which would leave a further £1,240. to be provided.

The Mayor thereupon moved that the Grant be accepted and applied to the part construction of this road. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was agreed to.

The Mayor also moved that the Corporation apply to the Department for an extra Grant so as to enable the Road to be completed, and Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was also agreed.

In view of the decision to apply for an extra Grant to complete the road, Councillor Byrne withdrew his original motion.

It was also decided that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary documents forwarded to the Department this week, and that the Town Clerk when forwarding same and applying for the extra Grant should request the Department to expedite sanction.

TOWN HALL SITE.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Morris moved that the Corporation dispose of the Town Hall Site at Redmond Monument. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion. The Mayor and Alderman Corish objected to the Site being sold, and on a show of hands seven voted for the motion and four against.

It was accordingly declared carried, and agreed that tenders be invited by public advertisement for the Site.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation taken steps to have all houses in the Borough properly numbered in streets. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to, but it was decided to delete from it the Main St.

LIGHTING OF WOLFE TONE VILLAS AND WHITE ROCK VIEW.

The next business was to consider an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the public lighting of Wolfe Tone Villas and White Rock View, together with a report from the County Manager thereon.

The Board under date of the 25th ultimo asked for a sum of £39. 7. 0. to erect the necessary switch wire, together with the annual cost of lighting the lamps.

The Manager reported that in his opinion such Capital Expenditure was a matter for the Electricity Supply Board, and should not be borne by the Corporation.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, at the end of which, Councillor Byrne proposed that the Manager's observations be conveyed to the Electricity Supply Board, as the considered opinion of the Corporation. Councillor Roche seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

It was also decided to inquire from the Board if they were prepared to put an extra light at Devereaux Villas and an extra light at the Distillery Road at the new houses recently erected by Mr. Philip B. Pierce.

PUBLIC LIGHTING GENERALLY.

Arising out of this matter a general discussion took place regarding the public lighting, and it was pointed out that from time to time lamps were out for several nights, and reference was also made to the lighting of Paul Quay, but the Town Clerk pointed out that this was a matter entirely for the Wexford Harbour Commissioners. The Town Clerk also intimated to the meeting that he was aware the Electricity Supply Board did operate a patrol to inspect the lights, and in his opinion it would not be reasonable to expect the Board to operate a nightly patrol, and he further stated that he found the local staff of the Board most obliging whenever he drew their attention to a public lamp being out of operation. His experience since the Board undertook the public lighting of the town was that whenever he notified them of a lamp being out it was repaired immediately.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

The next business was to consider requests from the owners of various properties that the Corporation should acquire them. The first request was from the owners of houses in Cornmarket occupied by O'Leary and Carley. In the opinion of the County Manager these would be of no value to the Corporation except they could be acquired at a reasonable cost and held for subsequent street widening.

It was decided to defer consideration of this proposal as it involved the examination of a large Scheme of Street widening.

The second request was for the acquisition of two vacant houses, three occupied houses and a yard at Abbey St. and it was decided to negotiate with the owner for these properties.

The third was a house at John's Gate St. occupied by Terence Dempsey, and the fourth a house at Talbot St. occupied by a man named Sutton. In these cases it was decided that reports should be obtained from the Borough Surveyor with a view to considering if it would be advisable for the Corporation to acquire them.

INCREASE OF RENTS.

The Mayor stated that for some time past he had been inundated with applications from people who had received notices of increases of rent and in most cases they had been informed that it was due to increased rates, but whereas the rates had been increased by 3/4 in the £. some of the rents were being increased by 3/- to 4/- per week.

He stated that if the people wanted protection they should join a Town Tenants' League and he undertook to convene a public meeting in the near future with the object of forming such a league, and he appealed to the people to attend this meeting and join same.

CIRCULATION OF COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS AMONGST MEMBERS.

Councillor Byrne complained that for some time past the County Manager's Orders had not been circulated and requested that for the future the principal Orders made by the Manager should be circulated to the members with the Minutes and Agenda for each Statutory meeting.

DANGER SIGNS.

It was decided to request the County Manager to have Danger signs erected at the Faythe School.

GRAVE DIGGERS.

Complaint was again made regarding the grave digging Staff at Crosstown Cemetery and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was decided to request the County Manager to employ an extra man for work in the Cemetery and for casual work in the Corporation when there was not sufficient work to keep him employed in the cemetery.

CONDITION OF ROADWAY.

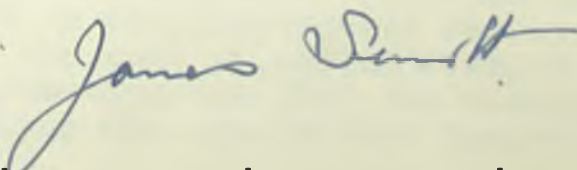
Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the condition of the junction of Hill St. and John St. and it was decided to draw the attention of the County Engineer to the matter.

HOUSING LOAN.

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £16,500. 0. 0. for the erection of 16 working class dwellings at Slippery Green, and the following Resolution was moved by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, and resolved "that our Corporate seal be fixed to the Deed of Mortgage on this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £16,500. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes' Acts."

The Deed of Mortgage was thereon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.



8th November, 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:-

His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors: John O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney and Thomas Buckland.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

PROGRESS REPORT - 72 HOUSE SCHEME.

The report of the Housing Engineer on the progress of the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green up to the end of October was read, and several members intimated that they had inspected the progress and were astonished at the amount of work that had been done since the commencement, and congratulations were extended to the Housing Engineer and the workmen employed on the Scheme.

DEPUTATION - UNEMPLOYED MENS' ASSOCIATION.

A deputation from the Unemployed mens' Association came before the meeting and asked to have the Relief Grant work put in hands before Christmas. The men also thought that those out of work longest should be employed first and asked the Corporation to try and have the system amended whereby those in receipt of the higher rate of Unemployment Assistance received first preference.

The deputation then withdrew and the Corporation considered the two points raised.

As regards the commencement of the Relief Scheme before Christmas the Town Clerk intimated that the Plans, etc. for the new road from Summerhill cross to Whitemill had been sent to the Department on Saturday. He further stated that he had been in telephonic communication with the head of the Road Section on Saturday morning and he did not anticipate any delay in sanctioning the proposals submitted. The Town Clerk was asked to keep in touch with the Department with a view to having sanction to the proposals expedited. The question of the employment of men gave rise to a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that these Regulations were framed on a national basis and did not apply to Wexford alone.

It was seen that it would be very difficult to suggest any agreement to these Regulations which would be equitable to all concerned, and it was eventually decided, on the suggestion of the Mayor, that the Minister for Local Government be asked to permit of some of the lower rated Unemployment Assistance Recipients, who had been out of work for a considerable time, to be employed on the Scheme.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the request of the Electricity Supply Board, that the Corporation should pay the cost of switch wire, a letter was read from the Board pointing out that the revenue from public lighting did not recoup the expenditure incurred

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by the installation work such as the extension of switch wire or net-work extensions, and the cost of such works should be borne by the Local Authority concerned. It was decided to refer this matter back to the Electricity Supply Board, pointing out that the houses now being erected by the Corporation were all being wired for Electricity and asking the Board if it was intended that the Corporation would have to pay for the extension of their network to this area.

TRAIN SERVICE - ROSSLARE HBR./STH. OF IRELAND.

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann regarding the train service from Rosslare Harbour to Cork and as this was merely a reiteration of the points made by the Town Clerk in his letter of the 26th ultimo, it was decided to refer the matter back for further consideration, pointing out that the Corporation did not consider the Company's reply satisfactory.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that a revised Plan of the proposed public lavatory had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

HOUSING SITE- WATERLOO ROAD.

The Mayor made a suggestion that the proposed housing Site at Waterloo Road should be developed as soon as possible, and laid out for private buildings.

The Town Clerk pointed out that he was awaiting the necessary maps from the Borough Surveyor to make a Compulsory Purchase Order acquiring the necessary land, and as soon as he received this he would make the Order and apply for a Grant to develop the Site.

HOUSING.

In connection with this matter of Housing, the County Manager pointed out that Mr. Philip Pierce had seven houses, partially constructed at Distillery Road. Mr. Pierce was prepared to sell three better class houses, partially constructed, for the sum of a Thousand Pounds, and four bungalows, partially constructed for the sum of £1,140. 0. 0. Plus legal costs in each case.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the Manager to purchase these houses from Mr. Pierce, at the figures mentioned.

NUISANCE ON FAIR DAYS.

Councillor Roche complained of a nuisance in Hill St. on Fair days through cattle being herded on the foot path outside four of the Corporation houses there, and proposed that a man be employed on each fair day to keep the cattle off the footpath. The Mayor seconded this proposition which was agreed to.

ROSE ROCK TERRACE.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of Rose Rock Terrace, and the Town Clerk promised to communicate with the Solicitors for the owners the following morning.

QUAYS.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to expedite the making of an Order handing over the liability of the Quays from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to the Wexford County Council, and that the five T.D.'s of the County be asked to interest themselves in this matter.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES -
ABBEY ST. HOUSES.

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that the proposals of the Borough Surveyor for the provision of sanitary conveniences for houses at Abbey St. recently acquired by the Corporation had been received and that an Order would be made on the matter the following morning.

CEMETERY STAFF.

It was also stated that the whole question of the grave digging Staff at St. Ibar's Cemetery would be reviewed by the Manager on the 9th instant.

HOUSES AT SLIPPERY GREEN.

The Town Clerk was asked to bring before the next meeting the financial position of the houses at present in course of construction at Slippery Green, and if it was then found necessary, a special meeting could be arranged to deal with the matter.

HOUSE AT TRINITY ST. OCCUPIED
BY KELLY.

The attention of the Sanitary Inspector was to be called to the condition of the house at Trinity St. occupied by Kelly.

The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

15th November, 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:-

His Worship, the Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Thomas Roche, Kevin Morris and Sean O'Flaherty.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermot, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Morris on the death of his Aunt, the late Mrs. Mary Morris of Carrigeen Street, Wexford. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

OLD AGE PENSION.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a letter from the Investigation Officer, that unless the question raised regarding William Quinlisk was decided at the next meeting, he would refer the matter to the Central Committee for decision. It was agreed, however, that this question should be adjourned until 22nd instant.

DAMAGE TO TREES.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding damage to trees, and the Mayor made a lengthy appeal to the public to prevent this wanton destruction, and stated he would have no hesitation in recommending that a prosecution be taken against any person found damaging trees or other public property in the Town. Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne and O'Flaherty strongly supported the Mayor's appeal, and it was decided to ask the Garda to use their best endeavours to catch offenders, so that they might be brought to justice.

CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND. AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Complaint was also made that a number of hardy boys were using the childrens' playground at Maudlintown as a hurling pitch, and after some discussion it was decided that a notice be erected on this playground that hurling and football were prohibited.

In this connection, Alderman Hadden gave notice of motion, that he would move at the next statutory meeting, "that the Corporation take steps to provide hurling and football grounds for boys."

HYDROSTATS AT EDENVALE.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of the hydrostats at Edenvale and it was decided to request the Consulting Engineers to make a report thereon.

NEW ROAD - SUMMERHILL TO WHITEMILL.

The Town Clerk intimated that the proposals of the Corporation to provide a new road from Summerhill to Whitemill under the current year's Relief Grant Scheme, had been approved, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to start work on the 22nd instant, but as a result of an appeal made by members, the Surveyor agreed, that if at all possible, to commence on Thursday next.

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne regarding an extra Grant to complete this road, the Mayor intimated that he had had a conversation with the Minister for Local Government on Saturday and he felt hopeful that the extra money would be provided.

The Mayor also intimated that as a member of the G.A.A. he had had conversations with the Park Committee, and suggested to them that they should send a deputation to the Corporation to discuss the matter of walls &c.

REPAIRS TO CERTAIN STREETS.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he was in touch with the County Engineer regarding the purchase of materials to repair a number of streets in the Town, and he was asked to expedite this work. Instructions were also given to the Borough Surveyor that the wall facing Emmet Place houses should be lime washed.

KEHOE'S - BRIDE STREET.

Complaint was made by Councillor Morris regarding the flooding of Kehoes', Bride St., and it was agreed that if it was the fault of the person who owned the adjoining house, that notice should be served requiring abatement of nuisance.

TRINITY ST. SEWERAGE NUISANCE.

Complaint was also made by the Mayor regarding the sewerage at the premises of Kellys', Trinity St., and the Town Clerk intimated that he had instructed the Health Inspector to bring this matter to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health.

NUISANCE AT ROSE ROCK.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should ascertain if his instructions to the owners had been carried out regarding the defective drainage at Rose Rock, and it was further agreed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Bierney that if the work were not put in hands immediately, that the Corporation should do it themselves and recover the costs involved from the owners.

JUNCTION OF HOHN ST./HILL ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty again raised the question of the surface of the road-way at the junction of John St. and Hill St., and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already written to the County Engineer on this matter, and had received an acknowledgement. He (Town Clerk) was again asked to communicate with the County Engineer on this matter.

CONDITION OF NO. 1, THE
FAYTHE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of NO. 1, The Faythe, occupied by Mrs. Johnson, and the Town Clerk intimated that despite several requests to the Medical Officer of Health, a report had not yet been received, and he was instructed to request the Medical Officer to deal with this matter immediately.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

In reply to a query regarding Distillery House, the Borough Surveyor intimated that it was already being wired, and that the only other work necessary was the painting of the front door.

NAME PLATES.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to have name plates provided for St. Brendan's Road and Bride St.

CONFERENCE AT COUNTY COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Hadden, The Mayor and Councillor Buckland, together with the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, if necessary, were appointed to attend a Conference between the representatives of the Wexford County Council and the Urban Councils in the County, to consider the whole question of the Urban Authorities building houses, outside their district, and the extension of their boundaries.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The next business was a deputation from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, the Wexford Drapers' and Bootmerchants' Association and the Wexford Trades' Council to discuss with the Corporation the question of Traffic Regulations in the Borough.

The meeting took up the report of the Town Clerk dated 20th August, following conversations he had had with the Superintendent of the Garda and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce on this matter, and after examination the following suggestions were unanimously agreed to,

(1) That parking should be allowed on the sea side only of the Quays with the exception of the Crescent where parking should be allowed on the land side. "No Parking" notices should be provided on the land side of the Quays and "Parking" notices on the sea side. It was further agreed that a period of 20 minutes waiting allowance should be made for the purpose of transacting business at any premises on the "No Parking" Side.

In connection with parking at the Quays it was decided to make representations to the Harbour Commissioners to request the owners of timber stored thereon to have it tidied up.

(2) It was agreed that the new open space at Sebkar Street should be designated as a parking place, and that parking should be allowed on the south side of the Bullring and Common Quay St., from within 30' of Traynor's corner to within 30' of the Quay.

It was further agreed that Cornmarket should be designated as a parking place and that parking be permitted on the south side of the streets leading to the Quays. In connection with suggestions that Cornmarket should be made a parking place, it was decided that parking should take place ~~on~~ either head on or rere to the footpaths.

(3) A suggestion that danger signs should be placed at the junction of St. John's Road/John St., George St./Abbey St., Main St./King St., Mill Road/Joseph St./King St., Parnell St./Trinity St., Lambert Place/King St., and at Mary St./John St./School St., was also agreed.

(4) It was also agreed that where streets or roads were converging on main roads they should be marked "Halt, - Major road ahead." This would apply to such places as St. John's Road/John St., Main St./King St., Parnell St./Trinity St., Lambert Place/King St. and the streets leading to the Quays.

(5) It was further agreed that an arrow sign should be placed at the junction of the Faythe and William St. marked "Through Trunk Road," directing through traffic down William St., and that an illuminated arrow sign should be placed under the old city of Cork premises at Paul Quay and at the Crescent.

(6) A suggestion by the Garda that a speed limit should be placed on motor traffic in the town was strongly opposed by the Chamber of Commerce, and it was agreed that nothing further should be done in this connection pending the result of an inquiry into an application for such a "speed limit" in the town of Bray.

(7) It was also agreed to suggest to the Garda that a trial should be given to a temporary round about at Redmond Monument and at the junction of Hill St. and Spawell Road.

(8) It was further agreed that the suggested parking Regulations set out above should not operate after 6.30 p.m. X

The meeting then terminated.

James Bennett

22nd November, 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).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

FAIR DAYS.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had been asked by the local newspapers to complete the fairs Almanack for the year, 1949. On examination the date showed that the date of the December fair of 1949 fell on the 27th, and as Christmas day was a Sunday, Tuesday, the 27th would be a public holiday under the Holidays' Acts, and it was more than likely that it would be declared a Bank Holiday by the Government, and they asked what day would be fixed for the holding of the fair. It was suggested that the fair be held on Wednesday, 28th December, 1949, but before coming to a decision it was decided to consult with the County Committee of Agriculture.

WATERSUPPLY CONNECTIONS.

A Circular letter under date of 29th October, 1948, No. 1. 65/48, relating to house connections to water-supply and sewerage Schemes was read from the Minister for Local Government. The Minister suggested that a survey should be made of a number of houses not connected to the sewerage and water systems, and steps be taken to have these houses connected as soon as possible. As the Circular recommended that in certain cases work should be carried out by the Corporation themselves, and the cost spread over a period not exceeding 30 years, the County Manager referred it to the Corporation for a direction on policy. After some discussion it was decided to have the survey made, and to send a copy of the Circular to each member of the Council.

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES.

Circular letters, H.56 and H. 57, 18th October, 1948 from the Minister for Local Government on Housing Programme and Direct Labour Schemes came up for consideration, and in connection with the reconditioning of existing houses it was pointed out that 11 such houses had already been acquired and negotiations were proceeding for 16 houses at Trinity St., and 5 houses at Abbey St.

DERELICT SITES.

This gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which,

the condition of various derelict sites in the Town was mentioned, and it was thought that a map should be prepared setting out these sites with a view to their acquisition for the erection of houses.

Further consideration of the Circulars was adjourned to give the members an opportunity of considering the various points set out by the Minister.

STREET NUMBERING.

It was suggested that the next street to be numbered should be Abbey St.

DANGEROUS CONDITION OF HOUSES.

Attention was called to the dangerous condition of the house at Castle Hill St. occupied by Mrs. Carroll, and the sanitary condition of the house at Castle Hill St. occupied by Miss Marshall.

The Town Clerk was asked to place on the table at the next meeting the file of correspondence relating to provision of sanitary accommodation for the house at William St. occupied by Higginbotham.

SEWERAGE AT ROSE ROCK.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that he understood from the Borough Surveyor that the Corporation workmen were to commence this morning to lower the Corporation end of the drain at Rose Rock.

PROPERTY AT STONEBRIDGE LANE.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty, the Town Clerk intimated that he had some correspondence relating to the ownership of property at Stonebridge Lane, but up to the present had not been able to fix definite responsibility for such ownership.

HOUSING SCHEMES - LAYING OFF OF MEN.

Councillor Byrne complained of men being laid off the housing schemes at Slippery Green, and the Town Clerk was asked to convey the views of the Corporation on this matter to the Housing Engineer.

Councillor Byrne also asked if the men who had been dismissed from the Housing Scheme had been allowed all the benefits to which they were entitled under the Holidays (Employees) Acts of 1939, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had paid them all he was legally entitled to pay.

HOUSE AT 3, O'CONNELL AVE.

Councillor Roche complained that there was a leak in the bed room of No. 3, O'Connell Avenue, occupied by Mrs. Doyle.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

With reference to the erection of a public convenience at Selskar, the Town Clerk stated that he had had a telephone message from the Department to the effect that

the revised Plans were not considered satisfactory.

While some of the difficulties discussed in the original Plan had been remedied to a certain extent, the appearance of the structure in the revised Plan would be unsightly, and the internal lay out required improvement. The Minister considered it advisable that the Corporation should adopt the suggestion already made by him, to employ an Architect. He had been, however, informed that the Site would be the subject of an inspection by the Town Planning Advisor within the next few days.

This report gave rise to a lengthy discussion on whether or not an architect should be employed, but on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter until the Town Planning Advisor of the Department had visited the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Complaint was also made regarding the crossing to the Friary chapel at John St., and to a wall at Corry's Terrace.

Alderman Corish complained of the condition of the footpath outside the entrance to the Capital Cinema at King St., and the Town Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the County Engineer to it.

The Town Clerk was also asked to get in touch again with the County Engineer regarding the condition of the junction of John St./Hill St.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the footpath at the corner of Gibson St.

EMPLOYMENT OF LABOURERS.

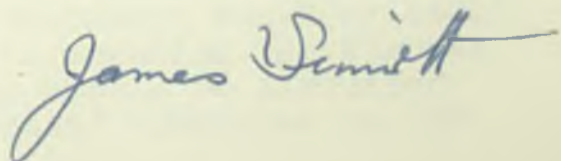
Reference was also made to the fact that only 13 labourers were employed on the new road Scheme, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked if more men could possibly be employed before Christmas.

HOUSING LOAN.

There was submitted to the meeting for approval and signature by the Mayor a Form of Application to the Minister for Local Government requesting sanction to the raising of a loan of £90,000. for the purchase and development of a Housing Site at Slippery Green and the erection of 72 houses, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously resolved that a Loan of £90,000 be raised for the above purpose.

The Form of Application for sanction was thereupon signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Town Clerk.

The meeting then terminated.



6th December, 1948.

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

The members present being:-

Councillor James Sinnott (Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen Hadden and Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature, minutes of Corporation on the 2nd ultimo, General Purposes' Committee on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th ultimo.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Arising out of the Minutes of the 2nd ultimo Councillor Byrne referred to a discussion on Unemployment Schemes, and pointed out that it was not correct that he had withdrawn his original motion - that the County Manager seek a further Grant of £3,000. from the Unemployment Relief Fund so as to relieve Unemployment in Wexford, he merely deferred the motion pending an answer from the Minister to a proposal by the Mayor, that the Department be asked for an extra Grant to enable the road from Summerhill to Whitemill to be completed.

The Town Clerk intimated that he would embody this correction in the Minutes of the present meeting, and 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.

HOUSING FINANCE.

Councillor Byrne referred to the minutes of the meeting of 8th ultimo when a discussion took place on Housing Finance, and it was decided that as soon as the necessary figures were received from the Department regarding the amount of Grant to be received from the Transitional Development Fund, that a special meeting should be held to consider it.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received an official indication from the Department, but had been informed unofficially that the Grant would be £400. per house. He was now engaged in amending the figures and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at a meeting of the General Purposes' Committee on the 13th inst.

SYMPATHY.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne a vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor Bierney

the death of his aunt, Mrs. Redmond of Barrack St. All the members associated themselves with the vote including the Manager and Town Clerk. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris and supported by all the members present, including the Manager and Town Clerk, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. James Malone, Deputy Captain of the Fire Brigade, on the death of his mother.

HIGHER PAY FOR GARDA SIOCHANA

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche moved "that this Corporation, conscious and appreciative of the high efficiency of the Garda Siochana, pledge the support of the Corporation, with the Garda in their efforts to secure higher rates of pay."

This motion was seconded by the Mayor and unanimously adopted.

MAYOR'S COURTS.

Councillor Roche also moved "that the Corporation request the Minister for Justice to restore the erstwhile functions of the Mayors of Eire, whereby they - Mayors - had the authority to hold and preside at the Borough Court to hear minor offences." Alderman Corish seconded this motion. This proposal gave rise to some discussion, during which it was suggested that the views of the other Mayors of Ireland should be sought before a decision was reached.

On the proposal to re-establish these Courts being put to the meeting, however, it was defeated by five votes against to three for.

Councillor Roche retired from the meeting at this stage as he had another appointment.

SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1948.

The next business was to consider the adoption of Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, and to decide the number of employees to which the Act should apply. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion but it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that the necessary notice be issued of the intention of the Corporation to adopt Part III of the Act and that it should apply to twenty-five Corporation employees.

HURLING & FOOTBALL PITCH.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Hadden moved that the Council take steps to provide hurling and football pitches in the Town, and asked the County Manager to secure a field between the Faythe and the Rocks for this purpose, and to investigate the matter generally. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by Councillor Byrne, Alderman Corish, Councillors Buckland, O'Flaherty and the Mayor. In this connection, however, the Mayor pointed out that the provision of such playing pitches would involve considerable expense and in view of the huge housing programme facing the Corporation, he thought nothing should be done except to examine the possibilities of the matter. The motion was unanimously adopted.

WIRING OF OLDER CORPORATION HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the County Manager examine the possibility of wiring

their older houses for electricity. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was agreed to, but with an edendum that nothing should be done without consulting the tenants on the matter.

CIRCULAR RE HOUSING.

The next business was to consider the Circulars H. 56/67 from the Minister for Local Government re Housing (copies of which had already been furnished to the members). In this connection a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 1st ultimo No. H. 62184/48 setting out the procedure necessary to obtain Grants under Section 5 of the Housing of the Labourers' Act, 1937, and suggested that a fresh survey should be carried out of houses at present regarded as unfit for human habitation, but which could be made fit at a reasonable expense. Alderman Hadden proposed that the survey be carried out, and the Mayor seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to, and it was further decided that it should be done street by street.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY.

The next business was to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government regarding the proposed public lavatory. This matter had been before the General Purposes' Committee at a recent meeting when the Town Clerk gave a resume of a telephone conversation he had had with the Department on this matter.

The Minister's letter, which was dated 22nd ultimo, intimated that the revised Plans submitted were not satisfactory. While the defects observed in the original Plan had been remedied to a certain extent the appearance of the structure in the revised Plan would be unsightly, and the internal lay-out required improvement. Attention was drawn to the restricted entrance to the mens' section, the unbalanced proportioning of the two types of convenience and the unusual design of the Caretaker's lock-up. The open floor space in the womens' section should be larger, and the wash hand basin was not satisfactorily placed. In the circumstances the Minister considered it advisable that the Corporation adopt the suggestion contained in the Department's letter of the 4th October, that an Architect should be appointed for the preparation of Plans for the convenience.

Councillor Gaul proposed the appointment of an Architect and Alderman Hadden seconded, but strong opposition to this course was apparent from other members and on a vote being taken, four voted for and five against the appointment of an Architect, and the Mayor declared the proposal lost. It was, however, decided to refer the matter back to the Borough Surveyor with instructions to revise the Plans in accordance with the Department's suggestions.

AGRICULTURAL GRANTS.

A Resolution from the Cork County Council regarding Agricultural Grants in Urban Areas was marked "read" on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

VANDALISM.

Councillor Gaul referred to the vandalism carried out at the junction of Batt Street and William Street when a recently erected fence had been cut and the stakes torn out of the ground, and it was decided to draw the attention of the Garda Siochana to this matter.

TOWN HALL SITE.

One tender was received for the Site at Redmond Monument known as "the Town Hall Site," and on being opened it was found to be from Mr. Patrick Meyler of North End Garage, who offered £300. (Three Hundred Pounds).

Councillor Buckland proposed that this offer be not accepted. Alderman Hadden seconded.

Councillor Morris, however, proposed that the offer be accepted, but there was no seconder, and it was accordingly decided not to accept the offer.

FAIR DAY.

A letter was read from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks requesting the Corporation to change the date of the December Fair from Tuesday, 28th inst. The letter pointed out that it was usual for the shops in Wexford to close for at least two days after Christmas, but as St. Stephen's day fell on Sunday the usual public holiday would be on Monday, December, 27th. Consequently if the fair was held on Tuesday, the shops would, of necessity, be opened and the assistants required to work and lose a holiday usually granted to them. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed that the Town Clerk consult with the County Committee of Agriculture as to changing the Fair to the 29th instant., and if they were agreeable that such a change should be made.

GRANTS.

The next business was to consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, regarding Grants. Under date of 27th ultimo by letter No. RU215/131 the Minister referred to a letter from the Town Clerk dated 6th idem requesting an increase in the allocation of the Grant for the proposed road from Summerhill to Whitemill, and stated that in the first instance the allocation of monies was a matter for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance who had fixed the Grant to Wexford Corporation at £3,250., subject to a local contribution of £460. The Minister, However stated that at present there was no possibility of increase the Grant. A second letter under date of 23rd ultimo, No. RM/32 was read from the Minister in which he pointed out that it was open to the Borough Surveyor to employ any suitable man in receipt of unemployment assistance, and that he had a free selection of the best men available for the work. A report was also read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the difficulty of obtaining stone, and the Manager intimated he was giving a direction to the Borough Surveyor to use the available stone at Corry's Terrace and the old porter's lodge at the County Hospital.

In this connection Councillor Byrne protested against the small number of men employed, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to increase the number as soon as possible. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded. Councillor Byrne also protested against the small amount of the Grant, and proposed that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a further Grant of £3,000. to relieve unemployment in the Town. Councillor Howlin seconded.

It was also decided to convey the feelings of the Corporation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance regarding the number of unemployed in the Town and requesting him to make available a further £3,000. for their relief.

POOR QUALITY OF BREAD.

The Mayor referred to the poor quality of bread being supplied to the Town in the last few months and it was decided to ask the Master Bakers' Association if there was any particular reason for this.

FREE FUEL SCHEME.

Councillor Byrne stated he understood that recipients under the Free Fuel Scheme were being charged an extra 3d. per cwt. for turf supplied, and he asked the Town Clerk to request the Manager to re-adjust the price paid for turf in the Fuel Scheme so as to obviate the need of recipients paying an extra 3d.

The meeting then terminated.

James Dimott

8th December, 1948.

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

The members present were: Councillors James Sinnott (Mayor) presiding, Aldermen Corish and Hadden, Councillors O'Flaherty, Buckland, Bierney, Byrne, Morris and Cullimore, the County Manager and the Assistant to the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Mayor informed the Meeting that the Corporation had been specially convened to consider the provision of finance to cover the sending of delegates to a Direct Labour Housing Scheme in Lancashire.

The County Manager stated that he had received a communication from the Department of Local Government, under date December 1st, intimating that Departmental Officials were travelling to St. Helens, Lancashire, to inspect a Direct Labour Building Scheme being carried out there. The Department suggested that the Corporation might send the Officer in charge of Direct Labour operations in Wexford town, and that they might also consider the sending of a representative of the Trades Council. The Manager said that he had agreed immediately to the sending of the Housing Engineer, Mr. Millar. He could see the advantage that would come from the inspection of the methods employed in a Scheme of this kind, and could see, too, that such a visit might repay the Corporation. He had been informed that the principle of consultation was rather perfectly developed in this Scheme, and he thought that the experience gained by the examination of such a system would help in perfecting local machinery and reducing costs.

Councillor Byrne vehemently opposed the sending of anyone to England to inspect any Direct Labour Scheme. Wexford had practical experience of Direct Labour Schemes, and he proposed that nobody be sent. He especially opposed the idea of sending anybody other than a member or an Official of the Corporation. The Mayor said that he also personally opposed the sending of a person who was neither a member nor an Official of the Corporation, and he thought that the Corporation generally would.

Alderman Dr. Hadden supported the idea. He thought it was sound and believed that the cost of sending such a representative would not be greater than the cost of running their own Scheme for one day. He could not but think that, at least, a day's costings would be saved by the experience gained.

Other members of the Corporation having expressed themselves, Alderman Corish proposed that the Corporation make available the necessary finances to send Mr. Millar, Housing Engineer, to St. Helens. The Mayor seconded this motion.

Councillor Byrne proposed that the Corporation make no money available to cover the sending of anybody to St. Helens. Councillor Morris seconded this amendment.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried, five voting for and four against. The Mayor declared the amendment carried and the meeting ended.

13/12/48

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 Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Gaul, Bierney, Buckland, Byrne, Howlin, Morris, and O'Flaherty

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

DANGEROUS CONDITION OF HOUSE AT FAYTHE.

Councillor Howlin drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the dangerous condition of a house at Faythe occupied, or formerly occupied, by a person named Johnston and requested him to attend to the matter immediately as he considered it a danger to passers-by.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION FOR HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST.

Councillor Byrne asked what progress had been made regarding the provision of sanitary conveniences for houses at William St. owned by Mrs. McKnight, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had given Mrs. McKnight a map showing where the Corporation proposed to extend their sewer to enable her to obtain Estimates. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate with Mrs. McKnight again on this matter.

FLOODING.

Reference was made to flooding in the garden of the house at Davitt Road? North, occupied by Byrne, from the grounds of the Convent of Mercy School, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit an up-to-date report on this matter.

Alderman Corish referred to flooding at the premises of Mr. Ffrench, Spafield House, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had passed Mr. Ffrench's complaint to the Borough Surveyor that afternoon.

DANGEROUS PIER.

Councillor Bierney referred to what he considered to be a dangerous pier at Waterloo Road, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that, in his opinion, it was not dangerous.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT WORKS.

A general discussion took place on the number of men employed on the present relief Grant works and Mr. McNally intimated that at the present time twenty-nine men were employed and as soon as he was in a position to commence the sewer a further twelve would be employed.

A discussion took place also regarding the employment of men on these works and it was conveyed to the Borough Surveyor that it was the unanimous opinion of the Corporation that some of the lower rated recipients of unemployment assistance should be employed.

REPAIRS TO CERTAIN STREETS.

Reference was made to a decision arrived at some time ago to repair certain streets in the town and the Borough Surveyor explained that up to the present he had been unable to obtain the necessary stone.

FOOTPATHS.

Reference was also made to a proposal some time ago to concrete foot-paths leading to certain houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas, and it was explained that when this decision was arrived at, cement was impossible to obtain, and that in view of recent increases in wages, it would now be necessary to revise the Estimate, so it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit a fresh Estimate so that the necessary Loan might be applied for to carry out this work.

ROOFS OF TWO HOUSE AT ABBAY ST.

Alderman Hadden referred to the condition of the roofs of two houses at Abbey St. recently acquired by the Wexford Corporation, and it was pointed out unless something was done very quickly with these roofs, the walls would begin to disintegrate due to water flowing down. The Borough Surveyor, however, explained that at the present time he could not get a suitable mason to carry out this work, and Councillor Byrne intimated that he was aware of a plasterer who was idle and promised to send him to the Borough Surveyor the following morning. The Mayor suggested that a covering of some nature, such as a tarpaulin, should be placed on the roof until it was possible to have it properly repaired. Eventually, it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should try and change the mason he had with one of the younger masons on the Housing Scheme who would be better able to deal with work on a high roof.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

Reference was also made to the delay in completing the reconstruction of the Distillery House and Mr. McNally explained that the only thing to be done was the installation of Electricity and the Contractor was at present dealing with this.

HOUSE AT MONCK ST.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the house at Monck St. occupied by Mrs. Cassidy, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine it.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to have immediate repairs carried out to a broken foot-path outside of Reillys', The Faythe, which had been broken up some considerable time ago.

FIXING OF RENTS FOR 88 HOUSES

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The next business was to consider the fixing of rents

for the 88 houses at present in course of construction at Slippery Green. The Town Clerk's report on this matter which had been furnished to the members under date of the 30th September, was now read, and he (Town Clerk) intimated that he had been informed by the Department of Local Government that a sum of £400, per house might be expected from the Transitional Development Fund. This would reduce the annual cost to the rates to £15. 16. 8. per house or £1,393. per annum, which would be equivalent to approximately 1/2d. in the pound on the rates.

In this connection, however, it was pointed out that a sum of £7. 5. per house was included for administration expenses which covered collector's commission at approximately £4. 15. 0. It was thought that repairs would not be necessary to new houses for at least ten years and if, say, £4. per house were taken from the charge on the rates it would reduce it to approximately £1,000. or 10d. in the pound.

Councillor Buckland strongly opposed a Subsidy of £15. 16. 8. per house from the rates and suggested that the Corporation should not grant any higher subsidy than that granted in respect of previous housing Schemes which was approximately £5 to £6 per house. This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, at the end of which Councillor Howlin proposed that the Corporation grant a subsidy of £7. 10. per house, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed to. It was further decided that the Town Clerk should recast the figures on a subsidy of £7. 10. per house from the Corporation, and a rent of 12-6d. per week, which in the considered opinion of the Corporation was the maximum that could be expected and submit the resultant figures to the Department of Local Government with a request that they should bridge the gap by a Grant from the Transitional Development Fund.

LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA.

A Licence in respect of the Abbey Cinema under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was signed and in this connection it was decided to draw the attention of all the Cinemas to the Regulation prohibiting people standing or sitting in the passages, and to request them to play the full National Anthem at the close of each exhibition and not the abbreviated few lines at present played.

LEASES - WESTGATE.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland it was unanimously agreed that new Leases on property at the Westgate should be granted to Messrs. Nunn & Co. for a period of 31 years.

MEETING OF CORPORATION ON 8th DECEMBER.

Councillor Morris referred to a meeting of the Corporation held on the 8th instant at which the representatives of the Press were not present, and intimated that objection had been taken to this by one of the local newspapers, and in this connection Councillor Buckland proposed that a report be given to the press which was seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Buckland also proposed that the Corporation confirm the previous resolution, that the Press be invited to all meetings; that the Corporation place on record that they have no desire to conduct their business behind closed doors and that the officials be instructed to invite the Press to all meetings. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to. Alderman Corish and Councillor O'Flaherty, however, pointed out that the Corporation should be allowed to meet in Committee when they pleased and the Mayor explained that at any time when a member of the Corporation wished to speak in Committee such a request had always been respected by the Press reporters and his remarks were not published.

As regards the meeting on the 8th December the Mayor explained that it was convened in a rush on a Holyday and it was purely an oversight that the Press had not been invited.

The meeting then terminated.

James Dinnitt

3rd January, 1949.

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

Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset the Mayor wished all the members and officials a very happy New Year.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Richard Doyle, South Main St., a former member of the Corporation, and that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Wm. Kearney, a public representative on the death of his sister. Councillor Gaul seconded both motions which were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ARREST OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

The Mayor next referred to the arrest and detention of Cardinal Mindszenty, Cardinal Primate of Hungary and protested strongly against this action of the Hungarian Government towards a Prince of the Catholic Church. The protest was strongly supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and at the close of the discussion it was proposed by His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously resolved, "That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, in meeting assembled register our grave anxiety and perturbation at the news of the arrest and detention of Cardinal Mindszenty, whose high office, distinguished talents and essential humanity have ever been devoted to asserting, securing and defending the principles of truth, justice and freedom, and that we, as representatives of a people who have sacrificed much during the centuries to achieve full freedom, request the immediate release of the Cardinal Primate;

"That we further strongly support the request of our Irish Government, that a representative, designated by them be allowed free access to the Cardinal Primate.

Freedom to practice and teach religion is the birthright of free-born men; it is a right declared in ^{our} Constitution and as representatives of a people who abhor religious intolerance we further request that the Catholic Church in Hungary be guaranteed that freedom of religious practice and education which it enjoys amongst all freedom-loving peoples; and that this matter be registered as a ^{our} further expression of our grave concern."

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It was also agreed that a telegram in the terms of the above resolution be forwarded immediately to the Prime Minister of Hungary.

Arising out of the foregoing the following further resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bynne.

"That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the Holy See with a renewal of our loyalty and affection to the Sovereign Pontiff, together with an expression of our sincere sympathy with Him in His present trials and sorrows."

The meeting then terminated.

James Simitt

10th January, 1949.

An adjourned 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 Corish and Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Gaul the minutes of the Corporation on the 6th & 8th and General Purposes Committee on the 13th ultimo, copies of which had been furnished to the members, 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 Rev. Fr. Butler, R.C.A. on the death of his mother. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence. The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Miss Evaline Phillips of the Town Clerk's Office, on the death of her aunt, the late Mrs. Stafford. This motion was also seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

ARREST OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY.

Referring to minutes of the 3rd instant when the meeting adopted a resolution of protest against the arrest and detention of Cardinal Mindszenty, the following letter was read from Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns:-

"I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter, with the copy of the excellently worded resolution of the Corporation on the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty. The resolution showed a clear appreciation of the significance of the arrest of the Cardinal. It was not only high in principle, but personal, forceful and practical, and the adjournment of the meeting gave it the final marked genuine feeling. I need not say that I was glad and proud that the Corporation of Wexford was one of the first public bodies in Ireland to register its condemnation of this attack on the Christian faith and on worldwide Christian sentiment, and I know that all our representative bodies have the same sympathy with this great spiritual leader of a sorely tried nation.

Wishing every blessing the New Year to all the members and to yourself personally."

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COMPLAINT AGAINST INVESTIGATION
OFFICER.

With reference to Minutes of the 11th October last when a complaint was made by the Mayor against the attitude of Investigation Officer Fox, a letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare intimating that the complaint had been investigated and suitable notice taken of the occurrence complained of.

RESOLUTION RE GARDA
SIOCHANA.

With reference to minutes of 6th ultimo when a resolution was adopted urging increased pay for the Garda Siochana, a formal acknowledgement was received from the Department of Finance and a letter was read from the Chief Superintendent thanking the members of the Corporation for their kind appreciation of the efficiency of the Garda Siochana.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VOTE
OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read also from Councillor Bierney acknowledging receipt of vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting.

WEXFORD CINEMAS

With reference to minutes of 13th ultimo when complaint was made regarding seats in the Cinemas and the playing of an abbreviated version of the National Anthem a letter was read from the Proprietors of the Capital Cinema to the effect that they had neither chairs nor seats available to put in the passages even if they were required. The letter also stated that the version of the National Anthem played, was a sound-on-film version which was exhibited and played in practically every Cinema in Ireland, and they understood that it had been agreed on between the Cinemas and the Government. In this connection Councillor Howlin stated that he was present in the Capital Cinema on the 6th instant. himself and saw seats being placed in the passages. It was also stated that a new version of the National Anthem was being played in the Abbey Cinema since the issue of the Town Clerk's letter.

It was agreed that Councillor Howlin's complaint should be brought to the notice of the proprietors of the Capital Cinema and the Town Sergeant was directed to submit weekly reports on his inspections of the three Cinemas.

RELIEF GRANT.

A letter was read from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance on the subject of the application of the Corporation for a supplementary Grant for the relief of Unemployment. This stated that the Grant of £3,250. already sanctioned, represented a pro-rata proportion of the moneys made available to provide work for men in receipt of Unemployment assistance in the County as a whole.

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In addition, a special Grant amounting to £6,100. was made in the current financial year towards the cost of the Wexford Waterworks Scheme.

The Parliamentary Secretary had ascertained that the number of men in the Urban area at present in receipt of unemployment assistance was not abnormal for this time of the year and regretted he was unable to recommend any further Grant as it would not be possible for him to make an exception in respect of an individual area. Councillor Byrne intimated that he could not accept the views of the Parliamentary Secretary, that unemployment at present was normal and stated that some forty men had left Wexford on Saturday last to seek employment in England and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was agreed to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to reconsider his decision.

HOUSING FINANCE

Referring to minutes of the 13th ultimo when a discussion took place on the subject of Housing Finance the Town Clerk intimated that when preparing the figures he was under the impression that the rate of interest was $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. He had since ascertained that the rate was only $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ and had revised the figures accordingly before writing the following letter to the Minister for Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Corporation to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of the erection of 16 and 72 (Total 88) houses at Slippery Green, Wexford, under the Housing of the Working Classes' Acts, and to state that at a recent meeting the question of fixing rents therefor, was under consideration.

The All-in-Cost of these dwellings and the financing is estimated as follows:-

(A)	<u>ACQUISITION AND SITE DEVELOPMENT.</u>	
		£
(1)	Cost of Land	3,220.
(2)	Inquiry, legal and preliminary expenses	400.
(3)	Site development (Originally estimated at £8,500) now estimated at	<u>9,500</u>
		£13,120.

Average, approximately, £150. per house.

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(B) ERECTION OF 16 HOUSES.

(1) Contract for 16 houses (Originally £832. 2. 6. per house) now estimated at £1,100. or	£ 17,600.
(2) Clerk of Works (originally estimated at £350) now estimated at	600.
(3) Contingencies	<u>200.</u>
	18,400.

Average per house £1,150.

(C) ERECTION OF 72 HOUSES.

(1) Estimated cost of erection at £1,430 each	£ 102,960.
(2) Housing Engineer	1,300.
(3) Contingencies (including estimated increases since original estimate)	<u>3,740.</u>
	£108,000.

Average £1,500 per house.

S U M M A R Y.

(A) Acquisition and site development	£ 13,120.
(B) Erection of 16 houses	18,400.
(C) " 72 "	<u>108,000.</u>
Gross Total for 88 houses	<u>£139,500.</u>
Average all-in-cost, say,	£1,600
Less estimated Grant from Transitional Development Fund	<u>400.</u>
Net cost	£ 1,200.
Repay £1,200 in 50 years with interest at $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ (annuity £4. 1. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cent)	48 14. 6.
Add administrative expenses @ $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on average building costs (apprcx. £1,450)	<u>7. 5. 0.</u>
	55.19. 6.
Deduct subsidy of 2/rd on £350.	<u>9. 9. 6.</u>
	46.10. 0.
Deduct Rent at 12/6d. per week	<u>32.10. 0.</u>
	£14. 0. 0.

The Corporation, having considered the foregoing figures unanimously decided

- (1) That the rent of 12/6d. per house per week was the

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maximum that the average workman could be expected to pay more especially having regard to the fact that the rates will amount to approximately 4/6d. per week in addition to the rent.

(2) That the Corporation should not continue to burden the Rates with a subsidy of £14. per house indefinitely, and if such a subsidy was necessary building of working class houses would have to come to a complete stop.

In the circumstances, the Corporation agreed to make a local contribution of £7. 10. 0. per house, and should be glad if the difference was made up by a further contribution from the Transitional Development Fund.

As some of these houses are now practically ready for letting, I am to request a decision on this matter as soon as possible.

As no reply had yet been received from the Department to the above communication it was decided to adjourn the matter until next meeting and in the meantime the County Manager was asked to allocate tenancies so that immediately the rent was fixed the persons to whom the houses were allocated could take up residence. In this connection the Mayor again pointed out, for the information of the general public, that the Corporation had nothing whatever to do with the letting of houses.

RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish the following regulations which had received the provisional approval of the Minister for Local Government for the reception and examination of tenders were unanimously adopted and sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

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

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION

OF T E N D E R S .

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Wexford, acting by the Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 28 of the County Management Act, 1940; the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948; and every other power in that behalf enabling us, do hereby make the following Regulations for the reception and examination of tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works, or any other purpose for which the Corporation may lawfully have invited the submission of tenders.

1. All tenders should be marked "Tenders for....."

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and should be delivered to the Town Clerk (or his deputy) at his Office in the Town Hall, Wexford, not later than the time prescribed in the advertisement or invitation to tender. Tenders may also be forwarded by prepaid post addressed to "The Town Clerk, Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford," so as to reach the said office not later than the time prescribed in the advertisement or invitation to tender.

2. A separate locked receptacle shall be available for tenders for each commodity or work and tenders so marked shall, on receipt, be placed in the appropriate receptacle.
3. All tenders received in accordance with the preceding Regulations shall be laid by the Town Clerk (or his deputy) before the meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee of the Corporation next following the latest date fixed for the receipt of such tenders.
4. All tenders received shall be opened by the Mayor or Chairman, at a meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee, who shall thereupon number and initial each such tender and forthwith deliver same to the Town Clerk (or his deputy) for transmission to the County Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon.
5. The particulars of the names and addresses of all persons or firms from whom tenders are received in accordance with these Regulations and, so far as possible, the amounts thereof shall be recorded by the Town Clerk in the minutes of the meeting at which they are opened.

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6. These Regulations shall not apply to tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works, or any other purpose, the cost of which is estimated not to exceed the sum of £50. (Fifty Pounds).
7. These Regulations shall come into force when approved by the Minister for Local Government and shall remain in force until a Resolution of the Council terminating same shall have received the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

In witness whereof the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford was hereunto affixed this Tenth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-nine.
in the presence of

JAMES SINNOTT MAYOR.

JOHN J. BYRNE TOWN CLERK.

DECEMBER FAIR, 1949.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to fix the December, 1949 fair for Wednesday, December, 28th.

In this connection Alderman Corish stated that a number of farmers and cattle dealers had pointed out to him that no matter what day the December fair was held on, it was usually a failure and the suggestion was made to him, that no December Fair should be held but a fair should be held on the 1st Tuesday in January. The members, however, did not favour this suggestion and no action was taken.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTING OF TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Two tenders were presented for the fluorescent lighting for the Town Clerk's Office:-

- (1) Mr. N. J. Hore, and
- (2) Mr. Thomas Quigley.

It was decided to refer the tenders to the Borough Surveyor for a report as well as a report from the Town Clerk as to the estimated cost of this lighting compared with the present lighting costs.

LIGHTING OF CORPORATION HOUSES.

Arising out of this matter of lighting, the Town Clerk intimated that a letter was being sent to the tenants of the

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of the Corporation houses on the subject of wiring them for electricity.

PUBLIC LIGHTING GENERALLY.

Complaint was also made regarding the position of the light at Fisher's Row and the light in Selskar Place. In both cases it was thought that with a slight shifting of the light on the bracket the light would be better distributed, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would take up this matter with the Electricity Supply Board.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES - 12 HOUSES
AT MAUDLINTOWN.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the provision of sanitary conveniences for 12 houses at William St. had been commenced and that instructions had been given to the Borough Surveyor to lay the Corporation portion of their sewerage extension.

ROSE ROCK TERRACE.

Reference was also made to the sewerage at Rose Rock Terrace and the Town Clerk intimated that the matter had been discussed by the Manager and the Borough Surveyor that afternoon when it had been decided to request the Solicitors for the owners to arrange an appointment between the Contractor and the Borough Surveyor so that the latter could see if the work had been satisfactorily carried out.

Reference was also made to the provision of a sanitary convenience for the house at Rose Rock Terrace occupied by a man named Furlong and it was recommended that immediate steps should be taken to compel the provision of a water closet in this premises.

DEFECTIVE DRAINAGE AT SELSKAR.

In reply to a query by Alderman Hadden the Town Clerk stated that he had instructed the Health Inspector to take whatever steps were necessary to deal with a defective drainage system in Selskar. Alderman Hadden complained of the condition of the water spring at Wolfe Tone Villas and it was decided to request a report from the Borough Surveyor thereon.

NEW BOOSTER HOUSE.

Councillor Howlin complained of the position of the new booster house at Monument Cross and it was explained that to put it in any other position would interfere with the County Surveyor's Plans for road-making.

DEFECTIVE RANGE.&c.

Councillor O'Flaherty complained regarding the condition of the range at No. 35, Hill St., the condition of the roof of No. 9, O'Connell Avenue and the flooding of the premises at No. 1, Hill St. occupied by William Tierney.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

The question was also raised regarding the completion of the

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Distillery House and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report.

FOOTPATH AT KING ST.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the footpath outside the entrance to the Capital Cinema at King St. and the Town Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the County Engineer to this.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT
ABBEY ST.

Further reference was made to the proposal to acquire three occupied and two vacant houses together with a yard at Abbey St. from Mrs. Christina McKnight. Mrs. McKnight asked for a sum of £750. for the property which was subject to a ground rent of £25. per annum and intimated that the total income from the property was £2. 10. 6. per week. The Borough Surveyor recommended the acquisition of the property on the assumed maximum life of fifteen years, and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden that the Manager be authorised to purchase at the price named by Mrs. McKnight but before doing so should try to secure it at a lesser figure.

GRATUITY - LATE KATHLEEN LACEY.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the payment of a sum of £210. to the representatives of the late Kathleen Lacey, under Section 28 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, was unanimously agreed to.

HOUSE AT JOHN'S GATE ST.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the house at John's Gate St. occupied by Terence Dempsey which had been offered to the Corporation for purchase.

CONDITION OF QUAYS.

Councillor Morris complained of the condition of the Quays and it was decided to have them cleaned.

POOR QUALITY OF BREAD.

Councillor Morris asked if any reply had been received from the Master Bakers' Association regarding the quality of bread being supplied for some time past and on being told that no reply had been received proposed that the Minister for Agriculture be asked to subsidise the proposed new white flour to the same extent as the present flour was subsidised so that it would be within the reach of the ordinary working man to purchase white bread. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

HOUSES AT NORTH SIDE OF MARY ST.

Alderman Hadden asked that a report be submitted by the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting on the condition of the houses on the north side of Mary St.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

Alderman Hadden referred to a proposal made some time ago to

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to schedule the old Town wall and Westgate as National monuments and was informed that it was thought new legislation was being introduced to deal with this matter. It was decided that the Town Clerk should inquire from the National Monuments Committee if such legislation was in contemplation. On the suggestion of Alderman Hadden it was agreed to invite estimates for the restoration of two pillars removed some years ago from the fountain in the Bullring.

The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

17th January, 1949.

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.

Alderman Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Sean O'Flaherty, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, and Kevin Morris.

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

HOUSING LOANS

With reference to minutes of last meeting the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 12th instant in which he stated that the increase in interest on Loans from the local loans Fund which became effective as from the 5th May, 1948, would be offset by a further state subvention so that local authorities would be in the same position so far as their Housing Finances were concerned as if they were borrowing money at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. The Minister further stated that if the All-in-Cost of the Scheme worked at £1,600. per house and the Corporation decided to let the houses at 12/6d. per week exclusive of rates for slum clearance purposes, the loss to the rates would be approximately £8. 15. 0. per annum.

Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation fix the rents at 12/6d. per house per week. Councillor Gaul seconded. Other members at first opposed the fixing of rents until the Minister was again asked to increase the state subvention so that the loss to the Corporation would not be more than £7. 10. 0. per house.

After a lengthy discussion Alderman Corish amended his proposal to the effect that the rent of 12/6d. would only apply to the 16 houses, and this was unanimously agreed to. Alderman Hadden then proposed that a case be made to the Minister under the following three heads:-

- (1) that the ordinary Grant in aid be increased proportionate to the increase in the cost of building.
- (2) that it should be clearly set out what the actual state Grant would be to equalise the increase in the interest rate.
- (3) that the Corporation should have been granted portion of the cost of the development of the Site.

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Reports were received from the Borough Surveyor on the following matters:-

- (1) The condition of the range at No. 35, Hill St.
- (2) The condition of the drainage at No. 2, Hill St.
- (3) The condition of the House at John's Gate St. occupied by Terence Dempsey.

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- (4) The condition of house at Faythe occupied by Mrs. Johnston.
- (5) Flooding of Byrnes', Davitt Road, North.
- (6) Flooding of Ffrenchs', Spafield.
- (7) The pier at Waterloo Road.
- (8) An estimate for the provision of concrete footpaths for 152 houses.
- (9) General repairs to streets and footpaths.
- (10) The condition of Mrs. Cassidys' house at Monck St.
- (11) The footpath at Reillys', The Faythe.
- (12) The fountain at Wolfe Tone Villas;
- (13) House at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by John Hynes.
- (14) House on the north side of Mary St.

STONE BRIDGE LANE

Councillor Morris raised the question of the condition of Stone Bridge Lane and the Town Clerk intimated that he could get no satisfaction from the owners regarding this matter and it was decided to acquire the ground under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites' Act, 1940.

W.C.'s AT ABBEY ST.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he expected to have the installation of W.C.'s in the Abbey St. houses completed within two weeks.

DISTILLERY HOUSE.

Councillor Buckland raised a question regarding the completion of repairs to Distillery House and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor and tenant should meet on the Site and discuss what further repairs were necessary.

PUBLIC LAVATORY.

The Mayor referred to the proposal to erect a public lavatory and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had not yet time to redesign it, and it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, that the Borough Surveyor should send back the Plans to the Department with each of the criticisms outlined by the Department attended to.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY DOLAN.

Reference was made to the dangerous condition of house at Faythe formerly occupied by Dolan, and the Town Clerk was asked to take up this matter with the representative of the owner.

FOOTPATH AT REDMOND RD.

Alderman Corish referred to the condition of the footpath at Redmond Road, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to take steps to have this clearing marked.

EXPLANATION OF COUNCILLOR MORRIS RE DANCE.

Councillor Morris referred to a dance which was advertised to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday night by the Enniscorthy Social Club, and intimated that it was not this club that had

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asked him to act as M.C..

The Town Clerk intimated that the Hall had not been allocated to the Enniscorthy Social Club but to a person in the Town of Wexford, and in view of the fact that it had been transferred to an outside Body without the consent of the Corporation, instructions had been given to have the dance cancelled.

The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

24th January, 1949.

A meeting of the General Purposes' Committee for consideration of Housing was held at the Town Clerk's Office, this day at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).
Alderman Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Thos. Buckland, Patk. Bierney, Thos. Byrne,
Ed. Howlin, Sean O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING
ENGINEER.

It was intimated to the meeting that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government had been obtained to the appointment of a Housing Engineer to survey land outside the Borough which would accommodate approximately 800 houses.

WATERLOO ROAD C.P.O.

It was also intimated that the Order had been made in respect of the acquisition of land at Waterloo for Housing and that the Minister for Local Government had been asked to expedite the holding of the necessary inquiry.

HOUSES ACQUIRED FROM MESSRS. P. PIERCE
& CO.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk stated that so far it had not been possible to obtain Plans of the houses acquired from Messrs. Pierce & Co. but he had written to the offices of the late Town Planning Advisor to see if they had copies and promised to expedite the matter.

SITES' COMMITTEE

On the suggestion of Councillor O'Flaherty it was decided that the members of the Committee should meet on Saturday 5th prox. to inspect building sites in the north end of the Town.

LAVATORIES FOR HOUSES IN CORNMARKEET.

In connection with the provision of lavatories for the houses at Cornmarket it was stated, in reply to a query by Alderman Corish, that the Borough Surveyor was held up by lack of cisterns, but Councillor Morris replied that plenty of cisterns were available in Town.

The meeting then terminated.

31st January, 1949.

At the request of the County Manager, the following members of the Wexford Corporation attended at the Town Hall this evening at 7.30 p.m. for an informal discussion on the applications received for the 88 houses at Slippery Green:

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott, (in the Chair)
Alderman Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thos. Buckland, Patk. Bierney,
Thos. Byrne, Edward Howlin, Sean O'Flaherty,
Thos. Cullimore and Thos. Roche.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

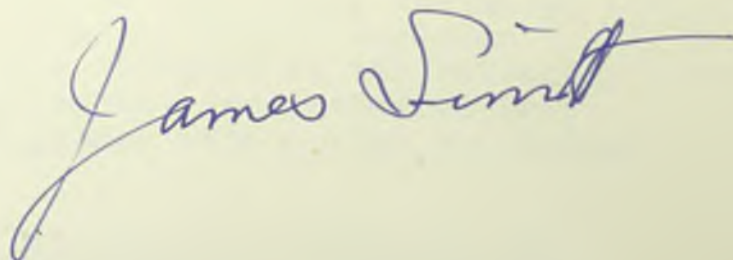
Applications from persons qualified under the letting Regulations and from people anxious to transfer from Corporation houses, were read by the Town Clerk, and after some discussion the meeting unanimously recommended that the following should be included in the lettings:-

Edward Byrne, Patrick Square.
Denis Doran, High St.
Thos. Cullimore, Green St.
Garda D. O'Neill, (who was to be charged
a rent based on 1/3rd
subsidy).

The following were also strongly recommended though they did not appear to be eligible under the regulations.

O'Neill, Distillery Road,
Hogan, South Main St.

The meeting then terminated.



7th February, 1949.

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:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Alderman Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Edward Howlin, Sean O'Flaherty, Frank Cullimore and Kewin Morris.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish the following minutes, copy of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd & 10th ultimo, General Purposes Committee on 17th and 24th together with minutes of an informal meeting with the County Manager on the 31st ultimo.

MARKING AT REDMOND RD.

Arising out of the minutes the following questions were raised;

Alderman Corish asked why the marking of the footpath at Redmond Road had not been carried out in accordance with the directions given to the Borough Surveyor on the 17th ultimo and the Town Clerk stated that as the Borough Surveyor was present at the meeting in question he had not been given an official direction in writing to have this done, but would do so immediately.

TENDERS. FLUORESCENT LIGHTING OF TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Alderman Corish also referred to tenders received for fluorescent lighting for the Town Clerk's offices and the Town Clerk replied that he had received a report from the Borough Surveyor but as the tenders varied as to the type of lamps to be supplied, the Borough Surveyor had suggested that fresh tenders be asked for in accordance with a new specification, and he promised to issue invitations to tender in the near future.

FOOTPATH AT ENTRANCE TO CAPITAL CINEMA.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with the County Engineer regarding the condition of a footpath at the entrance to the Capital Cinema in King St. and intimated that he would see the County Engineer with a view to having this repaired.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY MANAGER RE ALLOCATION OF HOUSES AT SLIPPERY GREEN.

Councillor Byrne referred to the informal discussions held

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with the County Manager on the 31st ultimo regarding the letting of houses and intimated that it had been stated outside the Council Chamber that he had objected to certain persons being allocated houses.

He emphatically denied this statement and the Mayor and other members stated that no objection had been made by any member to the persons considered by the Manager to be eligible.

The Mayor also quoted the regulations laid down by the Department of Local Government regarding the letting of houses.

OMISSION OF COUNCILLOR'S NAME.

Councillor Morris pointed out that his name had been omitted from the Minute of the discussion with the Co. Manager on the above subject.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Miss Evaline Phillips acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with her on the death of her aunt.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the County Secretary, Mr. T. F. McDermot, on the death of his father. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present; by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1948.

In accordance with notice given on 13th December, the following resolution was proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously adopted:- "that Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation), Act, 1948 be adopted as on and from 1st April, 1949, and that the maximum number of persons to be at any one time in the employment of the Council as permanent servants be fixed at 25."

LOAN OF £90,000.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for a Loan of £90,000 proposed to be advanced by the Board to the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1948, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £90,000 (Ninety Thousand Pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890-1948."

LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was executed

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in respect of the Abbey Cinema for the year ending 30th January, 1950.

STONE BRIDGE LANE.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Purposes' Committee dated 17th ultimo it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris that a Preliminary Order be made under the acquisition of Derelict Sites' Act, 1940, in respect of the premises known as Stone Bridge Lane.

NAMING OF NEW HOUSES.

Three motions appeared on the Agenda for the naming of the new Housing Scheme at Slippery Green. These were as follows:-

Alderman Corish intended to propose "Corish Villas" for the 88 houses.

Councillor Byrne intended to propose "St. Aidan's Crescent" for the 16 houses.

Councillor O'Flaherty intended to propose "Ignatius Rice Crescent" for the 16 houses.

At the outset it was agreed that any name selected should be in the Irish form only and thereupon Alderman Corish proposed that the 88 houses be named "Ardan Mhic Fheorais," The Mayor Seconded.

Councillor O'Flaherty withdrew his motion in favour of the Irish version of Councillor Byrne's motion and proposed that that 16 houses be named "Croin Naoimh Maodhoig." Councillor Byrne seconded this motion.

Alderman Corish's motion was first put to the meeting and was defeated by four votes for to five against. Councillor O'Flaherty's motion was then put to the meeting when five members voted for and the remaining four did not vote. This latter motion was declared carried and 16 of the houses named "Croin Naoimh Maodhoig."

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved "that the Minister for Local Government be asked to make available a Grant for the development of a Site or Sites for a approximately 800 houses even though these Sites may be used for building within a short period of their development." The Mayor seconded this motion and suggested that a deputation should await on the Minister for Local Government to discuss with him not only the question of Grants for Site Development but also the general position of housing finances, the regulations governing the letting of houses, etc. etc.

Councillor Byrne and O'Flaherty supported Alderman Corish's proposal, Councillor Byrne intimating that in his opinion housing should be a national charge.

Councillor Cullimore thought that the erection of houses at the present time was out of the question as they were throwing too great a burden on the ratepayers who would be unable to meet any further liability and that the rents charged were much

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to high for the majority of wage earners. Alderman Corish's proposal, however, was unanimously adopted, together with a proposal by His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, that the Minister for Local Government be requested to receive a deputation from the Corporation to discuss the matters above referred to.

DELETION OF ARTICLE 2 OF HOUSING
BYE-LAWS.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the permission of the Minister for Local Government be sought to delete Article 2 of the Bye-Laws made by the Corporation on the 21st August, 1933 with respect to houses divided into separate tenements. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by Councillor O'Flaherty, the Mayor, and unanimously agreed to.

MOTION RE FANNING & DEVEREAUX
FUNDS WITH REGARD TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved "that the Corporation call on the Minister for Social Welfare to instruct his Investigation Officers to disregard such amounts as the Fanning Fund and the Devereaux Fund when assessing the income of Old Age Pensioners."

Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously agreed to.

During the discussion on this motion it was pointed out that these two Funds were peculiar to Wexford town alone and could be taken away at any time by the Vincent de Paul Society who administered them, and it was also agreed that the Minister for Social Welfare should be asked if the Law laid down that charitable payments should be taken into account when assessing the amounts of applicants for Pensions.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURIST
ASSOCIATION.

The Mayor moved that a contribution of £20. be included in the Estimates for the ensuing year to the Funds of the Irish Tourist Association. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to, but it was decided that the attention of the Tourist Board should be drawn to the very little publicity given to County Wexford where there were some of the finest strands in the country, as well as first class hotels.

RESOLUTION FROM GALWAY BOROUGH
COUNCIL.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the following resolution from the Galway Borough Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make a Public Appeal to large firms, Trade Unions, Insurance Companies, Banks, etc. to assist in bringing to an end the existing deplorable housing conditions by

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by building for their employees and members and that copies of this resolution be circulated to Local Housing Authorities."

RESOLUTION FROM BRAY URBAN COUNCIL.

The following Resolution from the Bray Urban District Council was submitted, but the Corporation held that this was a matter for the trades concerned, and decided to refer it to the Wexford Trades Council.

"That having regard to the dearth of skilled labour in the Building Trade at the present time, this Council views with uneasiness the Rule operating in these Trades (viz. Bricklayers, Carpenters, Plasterers and Plumbers) whereby only the sons of those who are presently working in these trades can be apprenticed. We look on this rule as being very arbitrary and is calculated to create a monopoly for those concerned and, at the same time, impose a boycott against a number of young men who would be anxious to become apprentices to the Trades named.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, the three County T.D.'s, the Press and every local authority in Eire."

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Complaint was made that there were a few carpenters idle in the Town and it was decided to ask the Housing Engineer if he could employ them. It was also intimated that William Crean and his son, who were both plasterers, were idle and it was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor or Housing Engineer if either of them could employ them.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

Councillor Gaul referred to a recent case in the High Court where the Corporation had been decreed for the sum of £1,120. in respect of malicious injury to a premises in the Main St. as a result of fire, for which an employee had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment as the instigator. Councillor Gaul pointed out that in his opinion the Insurance Co.'s who were receiving premiums to cover such loss should be made responsible. He pointed out that the Corporation must maintain a Fire Brigade in the Town at very heavy expense to the Ratepayers for the purpose of protecting property but when a Claim arose under a Fire Policy, as in the present case, the Insurance Companies insisted on the insured person making an application to the Courts for compensation for Malicious Injury. He thereupon, proposed that the Minister for Justice be called on to amend the law in this respect so as to ensure that the Companies receiving premiums for fire cover pay their Claims instead of having the Ratepayers mulcted. The Mayor seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

DISMISSAL OF MAN ON GRANT WORK.

The Mayor referred to the dismissal of a man named Hayes on the Grant work and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to give this man a further chance as he had been out of work for a considerable time, and was not in a position to give a hundred per cent output in the first week of his employment.

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HOUSE AT DEVEREAUX VILLAS OCCUPIED BY
SUB-TENANT.

Councillor Bierney referred to a house at Devereaux Villas formerly occupied by Mrs. Kehoe and now in the possession of sub-tenant named Bolger, and the County Manager explained that the possession of this house was being examined.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY.

Queries were also asked regarding the position of the Plans for the proposed public lavatory and the Town Clerk explained that he had not yet received the revised Plans from the Borough Surveyor and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to expedite the matter.

James Smith

14th February, 1949.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).
Alderman Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Roche,
Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, John O'Flaherty,
and Kevin Morris.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

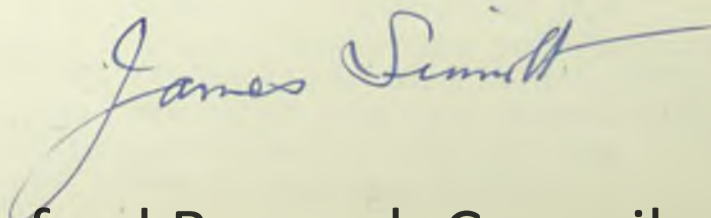
SENTENCE IMPOSED ON CARDINAL PRIMATE
OF HUNGARY.

The Mayor stated that he had considered it his duty to convene the meeting in order that the Corporation might register their protest against the savage sentence recently passed on Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and moved the following resolution:-

"That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford in Special Meeting assembled, place on record our profound horror and detestation at the savage sentence imposed, after an alleged trial, on His Eminence, Joseph, Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom, and Primate of Hungary, for no other offence than his opposition to the communist masters of the Catholic people of Hungary in their attempt to impose anti-God doctrines on his flock.

"And that we once again tender to Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, our sincere sympathy in His present trials and afflictions, together with a further expression of our loyalty and affection to the Holy See."

The Resolution was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members; by the Town Clerk and unanimously adopted. The meeting then terminated.



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18th February, 1949.

A special meeting of the General Purposes' Committee was held this night at the Town Clerk's Office, at 8. 15 p'clock p.m.

James Sinnott, Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman Hadden.

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

Mr. H. F. Doyle, acted for the Town Clerk.

HOUSING SITUATION.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of 31 labourers whose services had been dispensed with on the Building Site owing to a trade dispute and stated that great hardship was being inflicted on these men as they had been denied benefit in the Labour Exchange and claimed that the Corporation, as Employers, had the responsibility of fixing this dispute.

The Mayor explained that it was purely a Trade Union dispute and that everyone knew the position in regard thereto. Councillor Buckland complained that they had not been informed of the strike, the first intimation he having got of it being in the local papers and asked if there was any correspondence from the masons in regard to this matter, whereupon the Acting Clerk read a communication dated January, 27th, 1949 from Patrick Cullen, Branch Secretary of Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stonelayers Trade Union, intimating, inter alia, that they could not accede to the request of the Corporation to allow their members to do any work on the mass concrete houses other than the fire places and floors.

Councillor O'Flaherty proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded that the Corporation request a representative of the masons, a representative of the Transport Union, Housing Engineer and County Manager to attend a meeting to be held on Monday, next, 21st instant. This was unanimously agreed to. Councillor Byrne asked that a special note be taken that no report had been made to the members by the officials of the Corporation for one week on this matter of the housing dispute.

SYMPATHY.

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow of the late Nicholas Connolly, an employee of the Corporation, who died suddenly.

He stated that he was formerly a member of the Corporation and other public Bodies and an excellent public representative. Councillor Morris seconded this proposition, and the other members associated themselves with the proposition, and the Acting Town Clerk, on behalf himself and the Staff.

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Councillor Morris proposed that the Corporation extend their sympathy to Mr. Bob Brennan and Miss Anne Brennan on the death of their sister, Mrs. Griffin. Councillor Roche seconded this proposition. The Mayor spoke at length on the outstanding qualifications of Mr. Bob Brennan and the many important positions he had held in Ireland and elsewhere and the fact that he was one of the outstanding Irishmen of our time.

INVESTIGATION OFFICER.

Councillor Howlins stated he was very dissatisfied with the attitude and remarks made by the Investigation Officer to an old age pensioner and proposed that Mr. Fox be requested to attend a meeting of the Corporation which was to be held on Monday next, 21st with a view to clarifying the position. Councillor Byrne seconded this proposition and added that the Old Age Pensioner in question should also be requested to attend.

The motion was passed unanimously whereupon the meeting terminated.

James Simmott

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott, (in the Chair)..

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Sean O'Flaherty, Edward Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, Kevin Morris, James Gaul and Frank Cuillimore.

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

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Dr. Hadden on the death of his cousin. 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 Hadden returned thanks for the vote of sympathy.

PARADE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

At the request of Foras Cosanta it was agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to co-operate in the organisation of a parade proposed to be held on St. Patrick's day.

16 HOUSES TRINITY ST.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to purchase 16 houses at Trinity St. for the sum of £2,520. subject to a ground rent of approximately £27. per annum and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The Borough Surveyor had reported in favour of the purchase and intimated that it would cost £1,240. to provide sanitary conveniences and carry out minor repairs.

HOUSING FINANCES.

Letters were read from the Minister for Local Government re Housing Development Grants, and the proposal of the Corporation to send a deputation to the Minister to discuss matters relating to Housing.

As regards the development Grant the Minister pointed out that the cost of development was included in the cost of the Scheme for the purpose of calculation of the Transitional Development Grant, and if Grants were made available from the Emergency and Employment Schemes the total development cost would have to be excluded from the cost of the Scheme. As regards the proposed deputation the Minister requested that a memorandum setting out in detail the points which the deputation wished to discuss and the amendments which, in their opinion, could be made with advantage in existing practice.

It was seen that with the amount of business to be transacted at the present meeting that these letters could not receive

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the attention they deserved and it was decided to hold a special meeting on the 23rd instant at 7.30 p.m. to consider the two communications above referred to.

DISMISSAL OF MAN ON RELIEF GRANTS.

The Mayor referred to the dismissal of a man named Hays on the Relief Grants by the foreman and the Borough Surveyor explained that he had directed his dismissal, so it was unanimously agreed without discussion to recommend the Borough Surveyor to give this man another chance.

FOOTPATH OUTSIDE CAPITOL CINEMA.

A letter was read from the County Engineer intimating that he had referred the complaint of the Corporation regarding the condition of the footpath outside the King St. entrance to the Capitol Cinema to the Assistant Engineer for attention.

ROSE ROCK.

Complaint was made by Councillor Morris and other members regarding the condition of the sewerage at Rose Rock, and the Borough Surveyor intimated he was not prepared to approve of the work in its present form and stated he would make a written report to the County manager on the position.

DRAIN AT O'NEILL'S HOUSE, WYGRAM.

Alderman Corish referred to the condition of the drain from Mr. O'Neill's at Wygram, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to inspect and report.

ROOFS OF HOUSES AT ABBEY ST.

Alderman Hadden referred to the condition of the roofs of the houses at Abbey St. and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was arranging to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible.

DISMISSAL OF CARTERS.

In reply to Councillor Bierney the Borough Surveyor stated that carters had been dismissed from work on the Relief Grants and a lorry retained, but the Borough Surveyor explained that there was only approximately a day's work for the lorry.

SURFACE OF STREETS.

Again, the Mayor referred to the condition of the surface of Keyser's Lane and Emmet Place and Councillor Byrne referred to the surface of Mary's Lane. The Borough Surveyor promised to have repairs carried out in the near future.

RANGE OF NO. 35 HILL ST.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to provide a new range for No. 35, Hill St.

FOOTPATH AT REDMOND ROAD.

Alderman Corish referred to the decision of the Corporation some time ago to have the footpath at Redmond Monument painted with white lines and the Borough Surveyor intimated that in

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his opinion it would be a waste of money to do this at the present time, as the ground was too damp but it was decided that it should be done as soon as possible.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The question of the provision of a public lavatory was again raised by Alderman Corish and after some discussion Councillor Gaul proposed that an architect be appointed in accordance with the suggestion of the Minister for Local Government. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

Councillor Roche, however, proposed that the design should be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor, whom, he thought was quite capable of designing a public lavatory.

Alderman Corish suggested as a further amendment that the Borough Surveyor should go to the Department and discuss with the officials there the Plans and amendments required by them. The Mayor seconded this motion and it was agreed that Councillor Roche's and Alderman Corish's motion should be taken as one amendment, and were declared carried by eight votes for to three against.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

At this stage, Mr. James Fox, Old Age Pensions' Investigation Officer attended, at the request of the Corporation, to answer complaints made, that he had passed remarks in connection with the attitude of the Corporation in dealing with the Claims of John Carley, William St. At the outset, it was decided that the Corporation should resolve itself into an Old Age Pensions' Committee, but the Town Clerk intimated that an extract from the Minutes in connection with this matter would be sent by him to the Minister for Social Welfare.

Councillor Howlin who had made this complaint to the previous meeting stated that he was informed by Carley that Mr. Fox met him (Carley) about the 15th instant and stated that "but for some of your friends in the Corporation you would have had the Pension nine months ago."

When asked if he had anything to say regarding this statement Mr. Fox intimated that anything he did was in accordance with his instructions, and his instructions in the present instance were, that he was not to discuss with the Committee anything except a matter relating to a Claim, Question or Application, and in the case of Carley the papers were at present in the hands of the Minister for Social Welfare.

Councillor Byrne intimated that he took a very serious view of this matter and stated that unless an apology was given he would ask the Corporation to resign as an Old Age Pensions' Committee.

In connection with the question of delay in dealing with this matter the Town Clerk pointed out that the Claim of Mr. Carley had only been decided by the Committee on 6th December last, and the Investigation Officer stated that there was no delay on his part.

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After some discussion the Investigation Officer and the Claimant withdrew from the meeting and the Town Clerk intimated that he could take no action on the matter before the Committee unless the statements made by Councillor Howlin were reduced to writing and signed.

Councillor Howlin intimated that he would make the necessary statement in writing and the matter thandropped.

MASONS' STRIKE.

At this stage the members then resolved themselves into a meeting of the General Purposes' Committee and the Town Clerk had to withdraw to attend a Conference in connection with a strike of masons on the building site. Reference was made to a special meeting of the Committee held on the 18th instant when it was decided that representatives of the masons and the officials of the Corporation be invited to attend the present meeting.

The Mayor stated that a Conference was held on Sunday at the request of the Chairman of the Trades' Council and was attended by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, the County Manager, Housing Engineer, the Town Clerk, himself, the Chairman of the Trades Council and three representatives of the masons, when the matter was discussed at length, but no decision arrived at, and the Conference adjourned until this evening. At this stage Councillor Morris asked Alderman Corish if he had made a statement that the strike was a Fianna Fail racket and Alderman Corish admitted that he did make such a statement to one of the masons.

The County Manager stated that on the previous Monday week a report was made to him by the Housing Engineer that the masons would not put sills, heel blocks, and other precast materials into the cavity wall concrete houses. He asked the Housing Engineer if it would be any breach of a Trades Union Principle if he asked the men to do this and the Housing Engineer replied "No." He (County Manager) then informed the Housing Engineer that if any man refused to do that work he should be dismissed. He had then to leave Town for Dublin and when he returned on Saturday last he received an invitation from the Chairman of the Trades' Council to attend the Conference above referred to by the Mayor. He had pointed out to Mr. Howlin that he understood there had been a meeting of the Corporation on the previous night and that as an official he did not propose to take any action outside the action they might have taken.

At the Conference certain suggestions were made by the Officials of the Corporation to breach the difficulty which had arisen, but the suggestions were not accepted and as far as he could see the position was the same as it was on Sunday.

Councillor O'Flaherty then stated that he wished to propose that the Corporation take great exception to the statement made by Alderman Corish charging certain members with being responsible for the strike on the Housing Site at Slippery Green and that it is the opinion of the Corporation that the statement made by the Alderman was a pure flight of his imagination. Alderman Corish stated he made no allegation that any member of the Corporation was responsible, but he believed that the strike was engineered by the Fianna Fail Party.

This charge of Alderman Corish's was discussed at great length

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but nothing could be done in the matter as Alderman Corish refused to withdraw what he stated to be his belief.

At this stage representatives of the masons together with Mr. Nowlin, Secretary of the Transport Union and Chairman of the Trades' Council came before the Corporation when it was stated that negotiations were still going on between the Officials of the Corporation and the masons with a view to a settlement; and Other members suggested that the Corporation should not interfere but that the present discussion be adjourned to allow negotiations to proceed.

The Secretary of the masons' Union stated that since the strike started, there had been a lot of talk and the masons had been accused of sabotaging the Housing effort of the Government. They had been accused of being backed by a certain political party and that was a lie.

They did not strike for the sake of striking or for sabotage and he could not see why the matter in dispute was not settled before the strike took place. Eventually it was decided not to discuss the matter further until negotiations with the masons had been concluded.

The meeting then terminated.

James Penick

23rd February, 1949.

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:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland and Sean O'Flaherty.

The County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MASONS' STRIKE.

The Town Clerk intimated that at a previous meeting members of the Corporation had stated that they were not officially informed of the strike of the masons.

In this connection he pointed out that the strike took place on Friday, 11th instant. On Monday, 14th instant, a special meeting of the Corporation was held for a specific purpose and it was adjourned without transacting any other business. Consequently it was not possible to make an official report on the Strike, as well, he was under the impression that the members were well aware of what the strike was about.

He then gave a resume of the steps taken with a view to ending this dispute, and explained that at the request of the Chairman of the Trades' Council, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government; the Mayor, Co. Manager, Housing Engineer, and himself had met three representatives of the masons on Sunday last and after a lengthy conference had adjourned until Monday night. Both of these conferences proved abortive, but in a final effort to settle the dispute the Manager and the Mayor had attended and addressed a meeting of the masons, after the conference on Monday night. They then left the masons to take a ballot, but it appeared that this ballot was adjourned to mid-day on Tuesday. At the various meetings the masons were given a guarantee that if they laid the lintels, sills and heel blocks in the four partly-constructed mass concrete houses they would not be asked to place these articles in any further mass concrete houses.

Before the meeting of the masons on Tuesday, this guarantee was confirmed in the following letter to the Secretary of the Masons' Union:

"I am directed by the Wexford Co. Manager to advert to your letter of the 27th ultimo wherein you intimated that your members would not carry out any work on houses erected in mass concrete other than fireplaces, and floors, and to his interviews with representatives of the masons on the 20th and 21st instant when this matter was examined at length. As intimated to your representatives, and as confirmed by him, to the meeting of your branch on the 21st inst., the Manager is prepared to accept your conditions for the currency of the present scheme and to govern the houses to be built in that scheme, that, is, that the masons be not asked to place in position pre-cast lintels, heel blocks or window sills in mass concrete houses. He adopts this attitude on the understanding that the masons, appreciating the position in which the Corporation and its officials are placed with four cavity wall mass concrete houses partly constructed, will permit of the completion of these four houses as planned by the Engineer. He wishes to confirm as pointed out to your representatives

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already, that the finishing of these houses without the aid of masons would add an extra cost of £45. per house. He appeals in the strongest possible way to the masons to agree to this arrangement so as to permit of the re-employment of the labourers and a rapid completion of the present scheme. Mise, le meas, John J. Byrne, Cleireach an Bhaile."

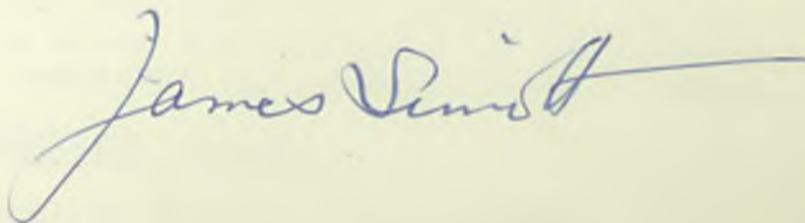
The members saw that nothing further could be done beyond what the officials had already done to settle this dispute and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that the facts as reported by the Town Clerk be published and that the Corporation approve of the proposals of the Officials to complete the entire Slippery Green Housing Scheme in 10" mass concrete walls.

HOUSING.

The meeting then considered the correspondence from the Minister for Local Government regarding a deputation to discuss housing, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should draft a memorandum for approval by the Corporation on the following lines:-

- (1) Cost of Development of Site and Grants for,
 - (a) Development Grant even if developed Site is built on inside two years.
 - (b) The question of developing and building at the same time as being more economic.
- (2) Increase in cost of building since 1939.
 - (a) Transitional Development Fund Grant.
 - (b) Subsidy under Act of 1932. At present 2/3rds of Capital amount to £350.
 - (c) Subvention to improve increased interest rate.
- (3) Letting Regulation:
 - (a) Persons suffering from T.B. residing in one room:
 - (b) Persons residing in condemned houses.
 - (c) Question of families residing in overcrowded houses.

The meeting then terminated.



7th March, 1949.

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: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Francis Cullimore, Kevin Morris, John O'Flaherty, Thomas Byrne.

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of Corporation on the 7th ultimo, General Purposes Committee on 18th, 21st and 23rd ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the minutes as submitted, copies of which had been supplied to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne and Alderman Corish referred to the question of the provision of a public lavatory and the Town Clerk intimated that he was communicating with the Department of Local Government with a view to arranging an appointment between the Borough Surveyor and the Department's Engineer to discuss various points arising out of the Plan submitted.

DISMISSAL OF MAN ON RELIEF GRANTS

Councillor Byrne referred to a discussion at a recent meeting regarding the dismissal of a man named Hayes from the Relief Grants and stated that no effort had been made to reinstate this man despite the unanimous wish of the Corporation expressed to the Borough Surveyor. In connection with the Grants Alderman Corish referred to the fact that the lorry was still working and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a statement as to how long the lorry was employed after the dismissal of the Carters, and he was also to be asked to expedite the reinstatement of Hayes.

HOUSE AT DEVEREAUX VILLAS.

In reply to a question by Councillor Bierney it was stated that notice had been served on the occupier of a house at Devereaux Villas to vacate the premises.

RANGE AT NO. 35, HILL ST.

The question of the provision of a range for No. 35, Hill St. was referred to the County Manager.

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

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sympathy of the meeting was extended to Councillor Bierney on the death of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Lacey, for which vote Councillor Bierney returned thanks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF VOTES
OF SYMPATHY

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from,

- (1) His Lordship, The Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging the resolution protesting against the sentence imposed on Cardinal Mindszenty.
- (2) From the Rev. John Butler, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.
- (3) From W. S. Kearney, Esq., acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his sister.

LETTER FROM MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
RE SUBSIDY ON FLOUR.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Agriculture, intimating that in view of the greater dietetic value of 75% extraction flour he was not prepared to subsidise the production of flour of the lower extraction.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RE
ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance on the subject of the Relief Grants allocated to Wexford for year 1949, and stated it would not be possible to make an exception in respect of an individual area. It was decided to request the Parliamentary Secretary to reconsider his decision in this matter.

PURCHASE OF 16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee dated 21st ultimo, that 16 houses at Trinity St. be purchased, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government was unanimously agreed to.

COMPLETION OF HOUSING SCHEME IN
MASS CONCRETE

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee under date of the 23rd ultimo regarding the completion of the Slippery Green Housing Scheme in mass concrete was unanimously adopted.

ELECTRIC SCAVENGING CART

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to authorise the raising of a Loan of £1,407. for the purchase of an Electric Scavenging Cart.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO IRISH PUBLIC
BODIES' INSURANCE CONFERENCE

The next business was to appoint a representative to attend the

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annual general meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. Councillor Morris proposed that Councillor Byrne be appointed. Councillor Gullimore seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed that the Mayor be appointed and Councillor ~~Byrne~~ *Byrne* seconded. On a show of hands being taken four voted for the Mayor and four for Mr. Byrne, whereupon the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of himself and was thereupon appointed.

PROTEST AGAINST THE ATTEMPT OF WATERFORD
HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE THE PORT OF
ROSSLARE CLOSED.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That we emphatically protest against the attempt of Waterford Harbour Commissioners to have the Port of Rosslare closed and pledge our full support to the Rosslare Development Association in their efforts to prevent this."

In connection with this motion Alderman Corish suggested that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked to facilitate the arrival and departure of boats at Rosslare Harbour by the provision of a more suitable train service.

RESOLUTION FROM CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was submitted from the Carlow County Council, "That the Carlow County Council protest against the collectivisation of our transport system as being a further step towards Communism."

Councillor Byrne proposed the adjournment of consideration of this Resolution until more particulars were available as to the proposals of the Government to deal with transport system and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

The Mayor took strong exception to the wording of the Resolution, "that the collectivisation of the Transport system was a further step towards communism" and pointed out that neither the present nor previous Governments, to his knowledge, had taken any step towards Communism in this country, and proposed that the resolution be marked "read."

Alderman Hadden seconded this motion which was adopted by five votes for to four against.

RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS

Under date of the 28th ultimo by letter No. G. 111/30-693 the Minister for Local Government forwarded copy of the Regulations made by the Corporation for the reception and examination of tenders duly approved of by him.

MOTION RE CHARGE MADE BY ALDERMAN
CORISH.

The next business was the following motion in the name of Councillor O'Flaherty, "That the Corporation set up a Committee to inquire into the charge made by Alderman Corish to the effect that the Fianna Fail Party and their representatives on the Council are responsible for the strike of masons employed on the Corporation Housing Site at Slippery Green."

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At the outset the Mayor pointed out that the motion was entirely out of order as it did not concern the business of the Council and that no member of the Council had been accused by Alderman Corish, but he (Mayor) did not wish to put any obstacle in the way of the Councillor in moving his motion provided he deleted the words "and their representatives on this Council."

Councillor Gaul held that if the motion was not entirely in order it should be ruled out completely and Alderman Hadden agreed.

Councillor O'Flaherty intimated that although the motion appeared in his name it was not one drafted by him but was put down by direction of the Fianna Fail Party, and he moved the motion as it appeared on the Agenda. Councillor Morris seconded.

A lengthy discussion took place on whether or not this motion was in order and eventually, as Councillor O'Flaherty refused to amend the motion in any way, the Mayor ruled that it was out of order and could not be discussed by the Corporation.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney it was unanimously agreed that the annual estimates meeting of the Corporation should be held on the 21st inst. at 7.30 p.m. and that the members should meet on the 14th instant at 8.30 p.m. for informal discussions on the Estimates.

ATTENDANCE OF MAYOR AT CIVIC RECEPTION.

Councillor Morris asked if the Mayor had attended civic reception in Clonmel on the 6th instant and the Mayor explained that he had merely been asked when he arrived in Clonmel, for a football match, to attend the unveiling of a memorial there. Councillor Morris was satisfied.

REDUCTION OF SUPPLY OF MILK UNDER NATIONAL FREE MILK SUPPLY SCHEME.

Councillor Byrne complained of the monthly reduction in the supply of milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme from 71½ to 16 gallons per month and asked for an explanation. The Town Clerk replied that the Corporation had nothing whatever to do with the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Scheme since 1st April last when it had been handed over to the County Council under the Health Act, and that Councillor Byrne should ask for this information at a meeting of the County Council of which he was a member.

Councillor Byrne insisted that he was entitled to the information at the meeting of the Corporation and the Town Clerk intimated that he was not in a position to give this.

The Manager pointed out, however, that Councillor Byrne was long enough in public life to know that if he had given reasonable notice of this question a reply would have been available for him at the present meeting of the Corporation even though he was not, under any circumstances, entitled to it at the Corporation as that Body had nothing whatever to do with the administration of the Free Milk Scheme. The public Officials in the County, the Manager continued, had always been obliging and courteous to public representatives and if Councillor Byrne had asked to have this information at the present meeting it would have been there, and intimated that the information would be obtained and given to the Corporation at a subsequent meeting. The meeting then terminated.

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14th March, 1949.

A Meeting of the Corporation as an Estimates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at nine o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, (in the Chair).

Alderman Hadden.

Councillors: Gaul, Morris, Byrne and O'Flaherty.

DEPUTATION FROM G.A.A.

At the outset a Deputation was received from the Gaelic Athletic Association regarding the erection of a wall around their football grounds at Summerhill. The Deputation pointed out that unless the wall was completed within a period of three weeks they believed they would lose the Senior Football match, provisionally allocated to Wexford on May, 15th.

The County Manager explained to the Deputation that he had discussed this matter with the Borough Surveyor that evening and had given instructions for the work of erecting the wall to be commenced forthwith and it was eventually decided, if at all possible, that the Borough Surveyor should start work on the wall the following day.

The Deputation expressed satisfaction with the assurance of the Manager that the wall would be completed within a period of three weeks and thanked the members for receiving them.

ESTIMATES

The meeting then proceeded to discuss the Estimates submitted by the County Manager and the figures contained therein were taken seriatim.

As regards the Roads Estimate Councillor Byrne complained that very poor service was being rendered for the amount included for repairs and suggested that this estimate should be reduced by One Hundred Pounds.

This was not looked on with favour by the other members and the Councillor did not press his point. On the suggestion of Dr. Hadden it was agreed to examine, during the coming year, the possibility of completely mechanising the Roads Scavenging Department.

On the Estimate for Sanitary Services it was pointed out that the cost of providing chemicals for the purification of the water system was £570. and the cost of electricity for working the plant £120. which left only £160. for repairs.

On the Housing Estimate a suggestion was made that a Housing Inspector should be appointed and the Manager promised to consider this during the year.

After examining the Estimate for General Purposes the meeting came to the conclusion that they could not alter any of the items contained in the Estimates, as a whole, which called for a Rate of 34/2d. in the Pound, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to adopt a Municipal Rate of 34/- in the Pound. The Manager and Town Clerk in the meantime were requested to prepare their Estimates with a view to reducing them by 2d. in the Pound.

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Reverting to the Estimate for Sanitary Services, attention was called to the recent announcement of the Minister for Local Government that Grants would be available for the relief of flooding in certain areas, and the Manager intimated that he had already asked the Borough Surveyor to submit proposals in connection with flooding at John St., Selskar St. and King St. with a view to applying for a Grant.

INTENTION OF GAS. CO. TO DISCONTINUE
PUBLIC LIGHTING.

It was pointed out that the Wexford Gas Consumers Co. had intimated their intention of discontinuing the public lighting at Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View after the present lighting season, and that unless the Corporation agreed to pay the Electricity Supply Board the cost of extending their net works this area would be without light next winter, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should agree to pay the cost of providing a public lighting service in these two areas.

BONUS TO OFFICE STAFF

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that approval be given to the proposal of the Wexford County Manager to grant a bonus of 11/- per week to married members of the Clerical Staff and 5/6d. per week to single persons and girls, with effect as from 29th May, 1948.

The meeting then terminated.

James Donohue

21st March, 1949.

The annual Estimates 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 Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Kevin Morris, Francis Cullimore and Sean O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

ESTIMATE

The meeting again took up the examination of the County Manager's Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1950, and decided to take each item serialim. The first item was the Estimate for the Maintenance of roads, and Councillor Byrne again complained of the very poor service the Corporation received for the amount expended and after some discussion it was unanimously decided to leave the sum of £700. contained in the Estimates, but to request the Borough Surveyor to submit proposals for the Expenditure of this sum during the ensuing year.

On the Estimate for Sanitary Services the question was raised regarding the condition of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery and it was pointed out that with the amount allowed for maintenance, namely, £100. it would be impossible to do any big job on the walks, and it was decided that in any Scheme for the extension of the Cemetery the question of the walks would be taken into consideration.

Also arising out of the Estimate for sanitary services Alderman Corish referred to the position of the Health Inspector and pointed out that previously he was a whole-time Officer of the Corporation, now he was an Officer of the Wexford County Council, and could only give part-time service to the Corporation, and he, Alderman Corish, understood that a large portion of the rural area had been added to his district. Alderman Corish asked the County Manager to examine the position and the Manager explained that the whole question of sanitary and Health Services was now in the transitional stage and it was very difficult to see what would happen, but he promised to keep the matter under review during the year.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The question was also raised regarding the proposed public convenience for the Town, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Local Government Department to arrange an appointment with their Engineering Advisor so that the Borough Surveyor could consult with him as to the matters in dispute.

On the Estimate for Housing Councillor Byrne again raised the question of a Housing Inspector and the supervision of repairs and the County Manager promised to examine this matter in the near future.

PAINTING OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

As regards the painting of the Artizan's dwellings the Town Clerk intimated that he envisaged a sum of £200. allowed last year, and

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decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit proposals as to what houses he intended to paint with this sum.

GENERAL PURPOSES ESTIMATE

On the Estimate for General Purposes, reference was made to the discontinuance of an A.R.P. Store, and a suggestion was made, that the Minister for Defence should be asked to take back articles at present in the custody of the Corporation or alternatively, provision should be made to store these articles in one of the Corporation Stores.

Councillor Byrne referred to the reduction in Home Assistance by the County Council, as a result of the cesser of the E.C.A. Grant and proposed that the Corporation protest against the discontinuance of this Grant and to request the Minister for Social Services to continue it until he was in a position to introduce a comprehensive Social Services Scheme. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was agreed to.

In this connection, the County Manager pointed out that this allowance was made by the State due to Emergency conditions, and as a result of this discontinuance it would be necessary to reduce the amount paid each week to recipients of Home Assistance.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was also agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to continue the Free Fuel Scheme for the Summer of 1949, and in connection with this Scheme Alderman Corish referred to the charge, but it was pointed out that this would be based on a percentage of the cost of the fuel.

Councillor Byrne also referred to the question of the provision of meals for necessitous school children and it was decided to ask each School in Town to state the average number of children in need of free meals and when this was available to take up the whole question with the Minister for Health. Also arising out of the General Purposes Estimate it was decided that an office should be placed at the foot of the Town Hall stairs to facilitate those who were charged with the duty of collecting at dances, etc.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, to examine the condition of the urinal in the Town Hall.

This completed the examination of the Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts, and in reply to a query the Manager stated that after consultation with the Town Clerk he had been able to take a further 2d. in the £ off the Estimate by increasing the amount estimated to be received by way of Rent of Artizan's dwellings.

The Town Clerk then asked the meeting if there were any further queries arising out of the Estimate, and there were none, but Councillor Buckland raised the question of Credit Balances, which he stated were shown in the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1947. He also stated that in the Estimate for the current year the amount to be raised was considerably in excess of the Estimate of net Expenditure adopted by the Corporation. This gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, at the end of which, Councillor Gaul moved that the meeting adjourn until the 28th instant to enable the County Manager and Town Clerk to examine the points raised by Councillor Buckland.

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This motion was seconded by the Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the decision of the Estimates Committee granting approval to the proposal of the County Manager to pay a bonus to the Clerical Staff was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

James V. Smith

28th March, 1949.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne Edward Howlin, Thomas Roche, Francis Cullimore, Kevin Morris, and Sean O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

With reference to points raised by Councillor Buckland at the last meeting the County Manager read a lengthy report which had been prepared by the Town Clerk, on his direction, on the matters raised by the Councillor.

It appeared that the Councillor's case relied upon three contentions:-

- (1) The estimated credits in the accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1947.
- (2) The Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the Rate in the Pound for year ending 31st March, 1949.
- (3) The amount which could be expected to be produced by a Rate of 1d. in the Pound.

As regards the first point the Manager quoted figures to show that the net debit balance on the Corporation Accounts at 31/3/47 was £10,167. 5. 11. and that there were potential assets against this debit of £14,180. 17. 4. leaving on the face of the accounts a net figure of assets in excess of liabilities of £4,013. 11. 5.

Having examined the various assets the Manager pointed out that, in his opinion, only £12,412. 16. 3. of this could be regarded as being realisable leaving a possible credit balance of £2,245. 10. 4.

The Manager then proceeded to deal with the Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1949, and showed that at the 31st March, 1949, even if all assets were collected there would be a net debit balance of £2,263. 8. 4. but after taking into account assets, which could not reasonably be expected to be realised, amounting to £1,076. the possible debit was £3,339. 8. 4. and even allowing for an amount of £2,533. included in the 1948/49 Estimates for debit balances, the Corporation would not have a credit balance.

As regards the amount to be raised by a rate of 1d. in the Pound, various figures were shown for previous years as to what a 1d. would produce. It was pointed out that in the Estimate for 1948/49 the Acting Town Clerk had estimated a 1d. to produce £100. which only allowed £1,315. to provide for discounts, remissions on new buildings, etc., vacancies, destitute persons, which was not considered to be sufficient. It was also pointed out that a valuation loss of £1,083. was estimated for in the coming year, and that with the increased valuation, 1d. would produce £100.

This report gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which, it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council.

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seconded by Councillor Morris, to adjourn until Monday April, 4th, and in the meantime a copy of the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1948 was to be furnished to Councillors Buckland, Cullimore, Aderman Corish and The Mayor.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of a recent reduction in the allowance to Home Assistance Recipients and the Manager explained the position.

Councillor Morris and the other members complained that in a recent letting of houses, vacancies of some of them were not advertised in the usual way, but the Manager pointed out that last year he had invited applications by advertisement from all persons in Town in need of new houses.

The meeting then terminated.

James Bennett

4th April, 1949.

An adjourned Estimates meeting was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen Corish and Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting took up the business where it had been adjourned on the 28th instant to enable the Town Clerk to furnish all the members with a copy of the Abstracts of Accounts for 1946/47 and 1947/48.

The Abstract for the year ending 31st March, 1948 showed a net debit balance on the Municipal Accounts of £9,057.12.6. Against this there were potential assets of £7,027. 1. 4. leaving the liabilities in excess of assets at £2,030.11.2. From these potential assets, however, would have to be taken certain sums not immediately realisable such as outstanding rates and rents.

Councillor Buckland went through the Abstract for 1947/48 and referred to the various items of expenditure, which, in his opinion, had exceeded the Estimate allowed by the Corporation in 1947, but the Manager did not agree that the figures given showed any increase on the estimates and said that it was entirely a matter of how the figures were interpreted.

The principal item of expenditure objected to by the members was for the maintenance of Artizan's dwellings, which amounted to £1,888. 15. 5. for Wages, and £353. 16. for materials. All the members were of opinion that the proportion of Wages to materials was extremely high, and held that this was due to lack of supervision over the work being carried out. Eventually Councillor Buckland proposed the deletion of the sum of £1,000. included in Table C. (determination of the Rate in the Pound) to meet portion of the sum of £2,674. due to the County Council. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion. Before this motion was put to the meeting the County Manager pointed out that, in his opinion, the Rate of 34/- asked for by him was essential to maintain the Municipal services of the Town for the year ending 31st March, 1950. At 31st March last, the Manager pointed out, the Corporation owed the Wexford County Council, on foot of Demands, the sum of £2,674. The arrears on foot of the County Council Estimates had been considerably reduced in recent years by annual instalments of £1,000., and it was with the object of further reducing these arrears that the sum of £1,000. was included in the Estimates for 1949/50.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the Rate Estimate of 34/- proposed by the County Manager, and Alderman Corish seconded, but this motion was ruled to be a direct negative and a Poll was taken, on Councillor Buckland's motion, that the sum of £1000. included for the purpose of reducing the debit balance to the County Council, be deleted, when there voted for the motion, Councillors Cullimore, Roche, O'Flaherty, Howlin, Byrne, Bierney, Morris and Buckland.....(8) Against the motion, Councillors Gaul, Alderman Corish, Hadden and The Mayor.....(4)

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The motion to delete the sum of £1,000. towards the reduction of the County Council debit balance was declared carried.

Before the formal Resolutions adopting the Rate Estimates were taken, Councillor Buckland asked for further information regarding the amount produced by a Rate of 1d. in the Pound and was informed that in 1947/48 a Rate of 29/6d. produced £34,440. or £97. 5. 5. for 1d. In 1948/49 a Rate of 33/4d. produced £39,342. or £98. 7. 1. for 1d. For 1949/50. the Rate was estimated to produce £100. per 1d.

As no further questions arose on either the Rate Estimates or the Accounts, Councillor Gaul proposed the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Table A. which provided for,

Urban Roads.....	£8,175.
Sanitary Services.....	£11,384.
Housing Services.....	£14,802.
General Urban Purposes...	£31,314.

Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

His Worship, The Mayor, thereupon proposed the adoption of the Estimate of Receipts set forth in Table B. which estimated Receipts for,

Urban Roads.....	£6,430.
Sanitary Services.....	£1,300.
Housing.....	£12,040.
General Urban Purposes....	£6,105.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Buckland and was also unanimously agreed to.

The next motion was to adopt Table C. (determination of the Rate in the Pound). This Table showed an estimated gross expenditure of £65,675. and Receipts £25,875. leaving the net estimated expenditure to be raised by Rates at £39,800. To this latter sum, in the original estimate, £1,000. had been added to meet part of the debit balance due to the County Council, but as it had been decided by Resolution, above mentioned, to delete this £1,000. the net amount required to be raised by Rate was £39,800. which on the basis of 1d. producing £100, would require a Municipal Rate of 398d. or 33/2d. in the Pound.

Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed the adoption of Table C. providing for a net amount to be raised by a Municipal Rate of £39,800. and to meet same that a Rate of 33/2d. in the Pound be agreed on to carry on the Municipal Services for the year ending 31st March, 1950.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Roche an estimated over-expenditure of £400. was unanimously approved in connection with Housing Services for year ended 31st March, 1949.

The business of the Estimates meeting having now concluded Councillor Byrne proposed a vote of thanks to the Manager, Town Clerk and Councillor Buckland for the able manner in which the three of them had dealt with the Estimates

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE
POUND BY AN URBAN AUTHORITY

W E X F O R D C O R P O R A T I O N .

Estimate of expenses and determination of the rates in the pound for
the local financial year ending on the 31st March, 1950.

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE.

Service (1)	Purpose of Expenditure. (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council. (4)
Urban Roads	Ordinary road works Special Grant works	£ 1175 7000	£ 1175 7000
TOTAL		8,175	8,175
Sanitary	Sanitary	11,384	11,384
TOTAL		11,384	11,384
Housing	Housing of the working Classes Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	14,222 580	14,222 580
TOTAL		14,802	14,802
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES: County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	1274	1274
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	7051	7051
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3205	3205
Health (County)	Health (County)	1261	1261
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	3066	3066
Separate charges	Separate charges	1215 ✓	1215
Unemployment Asst.	Unemployment Assistance	825 ✓	825
Other Urban Purposes:			
	Tourist Development	20 ✓	20
	Vocational Education	1507 ✓	1507
	Other Purposes	11390	11390
	Materials, machinery & stores	500	500
TOTAL		31,314	31,314

TABLE D.
RECEIPTS.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council (4)
Urban Roads	State Grants	£ 6430	£ 6430
	TOTAL	6430	6430
Sanitary	Sanitary Receipts	1300	1300
	TOTAL	1300	1300
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents	6750	6950
	State Grants	4590	4590
	Other receipts		
	Small Dwellings		
	Acquisition Acts	500	500
	TOTAL	11840	12,040
General Urban Purposes	State Grants	5525	5525
	Other Receipts	580	580
	Materials expense (balance)	-	-
	Machinery expense (balance)	-	-
	TOTAL	6105	6105

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND.

NATURE OF SERVICE 1.	ESTIMATED GROSS EXPENDITURE (TABLE A.) 2 £	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (TABLE B.) 3 £	NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 4 £	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND THE VALUATION OF AREA (£24,000) PENCE 8
				ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY) 5 £	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY) 6 £	AMOUNT LEVIABLE. 7 £	
URBAN ROADS	8,175	6,430	1,745	NIL	NIL	1,745	17.45
SANITARY SERVICES	11,384	1,300	10,084	NIL	NIL	10,084	100.84
HOUSING	14,802	12,040	2,762	NIL	NIL	2,762	27.62
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:-							
ROADS	1,274)						
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	7,051)						
MENTAL HOSPITAL	3,205)						
HEALTH (COUNTY)	1,261)	NIL	17,072	NIL	1,050	17,072	170.72
GENERAL PURPOSES	3,066)					10,072	100.72
SEPARATE CHARGES	1,215)						
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	825	NIL	825	NIL	NIL	825	8.25
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	13,417	6,105	7,312	NIL	NIL	7,312	73.12
TOTAL GENERAL RATE							308.00

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (AN ADJOURNMENT) OF THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD CORPORATION HELD THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 1949, the Council did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in column 8 of Table C to be the rates in pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day March, 1950.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1949.

Countersigned.....

(Signed)

TOWN CLERK.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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for the year just commenced. Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was supported by Councillor Howlin and Alderman Corish, who also congratulated the Rate Collectors on their magnificent collection for the year just ended.

Councillor Buckland stated he wished to be associated with the Vote of thanks to the Manager and Town Clerk for the able manner in which they had produced figures in answer to the various questions raised by him during the past three weeks.

The Mayor also associated himself with the Vote of thanks and referred to the difficulties which had confronted the two officials during the past three weeks. He thought that with the ~~publishing~~ of figures which had taken place at their various meetings in connection with Estimates that they had both acquitted themselves admirably and had given the members of the Corporation all the information they could possibly give. He was personally aware of the considerable amount of overtime the two officials had worked in order to produce the mass of figures and accounts which had been asked for in connection with these estimates. He particularly congratulated the officials on their reduction of the Town Rate Estimate by no less than 1/- in the Pound and pointed out that this was entirely due to their careful watch over the Expenditure of the Corporation during the year just ended.

He congratulated the Rate Collectors and the Ratepayers for the magnificent rate collection, the Rent Collectors for the Rent Collection and all the Officials and Employees of the Corporation generally.

He again referred to the recent Malicious Injury Claim which had caused the Ratepayers of the Town no less than 1/- in the pound, and pointed out that, in his opinion, the Lqw should be amended to see that Insurance Companies who were receiving fire premiums to cover fire loss, should be made meet their liabilities when these arose and not transfer them to local Ratepayers.

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A Quarterly meeting of the Corporation was held at the close of the above meeting. The members present being the same as at the adjourned Estimates meeting.

MINUTES.

The following minutes, copies of which had been circulated to the members were submitted for ratification and signature:- minutes of Corporation on 7th ult., Estimates Committee on 14th ultimo and Estimates meetings on 21st and 28th ult. Arising out of the Minutes of the 7th ultimo when the Mayor was appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Councillor Byrne pointed out that it appeared in the minutes that he had seconded the appointment of the Mayor, while in actual fact, his appointment had been seconded by Councillor Bierney and the Town Clerk promised to make the necessary correction in those minutes.

Also arising out of the minutes of the 7th ultimo when it was decided to purchase 16 houses at Trinity St. Councillor Byrne asked what the position was and was informed that the purchase had been sanctioned but that the property had not yet been transferred to the Corporation. He was also informed that as soon as the property became vested in the Corporation that tenders would be invited for the provision of the necessary sanitary accommodation.

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The Mayor referred to the New Drainage Act at present before the Oireachtas which provided for State Grants for the relief of flooding by Local Authorities, and was informed that proposals were being submitted to the Minister for Local Government for the relief of flooding at King St. and Selskar St.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Mr. T. F. McDermot, County Secretary, acknowledging the Vote of Sympathy passed with him on the death of his father.

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.

A letter was also read from the Controller, Special Employment Schemes Offices regarding the allocation of Grants for the relief of Unemployment in Wexford Urban Area and stated he could add nothing to his letter of the 19th January last.

FIXING OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Roche it was agreed to hold a Quarterly meeting of the Council on Monday, 27th June, 1949, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

TENDERS RE CONCRETE MIXER.

Six tenders were received for the supply of a concrete mixer. They were from,

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| No. 1. | Messrs. Goodwin Barsby £270. and £340. F.O.Q. Dublin. |
| No. 2. | Metallurgy Ltd., £270. plus duty, F.O.Q. Dublin. |
| No. 3. | Steele & Co., New Ross. £280. F.O.R. New Ross. |
| No. 4. | R. & J. O'Dwyer, £340. F. O. Q. Wexford. |
| No. 5. | J. H. Eames & Son. £492. ex Dublin. |
| No. 6. | Millar's Machinery Co., Ltd. £270. F.O.Q. Dublin. |

The tenders had been examined by the Borough Surveyor who made the following report:-

A Chara,

Re Concrete mixer - Quotations.

Herewith my report on tenders for 7/5 concrete mixer. For convenience I have numbered the tenders as follows:-

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| No. 1. | Messrs. Goodwin Barsby. |
| No. 2. | Metallurgy Ltd., |
| No. 3. | Steele & Co. |
| No. 4. | R. & J. Dwyer. |
| No. 5. | J. H. Eames. |
| No. 6. | Millar's Mch'y. Co. Ltd. |

We asked for a 7/5 concrete mixer complete with loader and hoist and only No. 4. & 6. comply with this request. However, this should not, in my opinion, rule out the other tenders.

With the exception of No. 3, the mixers quoted for are of foreign manufacture and are consequently subject to an import duty of 40%. Therefore, on the

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question of price alone, the Irish made mixer will be much cheaper to purchase. Undoubtedly it has not some of the up-to-date features of the foreign built machines. I found the larger mixer built by this Co. reasonably good, but their repair service, possibly due to emergency conditions, was very poor. The Co. can also fit a barrow hoist and should be written to for particulars before any decision is made. A further point to note about the tenders and illustrations submitted, only the Irish Co. mentions the question of guarantee. This guarantee only covers the cost of the new part where same is proved to be defective owing to faulty design, material or workmanship within a period of 12 months, we would be liable for the fitting costs.

I recommend tender No. 3, subject to amendment if it is desired that a barrow hoist be fitted.

Foracan an Bhardais."

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept the tender of Messrs. Steele & Co., New Ross in accordance with the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor.

PREMISES AT STONEBRIDGE.

Adverting to minutes of the 7th February last when the Corporation directed the preparation of a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of premises at Stonebridge Lane the following report was read from the Borough Surveyor together with a recommendation from the County Manager that the Corporation should appoint a Committee to examine the Site.

"A Chara,

Re Derelict Site - Stonebridge Lane.

I have inspected the derelict Site at Stonebridge Lane which it is proposed should be acquired. I wish to submit the following comments on the proposal before going ahead with the preparation of a Map.

(1) The acquisition of this Site by the Corporation will simply be the assumption of a liability which the owners should have been compelled to discharge years ago, viz., the clearing and levelling of the Site and its proper protection against trespass or unlawful usage.

(2) I understand that the Site is subject to a ground rent of £10. per annum, therefore I assume there will be a certain sum payable by way of compensation to the owners. The site is valueless to the Corporation.

(3) The Site is separated by a boundary wall from the laneway (which incidentally is private property) by what was the front wall of a row of small cottages. This wall contains a number of window and door apertures through which trespass takes place. These apertures are being interfered with by outside agencies and the wall is becoming unstable and is likely to be a source of danger to persons who frequent this Site or use the laneway.

(4) Presumably the suggestion to acquire this Site arises from the fact that it has become a sort of dumping ground and the faulty boundary wall gives easy access to adjoining properties.

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(5) If called on to justify the compulsory acquisition of this site it would be difficult to do so on any grounds except that same is a nuisance to the people occupying adjoining properties and is being used as an unauthorised dump.

I suggest therefore that there is an easier way of eliminating the nuisances caused by this Site than going to the expense of acquiring a site we do not want. There are two alternatives, viz.:-

(a) Repair the Boundary wall by lowering same three feet and building up solidly all over at laneway level and putting a proper concrete capping studded with broken glass to prevent trespass and further deterioration of the wall by the weather. OR

(b) Causing the laneway to be closed at the entrance by a proper un-climable gate. Only two people have a right to use this laneway and the provision of a proper gateway will prevent trespass and consequent nuisances, etc."

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the following Committee were appointed to inspect the Site at 5 p.m. on Saturday next, the 9th inst., namely, Alderman Hadden and Corish, Councillors Buckland, Roche and the Mayor.

HOUSES AT FAYTHE FORMERLY OCCUPIED
BY DOLAN & GIBSON ST. BY
SCALLAN.

Arising out of Derelict Sites, complaint was made regarding the condition of the house at Gibson St., occupied by Scallan and a derelict site at The Faythe where a house formerly stood occupied by Dolan.

As regards the house at Gibson St. it was pointed out that this had been recently condemned as unfit for human habitation and that no useful purpose could be served by inspecting same.

As regards the Site at Faythe the Manager promised to take up the matter immediately with the owner as it was a danger to passers-by.

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS BYRNE'S
LANE

A memorial was read from the residents of Byrnes' Lane calling attention to a Derelict Site there, and it was unanimously decided to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for year ended 31st March, 1948, was submitted and showed a Credit Balance at the close of the year of £835. 12. 11. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

MEMO FROM ROSSLARE
HBR. DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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There was submitted to the meeting a memorandum from the Rosslare Harbour Development Board on the position of

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Rosslare Harbour and the members unanimously pledged their support to the Board in their efforts to prevent the Harbour being closed at the request of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

REPORT RE FREE MILK.

The following report was read from the County Secretary on the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Grant in the Borough during the year ended 31st March, 1949.

"The amount of this Grant allocated to the Urban District of Wexford, for the current year is £908. 0. 0. It was the same for the year 1947/48 and will be the same for 1949/50. The milk is allowed in respect of children up to the age of 5 years and depends on the circumstances of the persons to whom the milk is granted."

On the recommendation of the Health Visitor (Nurse Daly), this practice was continued when the service was transferred to the County Council, under the Health Act, and the quantities recommended were granted without question.

Towards the end of the year it was realised that the amount of the Grant was being exhausted, (and steps were taken to keep within the amount allowed, as was done in other Districts.

Accordingly the quantities allowed were reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint per day in all cases; some cases were discontinued altogether. The expenditure to the end of December, amounted to £737. 0. 0. which left £171.0.0. available for the 3 months to the 31st March, 1949. January month which had been issued amounted to £100. 0. 0. and for the months of February and March there was the balance of £71. for distribution. This amount would allow for only part of February at the full rate and none for March."

It was considered more equitable to reduce the majority than to discontinue all; this was done. The expenditure to the 31st March, is estimated at about £900; and the Grant is £908."

Councillor Byrne held that if the price of milk had increased the Government should have been asked to increase the amount of the Grant but it was pointed out that the price of milk had not been increased and the Grant was the same for the previous year so that the total quantity of milk distributed was the same as 1947/48, but apparently too much milk had been distributed during the Summer months which made it necessary to reduce the quantity to each person during the months of February and March. Councillors O'Flaherty, Howlin and Roche thought that the distribution of milk should have been examined more carefully in the early stages so that a more equitable distribution could have taken place over the whole period.

RESOLUTION FROM FERMOY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The following resolution from the Fermoy Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Morris "Bearing in mind the aims of Comhdail Naisiunta na Gaedhilge and the tremendous success which has attended its efforts to revive the National Language as the spoken language throughout the 32 counties of Ireland, the Council respectfully suggests that the grant hitherto available to An Comhdhail should be restored and increased immediately. (The grant amounted to £8,000. last year and it is now proposed to reduce it to £6,000.)"

TENDERS FOR TURF - CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

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Six tenders were received for the supply of turf under the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the Summer of 1949. They were from Messrs. H. Wilson,

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J. J. Stafford & Sons, Wm. Kinsella, The Local German Co.-Op. and James Ffrench who quoted £2. per ton, and from Mr. William Doyle, John St. who quoted £1. 180. per ton. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept the Tender of Mr. William Doyle. On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche it was also agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to permit the contribution of recipients being reduced to 6d. instead of 8d. at present.

TRESPASS TO GARDENS AT WILLIAM ST.

Complaint was read from Mr. Wm. Kelly of Upper Wm. St. regarding trespass on his property from the Maudlintown Playground and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on what could be done to have this ground adequately fenced.

HOUSE AT DOLPHIN ROAD.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the house at No. 14, Dolphin Road, formerly occupied by Mrs. Sinnott, who had gone to America. It appeared that the range had been removed from the dwelling and substituted by a fire place which had been taken from one of the upstairs rooms. In this connection Councillor Byrne again suggested the appointment of a Housing Inspector but the Mayor pointed out that they had just spent a considerable amount of time in trying to reduce the Rates and if Councillor Byrne's suggestion was adopted it would mean an increase of 3d. or 4d. in the pound.

Eventually Councillor Howlin proposed that instructions be given to the Rent Collectors to examine each house in their district at least once in every three months. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed.

The meeting then terminated.

James Sinnott

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

The members present being:-

His Worship. The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

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

PROPOSALS RE FLOODING.

The proposals of the Borough Surveyor relating to flooding at King St. and Selskar St. were submitted for consideration and the Borough Surveyor explained them in detail.

After a general discussion, the proposals relating to King St. were adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and the proposals in relation to Selskar St., on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney.

STONE BRIDGE LANE.

With reference to a previous discussion on the proposal to acquire the Stone Bridge Lane as a Derelict Site a report was received from a Special Committee, who inspected the site on the 9th inst. The Committee could not recommend its acquisition and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to recommend to the people who had access to the Lane to put a gate on it and provide themselves with keys.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE OCCUPIED BY DOLAN.

Complaint was again made regarding the condition of a house at Faythe, formerly owned and occupied by Thomas Dolan and now in a derelict condition, and the Town Clerk pointed out that he had written to the Solicitors on several occasions on this matter but had not received a reply, and the Borough Surveyor undertook to place a hoarding around the Site during the next few days.

DERELICT SITE AT BYRNE'S LANE.

With reference to previous discussions on the condition of a Derelict Site at Byrne's Lane the Borough Surveyor intimated that this was one acquired by Omnibus Order some years ago and around which a hoarding had been erected, but had been blown down and the materials stolen. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hadden that a Housing Plan should be prepared for the William St. end of this area, and, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul that a hoarding should be erected to protect the Corporation property at William St.

PURCHASE OF SMOKE TESTING APPARATUS.

In reply to Councilor ... the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was procuring a smoke testing machine and would make a final test on the Ree Rock sewerage in a few days.

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ROAD WORKS AND HOUSE PAINTING.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, it was intimated that the Borough Surveyor had been asked to prepare a Road Work Scheme in accordance with the amount of money allocated to the Corporation in the current year and that he had also been asked to intimate what Corporation houses he was proposing to paint during the coming year. Councillor Byrne also asked that a monthly report be submitted on the cost of repairs to houses and this was agreed to.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the County Manager was asked to make a report on the financial position of the Corporation every three months.

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

Questions were raised by the Mayor, Alderman Corish and Councillor Gaul regarding the condition of Roads and Footpaths and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would be having repairs carried out in the near future.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY.

In reply to a further query the Borough Surveyor intimated that fresh Plans for the proposed public lavatory had been forwarded by him to the Department's Technical Advisor.

RANGE AT NO. 35, HILL ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the delay in providing a range for No. 35, Hill St. and the Borough Surveyor intimated that as soon as he had a mason available he would have the range provided.

ROOF OF HOUSE AT ABBEY ST.

In reply to a query by Alderman Hadden the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had now received slates for the Abbey St. houses and the work was now proceeding.

REPORT OF RENT COLLECTORS.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the reports to be made by the Rent Collectors on Artizan's dwellings and it was agreed that the first reports should be submitted at the end of June.

FOUNTAIN IN BULLRING.

Alderman Hadden asked what was the position regarding the repairs to the fountain in the Bullring and the Town Clerk intimated he understood from the Borough Surveyor that he was inviting tenders from Local Stonecutters for the carrying out of repairs. Alderman Hadden also asked that the Mile Stone in the Bullring, which indicated the number of miles to Dublin, and which had been removed during the Emergency, should be replaced.

PRIVATE LIGHTING OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

Councillor Morris raised the question regarding the private lighting of the houses at Maudlintown, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in touch with the Electricity

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Supply Board for some time past on this matter but received no satisfaction, as, in the opinion of the Board the number of consumers would not warrant the extension of their net works.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The following letter was read from the Cardinal Secretary of State, and it was ordered that it be inserted in the minutes:-

"DAL VATICANO, 11 March, 28, 1949.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

At the gracious bidding of the Holy Father, I am to acknowledge receipt of the devoted message of sympathy and solidarity which you sent to Him in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford on the occasion of the condemnation of His Eminence Cardinal Mindszenty.

The paternal heart of His Holiness, weighed down beneath the burden of this great sorrow, has derived comfort and consolation from the many expressions of prayerful sympathy and support extended to Him by His beloved Irish children.

The Pontiff, therefore, bids me assure you of His cordial thankfulness, and, as an added token of His appreciation, He imparts to you and the members of Wexford Corporation His paternal Apostolic Blessing.

With sentiments of high esteem and regard,
I remain.

Yours sincere,

T. B. Montini,

Subst. "

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to authorise overdraft accommodation on Capital Account in connection with Slippery Green Housing Schemes in the sum of £43,000. from 1st September, 1948, to 31st March, 1949, and in connection with acquired houses in the sum of £10,000. from 1st September, 1948 until loan arrangements are completed.

EASTER COMMEMORATION.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed to attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe St. on Easter Sunday which was to be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all those who fought for Irish freedom.

The Officer in Charge of the Wexford Easter Sunday Procession invited the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors to attend at the Ceremonies to take place on Easter Monday at St. Peter's Square at 2 o'clock.

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The Mayor proposed that the Corporation attend the Ceremonies.

Algerman Corish seconded.

Councillor Morris however proposed that "we take no part in this show."

Councillor Byrne seconded.

These two proposals gave rise to a lengthy and acrimonious discussion during which Councillor Gaul intimated that as the whole thing appeared to be political he was not taking any part in it.

After some time Councillor Buckland proposed that the matter be left to the discretion of individual members to attend if they wished. Councillor Roche seconded.

Before the motions were put to the meeting the Town Clerk explained that if Councillor Buckland's motion was adopted the Corporation would not be attending as a Corporate Body but only as individuals and on a show of hands 6 voted for Councillor Buckland's motion and three against. The motion was accordingly declared carried and on being put as a substantitive motion was declared carried by the same voting, Councillor Gaul not taking part.

The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

2nd May, 1949.

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).

Councillors: James Gaul, John O'Flaherty, Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the following Resolution was unanimously adopted;- "that a Municipal Rate of 33/2d. (Thirty Three Shillings and Two Pence) in the Pound be made in 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, 1950, as considered and adopted on the 4th April, 1949."

DEATH OF MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Mayor then referred to the tragic death which had taken place on the 29th ultimo of Mr. T. J. Murphy, Minister for Local Government and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his wife and family and to the members of the Government in their great loss. The Mayor referred to the unassuming character and honesty of purpose of the late Mr. Murphy and particularly to his untiring efforts to seek a solution for the housing problem in this country.

The Mayor also proposed that the meeting stand adjourned until the 9th instant as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor O'Flaherty, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party in Wexford, which he represented in the Corporation, seconded the resolution.

It was supported by all the members present by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

It was also agreed that an expression of sympathy should be forwarded to a relative of the late Minister who was a member of the Order of Perpetual Adoration, Wexford. The meeting then adjourned.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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.

Five tenders were received for the wiring of 72 houses at Slippery Green for electricity. They were from Mr. D. Willis, Francis St. £537.10; Mr. James Kehoe, North Main St. £593; Nicholas J. Hore, Radio House £693; Thomas W. Quigley £718.4; Quigley £725. On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept the tender of Mr. Willis.

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James Sinnott

9th May, 1949.

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, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: Buckland, Byrne, O'Flaherty, Roche and Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of adjourned Estimates Meeting on 4th ultimo, Minutes of Quarterly Meeting on 4th ultimo, Minutes of General Purposes' Committee on 11th ultimo and 2nd inst.

Councillor Buckland objected to the use of a certain word in the Minutes of proceedings of the adjourned Estimates meeting held on the 4th ultimo and the Town Clerk promised to expunge it from the minutes.

Also arising out of the minutes of the 4th ultimo Councillor Buckland referred to the manner in which they had been written. He complained that although he had made a lengthy statement on the finances of the Corporation that this was disposed of by the Town Clerk in a matter of three lines while speeches by the Mayor and County Manager had received much more space. Councillor Buckland complained that in the Minute the Town Clerk had recorded an opinion of his, but he (Councillor Buckland) claimed that he quoted facts and figures and did not give a personal opinion.

It was decided that Councillor Buckland's objection be recorded in the minutes of the present meeting. On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty the minutes as submitted were thereupon taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

FANNING AND DEVEREAUX FUNDS.

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of a Resolution of the Corporation on the 7th February last, and stated that as Grants from the Fanning and Devereaux Funds were paid in cash, such Grants must be treated as means when paid to persons in receipt of or claiming Old Age Pensions. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was decided that this matter be brought to the personal attention of the Minister for Social Welfare.

PROTEST AGAINST IRELAND BILL.

The first business was to consider the following motion, of which special notice had been given by His Worship, The Mayor,

"That this Corporation protest in the most emphatic manner against the Ireland Bill about to be enacted in the British Parliament providing for the perpetuation of the unjust and illegal partition of our Country, and that all our men, women at home and abroad to use every means within their power to prevent the passing into law of this Measure."

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In moving the motion in his name, the Mayor stated he would not like to create any atmosphere that would be detrimental to their relationship with Great Britain, but it was only right that they should make their protest because God never ordained that this country should be divided. Councillor Byrne seconded and said they should pledge their support wholeheartedly to prevent the passing of the Bill. Councillor O'Flaherty, on behalf of Fianna Fail Party supported the motion as did Alderman Corish, Councillors Roche, Buckland and Morris.

Alderman Hadden, although wholeheartedly with the Corporation in their intention to get rid of the Border, thought that the worst barrier towards this ambition was ignorance which unfortunately was not altogether on one side, and in attempting to condemn the British Government, as the Resolution did, they were dealing with a symptom and not with the actual root of the disease. He regretted therefore that he would have to vote against the motion.

The County Manager stated that as an ordinary Irishman he would like to associate himself with the Resolution and believed there was no reason whatever as far as lawyer or layman could see for the present Bill which was gratuitously insulting.

The Town Clerk also supported the motion which was unanimously adopted with Alderman Hadden dissenting.

It was further agreed that copies of the Resolution be sent to the British Representative in Ireland, representatives of Foreign Countries accredited to Ireland and the British Prime Minister.

Arising out of this motion the Mayor appealed for more support for the Anti-Partition League in Wexford.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. MOTHER.

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mother Margaret Mary of the Adoration Convent on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded, the motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTIAN BROS.

The Mayor also moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Christian Brothers on the occasion of their Centenary in Wexford. This motion was seconded by Councillor Roche, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and also unanimously adopted.

HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The next business was to consider draft Housing Programme for 1949/50. In this connection Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the number of houses being erected in the South end of the Town as compared with the North, and after some discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting in Committee on the 16th instant to consider Housing matters in general.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION.

A report on the Rate collection for year ending 31st March showed that the average collection was 99.3% which was considered very satisfactory.

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REPORT ON RENT COLLECTION.

A report on the rent collection showed a reduction in the arrears since 31st March, 1948 of £83. This was also considered satisfactory and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne and other members congratulated the Ratepayers and Rent and Rate Collectors on the satisfactory collections.

EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank on the payment of a Loan of £1420. for the purchase of an Electric Scavenging Cart and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 24th day of March, 1949 the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Ltd. the sum of £1420. for the purchase of an Electric Scavenging Lorry said loan to be in lieu of the loan of £1150. provided for in the Corporation's Resolution of the 7th October, 1940. which was not availed of and to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over a period of five years with interest thereon at one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4. per cent. said loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates supplemental to the Mortgage dated 7th day of October, 1940. And that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the said Supplemental Mortgage."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon signed and sealed on the part of the Corporation.

SCHOOL MEALS.

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the meals provided under The Education (Provision of Meals Acts) in the various schools in the Town, and after some discussion it was agreed that a Committee of four, with the Mayor, be appointed to examine this question.

The following were appointed to act on the Committee with His Worship, The Mayor:-

Councillors: Roche, Buckland, Aldermen: Corish and Hadden.

It was also decided to obtain a report from the Chief Medical Officer of Health on the value of the present meal provided, as against the value of milk, particularly in the Summer months.

STREET TRADING.

On the question of Street Trading, a motion appeared in the name of the Mayor to set up a sub-Committee to consider and report on the best means of preventing this; a motion by Councillor Byrne condemning the inaction of the Corporation on this matter; together with a Resolution from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to form a Committee of the whole Corporation and to invite the Chamber of Commerce to appoint representatives to discuss the matter with the Corporation.

ERECTION OF TWO-ROOMED

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Arising out of a motion in the name of Councillor Byrne calling

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on the County Manager to consider the acquisition of Derelict Sites in the Town with a view to erecting two-roomed dwellings for aged people, Councillor Byrne formally moved this motion which was seconded by Councillor Roche and agreed to after the County Manager had intimated that instructions had been given to the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Map of Derelict Sites in the Town.

RESOLUTION FROM ATHLONE U.D.C.

A Resolution from the Athlone Urban District Council calling for an extension of the Local Government (Rates and Small Dwellings) Act, 1948, to embrace houses up to £10. valuation was marked "read".

RESOLUTION FROM BIRR U.D.C.

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution from the Birr Urban District Council was ~~unanimously adopted~~:-

marked "read" By see Minutes of 17/5/49 B.P.
"That we, the Wexford Corporation Request the Minister for Local Government:-

1. To permit the Council
 - (a) to increase the rents of their houses at present occupied by tenants including houses in respect of which subsidy is payable.
 - (b) to use the increase for the purpose of enabling the Council to fix rents of houses now in the course of erection or to be erected in the future at such a figure which prospective tenants can pay, without placing a further undue burden on the rates.
2. If necessary to introduce legislation to enable payment of full subsidy based on the rents (not including the increase) at which the houses are now let."

PROTEST AGAINST RE-INTRODUCTION OF
DANCE TAX.

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Morris moved a protest against the reintroduction of the Dance Tax in the Budget, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed; on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Minister for Finance be requested to exempt from this Tax short dances, i.e. up to 12-0 midnight run by Social and other Clubs.

LICENCE FOR CINEMA PALACE.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1949, was sealed and signed in respect of the Palace Cinema.

PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM.

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche it was agreed to request the Capital and Palace Cinemas to procure a record of the National Anthem similar to the one used in the Abbey Cinema.

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SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that approval be granted to an increase of £59. 19. per annum under the Superannuation allowance payable to Miss M.T. Walsh with effect as from 1st November, 1946 and that Authority be given to the County Manager to exceed the Estimate on the General Purposes Account by £205. in the current year so as to provide for this increased allowance.

INCREASES FOR OFFICIALS.

It was also agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne to authorise an increase of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ in accordance with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government dated 30th ultimo, No. G. 296/2 on the salaries of the following Officers:-

John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.
Henry F. Doyle, Accounts Clerk.
P. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor.
T. J. Millar, Housing Engineer.
G. M. Forde, Housing Engineer.

Authority was further given to the County Manager to increase the expenditure on the General Purposes' Account for year ending 31st March, 1950 by a sum of £350. to cover this increase.

APPLICATION RE SPACE FOR SALE OF HOME CRAFTS, ETC.

An application was submitted from Mr. T. J. O'Brien, House Agent on behalf of a group of ladies anxious to start a market for the sale of farm produce, home crafts, etc. for space in the NewMarket for this purpose, but it was decided that the Corporation Solicitor should be asked to advise as to whether or not this could be allowed by the Market Bye-Laws.

TRESPASS AT BYRNE'S LANE.

Reports from the Borough Surveyor on trespass at Byrne's Lane, Upper William St., Urban Road repairs, and the painting of Artizans' dwellings were considered and adjourned until the next meeting when the Borough Surveyor would be in attendance.

HOUSING REPORT.

The report of the Housing Engineer for the month of April was submitted and considered satisfactory, but the Engineer was to be asked to try and absorb those labourers who were let off the Housing Scheme some time ago as a result of a strike by the masons.

DERELICT SITE AT REDMOND ROAD.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the County Manager was directed to have a Map prepared of a Derelict Site at Redmond Road so that a Preliminary Order might be made under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

ACQUISITION OF 4.362 ACRES
OF LAND.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche a recommendation from the County Manager that 4.362 acres of land at Bishopswater be acquired from Mr. Jas. Browne for the sum of £400.

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subject to an annuity of £4. 3. 10. which would require to be apportioned as it covered other lands and premises as well was unanimously adopted. The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

16th May, 1949.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee (in Committee) was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:—

His worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen:— George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors:—Thomas Buckland, James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, Sean O'Flaherty and Thomas Roche.

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

SYMPATHY.

Before the meeting commenced Councillor Morris moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Laurence Cummins, a former member of the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Garret Doyle, an employee, on the death of his mother whose late husband had also been an old employee of the Corporation. This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and also adopted in silence.

HOUSING.

The meeting had been convened specially to consider the provision of houses and the Town Clerk explained that a Conference with Departmental Officials had been held on Saturday, at which the entire position for the Town, had been reviewed. A general discussion took place on the Distillery Road and Waterloo Road Sites and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that the Distillery Road Site be commenced as soon as possible together with the Waterloo Road Site, and that development and building work should be carried out simultaneously. As regards the type of house to be erected it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that a house similar to the one at present in course of construction at Slippery Green should be planned for the Distillery Road Site on the basis of 2/3rds subsidy for Slum Clearance.

As regards the Waterloo Road Site, a lengthy discussion took place as to the type of house to be erected there, and it was agreed to recommend the Corporation, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty to erect a house for normal housing purposes on the basis of 1/3rd subsidy. Alderman Hadden referred to a proposal made some years ago to construct a road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo. The Town Clerk pointed out that his recollection to this proposal was that such a road could only be provided as an accommodation road as there was such a considerable amount of rock that house building would be a very costly proposition. It was agreed, however, to have the proposal further examined and if at all possible to apply for a Relief Grant to have it carried out. In reply to a query as to the progress of the repairs to acquired houses at Abbey St. the Borough Surveyor intimated that two houses had been roofed, and a main sewer provided, as well as certain repairs to some of the buildings.

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It was pointed out to the Borough Surveyor that the Corporation expected these repairs to be carried out in accordance with his estimate and no alterations were to be made outside the items he estimated for.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY.

A very lengthy discussion took place in connection with the proposed public lavatory and the Borough Surveyor explained that the draft Plan had been approved by the Officials of the Department Local Government, and the final Plan was in course of preparation. He hoped that work on this would be commenced in August next. The general position in this connection was considered to be very unsatisfactory and it was unanimously agreed, on the suggestion of the Mayor, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the final Plans completed and submitted to the Department for approval before the end of the present week.

The next question raised was the unsatisfactory condition of the non-concrete streets of the Town, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that they had already commenced work at Emmet Place. His difficulty was to obtain machiner to crush the stone, but he had already 70 tons of crushed stone in stock.

After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Dr. Hadden, that the Town Clerk should request Mr. Doris, County Engineer first thing on the following morning to sell the Corporation some 150-200 tons of crushed stone to enable street repairs to be carried out. Councillor Morris referred to the condition of the sewerage at Rose Rock and the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Contractor was at present relaying the Drainage there. The Borough Surveyor held (although the Town Clerk did not agree with him) that he had no responsibility for seeing that the drainage was properly laid. Neither had he any responsibility of inspecting it until the work was done, and it was supposed to connect with the Corporation sewerage system. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that the County Manager had made an Order some couple of weeks ago directing the Borough Surveyor to enter and carry out the work. This Order had been transmitted to Mr. McNally, who explained that when he received the Order from the Town Clerk the Contractor had called and told him he was relaying the system, and in the circumstances he thought it advisable to give him an opportunity of completing the work.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the provision of water closets for the Hore Estate at Wygram, and the Town Clerk intimated that the owner had been informed that unless these were provided within seven days Court Proceedings would issue. The meeting then terminated.

James Smith

23rd May, 1949.

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, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Alderman: Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Egul, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, Sean O'Flaherty, Thomas Roche, Thomas Buckland.

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

At the outset the Town Clerk intimated that he had been directed by the Wexford County Manager to read for the information of the Corporation the following Order he had made on the 19th inst. regarding Mr. P. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor:-

"Being personally aware of the conduct and condition of Mr. P. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor, at a meeting of the Wexford Corporation on Monday, the 16th instant, as a Committee, and having considered the written and verbal apologies of Mr. McNally for this conduct and condition, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (a) A grave censure be recorded on Mr. McNally's File.
- (b) Mr. McNally make a public apology to the meeting of the Wexford Corporation on Monday, the 23rd instant; the form of apology to be approved by the County Manager.
- (c) Any recurrence of conduct by Mr. McNally, such as that referred to in this Order be visited by immediate suspension."

The Borough Surveyor then read the following letter addressed by him to the Mayor and members of the Corporation:-

"A Chairdhe,

I wish to tender to you my sincere apologies for my condition and behaviour at your meeting on the 16th instant.

It is hardly possible to justify such conduct on the part of one of your Officials and even less so to give reasons, but owing to private troubles my health has been at a low ebb for some time past. Consequently I have been unable to give full attention to my work as well as having become very irritable in my general demeanour.

I realize the source of annoyance I have been to you for some time past but I hope the near future will relieve me of personal worries and that I can make amends for these lapses.

I trust you will accept this apology and believe that my conduct was the result of my physical condition and not in any way wilful."

The Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation, accepted Mr. McNally's apology on this occasion and asked him to be more careful in

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in the future regarding co-operation with the members of the Corporation. All the other members intimated that they were prepared to accept Mr. McNally's apology on this occasion and Mr. McNally returned thanks to the members for the consideration given to him.

REPAIRS TO STREETS.

The Town Clerk intimated that in connection with a discussion at the last meeting regarding repairs to streets he had been in communication with the County Engineer who was prepared to sell the Corporation approximately 150 tons of broken stones and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make immediate arrangements with Mr. Doris to take delivery of these stones and thus carry out urgent repairs to streets and at the same time absorb a certain amount of unskilled labour.

JAMES CONNOLLY MEMORIAL MASS.

An invitation was received from the Irish Labour Party requesting the Corporation to attend the annual James Connolly Memorial Mass to be held in the Church of the Assumption, Bride St. on the 29th instant at 12-0 noon.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously decided to attend this Mass.

REQUEST FROM TRADES COUNCIL RE EMPLOYMENT OF SKILLED TRADESMEN.

A letter was also read from Wexford Trades' Council urging the Corporation to take every step possible to expedite the erection of houses so that there would be no necessity for skilled employees to leave the town, and it was decided that no further action could be taken on this matter beyond what had been done at the meeting on the 16th instant.

EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICES.

A circular letter was read from the Minister for Local Government regarding employment of apprentices on direct Labour Housing Schemes, and it was decided to forward it to the Trades Council for observations.

TENDERS.

Tenders for the supply of manhole covers and paint for 72 houses at Slippery Green were submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Brien they were referred to the County Manager with a recommendation that he accept the lowest tender in each case.

"LARRY WEESH'S LANE" - REPORT FROM HEALTH INSPECTOR.

A report from the Health Inspector on the premises at Faythe, known as "Larry Welsh's Lane" was submitted and consideration was deferred to enable the Town Clerk to ascertain the names of the owners of the Lane, if possible.

O'LEARY -V- CORPORATION.

The Mayor referred to the dispute between Mr. T. O'Leary and the Corporation Officials and asked what was the position. The County Manager explained that the actual position was subjudice, but the facts were, that the Housing Engineer had been compelled to reject as unsuitable, gravel, supplied by Mr. O'Leary for the Housing Site, as a result of which Mr. O'Leary was taking an action against the Corporation to compel them to complete the Site. On the advice of the Manager's statement the matter was not further discussed.

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STREET TRADING.

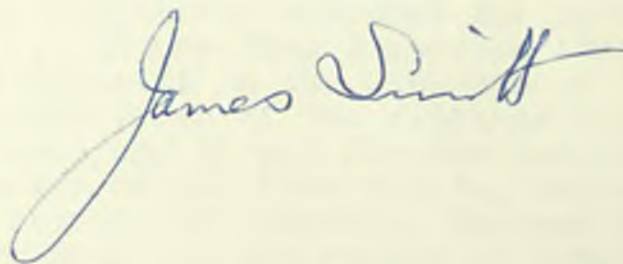
The next business was to receive a Deputation from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to consider the question of Street Trading. The Deputation consisted of Messrs. E. Hassett, J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, R. E. Corish, Richard Sinnott, Herbert Coffey and E. McCarthy, Secretary. The Corporation Solicitor was in attendance to advise the Corporation.

The Mayor opened the proceedings by informing the Deputation that the Corporation were anxious to do everything possible to prevent Street Trading by outside persons in the Town but it appeared from the advice they received from their Solicitor that owing to the present state of the law it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to prevent this Trading.

Mr. Hassett assured the Corporation that the members of the Chamber of Commerce were wholeheartedly behind them in any effort they would make to put a stop to this practice, and Mr. Byrne, Solicitor, suggested that the only solution which he would see was a prosecution under Section 2 of the Street Trading Act, 1926, but intimated he was not quite satisfied that such a prosecution would succeed.

The Corporation Solicitor considered it most inadvisable to bring a prosecution which he also felt could not succeed, and he thought that an unsuccessful prosecution would put the Corporation in a much worse position than at present.

After a lengthy discussion the Mayor moved that a Conference should be held between the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. Byrne, Solicitor, the County Manager, Town Clerk, and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to consider what steps, if any, could be taken to deal with this matter. This was seconded by Councillor Buckland, and unanimously agreed to, after which Mr. Hassett returned thanks, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to the Corporation for receiving their representatives, and again assured the Corporation that the Chamber would be behind them in any thing they undertook for the betterment of the Town. The meeting then terminated.



1st June, 1949.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Buckland, Gaul, Byrne, Morris, O'Flaherty.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider the proposed transfer of the Locomotive Department of Coras Iompair Eireann from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour. In addition to the Corporation, representatives were in attendance from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, Wexford Trades Council, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Irish Labour Party, Clann na Poblacta and National Labour Party.

The Mayor outlined the reason for calling the meeting and pointed out that the transfer would involve approximately 40 men. In addition it was pointed out that it might also involve the dismissal as redundant of ten or twelve employees.

All the members present and the representatives of the other Bodies realised the grave concern this proposed transfer was to the Town of Wexford and decided that everything possible should be done to prevent it taking place.

It was further pointed out that the five T.D.'s for the County had been already approached by the Railway men effected and asked to use their influence to have the Locomotive Department left in Wexford. Councillor Byrne proposed that the present meeting as representing all sections of the Community pledge our support to the five T.D.'s in their efforts to keep this Department in Town. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to. It was then suggested that a Deputation should be appointed to await on the Chairman of Coras Iompair Eireann to place the views of the citizens before him on this very important matter, and it was further decided that the Deputation should consist of the Five T.D.'s, representative of Wexford Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board, Trades Council with an observer from the Department of Industry and Commerce. In so far as the Corporation were concerned it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that the Mayor should represent the Corporation on the Deputation. The meeting then terminated.

James Donohue

13th June, 1949.

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

Aldermen: Hadden and Corish.

Councillors: T. Byrne, S. O'Flaherty, P. Bierney and J. Gaul.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor on the death of his mother. The Mayor recalled that the members of the O'Connor family had served the Corporation faithfully and efficiently for three generations and stated that although the late Mrs. O'Connor was of a retiring nature she was well known for her charitable disposition. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Sean Sinnott, Mount John, on the death of his wife. The Mayor recalled that Mr. Sinnott was a former member of the Corporation and both he and his wife had given trojan service in the National Cause when it was not popular to be a member of a National Organisation. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The Mayor, further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Joseph Kingsbury, a former member of the Council. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The three motions were adopted in respectful silence and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul it was agreed as a further mark of respect to the memory of three very old Wexford Citizens that the meeting should stand adjourned until Friday, 17th inst.

Thos Sinnott
Mayor

17th June, 1949.

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, Councillor James Sinnott, in the Chair.

Alderman N. Corish.

Councillors: T. Byrne, K. Morris, E. Howlin, F. Cullimore and S. O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-
Minutes of Corporation on the 9th ultimo, General Purposes Committee on 16th and 23rd ultimo and Corporation on 1st instant.

Arising out of the Minutes of the 9th instant when a Resolution was submitted from the Birr Urban District Council the attention of the Town Clerk was called to the fact that this Resolution appeared in the minutes as having been unanimously adopted where as the Resolution had been marked "read". The Town Clerk intimated that he had noted this error in the minutes and had made the necessary alteration with a cross reference to the minutes of the present meeting. On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the minutes as submitted were then taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Thomas Buckland on the death of his sister-in-law. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne and supported by all the members present by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

With reference to a resolution of sympathy adopted at a recent meeting with the relatives of the late T. J. Murphy, Minister for Local Government the following acknowledgements were read:-

"DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

4th June, 1949.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I have been asked to convey to you the sincere thanks and grateful appreciation of Mrs. Murphy and the family of the late Mr. T.J. Murphy, T.D., Minister for Local Government, for your kind expression of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

Private Secretary."

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I greatly appreciated the kind message of

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sympathy which you, on behalf of the Wexford Corporation, were good enough to send me on the death of the late Mr. T. J. Murphy, Minister for Local Government. Please accept, and convey to your members, my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours."

"OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
DUBLIN C.8.

20th May, 1949.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I have been asked by the Minister for Local Government to extend to you, on behalf of the staff of the Department of Local Government, their sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy on the death of the late Mr. T. J. Murphy, T.D., Minister for Local Government.

Mrs. Murphy and the family of the late Minister, to whom the contents of your message have been conveyed, join in this message of acknowledgment.

Yours sincerely"

The following letter was read from Mother Margaret Mary, Superioress of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration acknowledging the Vote of Congratulation on the attainment of her Golden Jubilee:-

CONVENT OF PERPETUAL ADORATION,
WEXFORD.

22nd May, 1949.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I beg to thank you, and through you the members of the Corporation of Wexford, for your very kind congratulations on the attainment of my Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession.

In the years to come, as long as the good God spares me, I shall still be mindful of you and the members, in my prayers at the foot of the Tabernacle.

Yours sincerely in J.C.
MOTHER MARGARET MARY,
Supr."

And the following letter was read from the Superior Christian Brothers, acknowledging the Resolution of Congratulation adopted by the Corporation on the celebration of their Centenary in Wexford,

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS,
WEXFORD.

30th May, 1949.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

In connection with the resolution of congratulation adopted by the Corporation at their meeting on the 9th inst. I wish to return sincere thanks.

The Christian Brothers feel deeply grateful to the members of the Corporation for the many kind things said about us and I ask you to convey to them our sincerest thanks.

I also wish to thank you for your personal congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. NIXON,

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LETTER FROM PALACE CINEMA RE
PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM.

A letter was read from the Manager, Palace Cinema, acknowledging the Resolution of the Corporation requesting the playing of a special record of the National Anthem, pointing out the difficulties of getting patrons to stand until the National Anthem was finished. The meeting appreciated that every effort was being made by the Palace Cinema to meet the wishes of the Corporation, but at the same time it was decided to again request them to procure a record of the full Anthem instead of the abbreviated Film version.

PROVISION OF PUBLIC LAVATORY.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Byrne again referred to the provision of a public lavatory and the Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Forde, Acting Borough Surveyor was engaged in preparing a new Plan to meet the objections raised by the Department of Local Government to the original submitted by Mr. McNally.

Mr. Forde had promised him to have the Plan available on Monday when he would forward it to Dublin with a request that the matter be treated as one of urgency. In this connection the Mayor referred to the request of the Harbour Commissioners that the Corporation should open and maintain two closed lavatories on the Quay, but the Town Clerk said that he was unable to find any Statutory Authority permitting the Corporation to adopt this course, but at the request of the Mayor promised to examine the legal position again and see if there was anyway out of the difficulty.

DERELICT SITES.

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne regarding the survey of derelict Sites in the Town, the County Manager intimated that the Survey had been completed and a Map was being prepared for the information of the Corporation showing the position of the Derelict Sites in the Town.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR ROCHE.

The first business was to receive the resignation of Councillor Thomas Roche as a member of the Corporation. The Town Clerk intimated that Councillor Roche's resignation was dated 11th instant; he Town Clerk had received it on the 13th idem from which date the resignation became effective under the Provisions of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898 as amended by the Local Government Act, 1941. It was seen that the Corporation could not do anything in this matter except to declare the Seat vacant, but before doing this Councillor Morris proposed the thanks of the Corporation to Councillor Roche for his excellent service while in Office. The Mayor seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted. It was agreed that the Seat be declared vacant and the necessary declaration of Vacancy be sealed and signed.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Arising out of this matter it was reported that both Councillor Roche and Alderman Moran, who had resigned his Seat last year, were members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee and under Section 11 (2) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930 were disqualified for continuing to be members of this Committee, and the next two items on the Agenda were to fill these two vacant seats.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that Councillors O'Flaherty and Morris be co-opted to fill the two vacancies, but Councillor Morris asked if it would be possible to appoint Councillor Roche as a non-Corporation member.

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The Town Clerk stated that he would not like to give a ruling on this point without studying the legal position and thereupon Councillor Morris asked the Mayor to withdraw his name which he (Mayor) agreed to do, and Councillor Morris seconded the appointment of Councillor John O'Flaherty as a member of the Vocational Education Committee.

This proposition was unanimously agreed to, and the filling of the second vacancy was adjourned until the Quarterly meeting to enable the Town Clerk to examine the legal position.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WATERLOO ROAD AND BISHOPSWATER.

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the houses at Bishopswater be erected for Slum Clearance on the basis of 2/3rds subsidy and the houses at Waterloo Road for normal housing on the basis of 1/3rds.

After some discussion on the merits of a Tenant Purchase Scheme for Waterloo Road it was decided to defer consideration of this, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Committee recommendation that Slum Clearance houses be provided at Bishopswater was unanimously adopted.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES FROM MESSRS. P. PIERCE & CO.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish a Deed of Conveyance from Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co., to Wexford Corporation in respect of a plot of ground and seven partially erected houses at Distillery Road, was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

LICENCE FOR CAPITOL CINEMA.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish a Licence in respect of the Palace Cinema for the year to 30th April, 1950 was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

Arising out of this the Town Clerk intimated that in response to a query he had received no reply from the Management of the Capitol Cinema that they play the National Anthem in lieu of the abbreviated Film Version. A number of members took exception to the failure of the Management to reply and requested the Town Clerk to again communicate with them on this matter.

CHANGING OF PLACE NAMES.

There were submitted to the meeting a copy of the Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations, 1949 which set out the procedure to be adopted to change the name of any Street, Townland or Town.

A motion also appeared on the Agenda in the name of Councillor O'Flaherty that a small Committee be appointed to examine and report on the change necessary. Councillor O'Flaherty moved this motion which was seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously adopted. The following Committee was agreed on:- Alderman Corish, Councillors O'Flaherty, Byrne with His Worship, The Mayor.

TEMPORARY COVER FOR GRAVES.

A motion in the name of the Mayor that an ornamental temporary cover for graves at St. Ivar's Cemetery be obtained was moved by His Worship, The Mayor.

In moving the motion the Mayor intimated that he did not ask for a decision at present as he realised how difficult it was to change local customs, but on several occasions he had attended funerals at St. Ivar's Cemetery and he thought that the length of time it was necessary for mourners to stand over a grave while it was being filled in was unnecessary hardship on people filled with grief. In addition the work of filling in a grave in a hurry is practically impossible and on the early morning when two or three funerals occur within 15 to 30 minutes of each other.

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His suggestion was that an ornamental cover should be provided which could be laid over the grave, on which mourners could place wreaths and flowers and depart from the Cemetery. The grave could then be filled in by the grave diggers after the departure of the mourners and he thought it would save a lot of unnecessary grief.

Councillor Morris seconded the motion which was supported by practically all the members, but Councillor Byrne while not against the proposal thought it should be deferred to enable the views of the general public to be obtained. It was therefore agreed to adjourn this matter to the next Statutory meeting.

BARRY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

A motion in the names of the Mayor and Alderman Corish that Rev. Bro. Aidan be asked to speak to the Corporation and a Joint Committee of the Barry Memorial was next on the Agenda and the Town Clerk explained that Bro. Aidan had been in communication with him and had agreed to meet the Corporation on the 20th instant together with the members of the Barry Memorial Committee, and the Mayor explained as he would be on his way to Sligo at the time to attend the Technical Congress he could not be present.

WIRING OF CORPORATION HOUSES FOR ELECTRICITY.

With reference to a decision some time ago to ascertain the views of the tenants of the Corporation houses, on the suggestion that the Corporation should wire their houses for electricity on a weekly repayment basis the Town Clerk intimated that 141 replies had been received from tenants who were anxious to avail of the Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish it was decided that a Specification should be prepared.

RESOLUTION FROM KILLARNEY U.D.C.

The following Resolution from the Killarney U.D.C. was submitted. "That we ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hold an inquiry as to the system of the Electricity Supply Board in fixing charges for electricity and generally into their administration."

Councillor Howlin proposed the adoption of this Resolution and Alderman Corish seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this Councillor Howlin, further proposed that the Electricity Supply Board be asked to appoint collectors for the Town and pointed out the hardships which poor people endured by having to make payment of the Account to the E.S.B. at the local offices of the Board. Councillor Byrne also seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted. On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to authorise the obtainment of Overdraft accommodation on the Municipal Account in the sum of £8,500. to the 30th September, 1949.

REMOVAL OF C.I.E. LOCOMOTIVE DEPT. TO ROSSLARE FROM WEXFORD.

With reference to minutes of 1st instant when a Conference had been held with representatives of various Political Parties, Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Trades Council regarding the proposed transfer by Coras Iompair Eireann of their Locomotive Department from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with the Chairman who had replied that in view of the number of persons to be represented on the proposed deputation he would come to Wexford to see them on Tuesday 21st instant at 7 p.m. The Town Clerk further intimated that he had requested the members of the Deputation to meet at 6.30 p.m. on the 21st to make the case they proposed to put before Mr. Courtney and as the Mayor would not be in attendance it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that Councillor Byrne should represent the Corporation on the proposed deputation.

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WATER SUPPLY TO TOWN.

In connection with the serious position of the water supply to the Town the Town Clerk made the following report:-

Since April 1948 the four pumps at Edenvale had been giving trouble. The Manufacturers were asked to send an expert to examine and repair them. This man only arrived in Wexford during the last month and put the four pumps ⁱⁿ working order. For a short time after his visit the four pumps worked at 100% efficiency but then two began to give trouble and only worked at approximately 50%. Every effort was made to procure the immediate return of the fitter but without avail and efforts were made to have the pumps adjusted by local fitters but without success.

Eventually the Caretaker at Edenvale was able to restore one of the pumps to full working capacity and was still engaged in trying to work the fourth which was still only working at 50% efficiency. The present position was that the inflow into the Reservoir was approx. 350,000 gallons per day while the consumption was estimated at 650,000. leaving 300,000 gallons being taken from storage each day.

For the information of the Corporation and the General public it was pointed out that in the year 1940 when the Reservoir went completely dry the rainfall for the period January to May was 17.60" and the rainfall for the current year over the same period was only 8.20" or less than half of the 1940 record.

It was pointed out that had it not been for the water from Edenvale the Town would now be without a supply and it was only by reducing the consumption to the absolute minimum that it would be possible to keep the Reservoir from going dry after the next two to three weeks. This report gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which Councillor Howlin complained he had been informed that at least 100,000 gallons of water was wasted each day due to leakages and burst pipes, and suggested that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to reply to the following questions for the next meeting:-

- (1) What was done since January last by way of inspections for leakages?
- (2) If he was informed of wastage of water and if so what action he took?
- (3) When inspection for leakage and wastage commenced; the number of men employed and the purpose for which they were engaged on this work.

Councillor Morris, Councillor O'Flaherty, Alderman Corish and the Mayor all stated they were aware that inspections of a very rigid nature had taken place recently, and that every plumber in Town was engaged in repairing defective fittings, etc.

The question of using John St. Reservoir was considered and it was unanimously agreed that this should be done with chlorination of the supply, and the Mayor made a strong appeal to the public to avoid waste of the water.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a valuation limit of £1,500. be placed on Loans to be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The County Manager read for the Corporation a list of 16 tenants he had provisionally selected for some of the new houses at Slippery Green. The Mayor referred to a paragraph in the Sunday Chronicle of June, 12th which stated that rats as big as cats were invading Wexford Town and that Merchants' sacks had been destroyed and a seven months old baby bitten. He described the Paragraph as anything but sensational journalism and suggested that the views of the Corporation Solicitor should be obtained as to whether the Paragraph was libellous.

The meeting then terminated.

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John Buckland Mayor

27th June, 1949.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Sinnott (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: P. Pierney, T. Buckland, S. O'Flaherty, J. Gaul, T. Byrne, E. Howlin, K. Morris and F. Cullimore.

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

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Sean Kennedy, an outstanding member of the G.A.A. in Wexford County and in the National Movement. The Mayor seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor then referred to two tragedies which had taken place in the Town on the previous evening by the drowning of a young man and a child.

He moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rutledge family on the tragic death of their child by drowning at Wexford Quay and with Mr. James McCormack M.P.S.I. on the death of his son by drowning in Wexford Harbour. 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.

ELECTION OF NEW MAYOR.

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until the Quarterly meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1950 and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of Office.

Councillor Gaul proposed the re-election of Councillor James Sinnott and Alderman Corish seconded.

Councillor Byrne proposed the election of Councillor Thomas Buckland, Councillor Morris seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for Councillor Buckland:-

Councillors: Cullimore, Morris, Howlin, Byrne O'Flaherty and Buckland..(6)..

For Councillor Sinnott:-

Councillors: Gaul, Pierney, Aldermen: Hadden, Corish and The Mayor (5).

The Mayor thereupon declared Councillor Buckland Mayor for the ensuing year and assured him of his co-operation and support during his term of Office.

Councillor Buckland thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of

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Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1940 which was witnessed by Councillors Byrne and Morris.

The new Mayor was then invested with the robes and chain of Office and on taking the Chair returned thanks to the members for his election.

He referred to the Housing Programme facing the Corporation and to the financial implications of this Programme. He referred to the Law authorising the Corporation to acquire derelict Sites and stated that the legal and other costs of acquisition were much too high. He referred to the proposed boundary extension and the provision of Sites for private persons wishing to erect dwelling houses, as well as to the provision of funds for this purpose under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

FIXING OF DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The next business was to fix the dates and hours for three Quarterly Meetings due to be held prior to 23rd June, 1950. and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney it was agreed to hold Quarterly Meetings on 3rd October, 1949, 2nd January, 1950 and 3rd April, 1950 at the usual hour of 7.30 p.m.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.


Referring to minutes of last meeting when the question of filling the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, caused by the resignation last year of Alderman Moran was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to see if the Law would permit the appointment on this Committee of ex-Councillor Roche, the Town Clerk reported that he had examined the legal position and saw no objection to Councillor Roche's appointment except that the Act provided for the Corporation having a majority of their members on this Committee and if a non-Corporation member was now appointed it would leave only seven members of the Corporation and seven non-members by which the Corporation would lose their complete control of this Committee.

Subject to these observations the Town Clerk intimated that it was now a matter for the Corporation to decide.

Councillor Morris thereupon proposed that Mr. Thomas Roche of St. John's Road be appointed a member of the Vocational Education Committee. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion and as there was no other proposition Mr. Roche was declared elected.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The next business was to receive a recommendation from the Joint Committee of the Commodore John Barry Memorial "that the Corporation select Swan View as a Site for a Statue and undertake to maintain and keep it illuminated."

Councillor  Siobhán proposed the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and supported by Councillor Morris and Alderman Corish.

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Alderman Hadden intimated that while he favoured the Ballast Bank as a Site for this Memorial he would not press his view as a proposition but would support the motion to have Swan View Site selected so as to have unanimity.

The Mayor also supported the motion and asked the County Manager to bear in mind the possibility of this Site being utilised for the erection of this great Memorial when considering any proposals for the erection of buildings in the area.

The motion was unanimously adopted and the meeting terminated.

John Buckland
Mayor

4th July, 1949.

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 - Councillor Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Aldermen: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Edward Howlin, Sean O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 13th, 17th, and 27th ultimo. (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting) and 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 Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Councillor Joseph Walsh on the sudden death of his daughter, Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk. Councillor Gaul also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Fenlon family on the death of a relative. This motion was also seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present and both resolutions adopted in respectful silence .

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Arising out of the minutes of quarterly meeting held on the 27th ultimo when Ex-Councillor Roche was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee Councillor Gaul questioned the legality of Councillor Roche being appointed to fill a vacancy caused by his own disqualification. The Town Clerk, however, intimated that when this matter came before the Corporation on the 17th ultimo the filling of two vacancies appeared on the Agenda, namely, those caused by the resignation of Alderman Moran and Councillor Roche. Two members had been proposed at the time to fill the vacancies, namely, Councillors O'Flaherty and Morris but Councillor

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Morris withdrew his nomination to enable the Town Clerk to consider if it was possible for Councillor Roche to be co-opted.

Councillor O'Flaherty was appointed a member of the Vocational Education Committee but the Corporation did not specifically state he was to fill any particular vacancy and he (Town Clerk) had interpreted the decision to mean that Councillor O'Flaherty was filling the vacancy caused by the resignation and disqualification of Councillor Roche, and in his letter to the Chief Executive Officer he had informed him accordingly. A notice on the Agenda for the Quarterly meeting on the 27th ultimo was to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Moran and Councillor Roche had been appointed to fill this vacancy, and the Chief Executive Officer had been so informed. In this connection the Mayor pointed out that both vacancies had now been filled and though the Corporation had appointed a non-member in room of Alderman Moran they were legally entitled to do this according to the Act.

PUBLIC LAVATORY.

With regard to the provision of a public lavatory in Wexford the Town Clerk intimated that he had now received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the Plan submitted and had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare the necessary Specification so that tenders could be invited for the work. It was unanimously decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Sinnott, that the Borough Surveyor be requested to expedite the preparation of the necessary Specification.

In this connection reference was again made to the suggestion that the Harbour Commissioners were prepared to hand over to the Corporation two public lavatories on the Quays which had been closed for some time past.

In the opinion of the Town Clerk the Corporation had no Statutory Authority to take over these lavatories which were on property not controlled by the Corporation, but on the proposition of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was decided to obtain legal advice on the position.

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SYMPATHY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings

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were read from Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Westlands, relatives of the Late Laurence Gummings, relatives of the late Joseph Kingsbury and the relatives of the late Mrs. Sinnott.

The Town Clerk also intimated that Mr. James McCormack had personally asked him to convey the thanks of the Corporation for the vote of sympathy on the tragic death of his son and his Worship, The Mayor, personally returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his sister-in-law.

TENDERS.

Four tenders were received for the supply of sand and gravel for the Corporation Building Site at Distillery Road. Before the tenders were opened the Town Clerk intimated that one tender received by him was not endorsed as such on the outside of the envelope as a result of which he had opened it as an ordinary letter, and another Tender was received by being found under the door of the Town Hall at 7.10 p.m. on the 1st instant whereas according to the invitation to tender the tenders should have been received by the Town Clerk not later than 12-0 noon on the 1st.

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously decided that the late tender should not be considered. The remaining three tenders were then opened when it was seen that Mr. F. M. Brady quoted 5/11d. per ton for sand and gravel, Mr. P. Wilson, 6/- per ton and Mr. F. McGuinness 7/6d. per ton.

The late tender was then opened and it was seen that it was from Messrs. Michael O'Rourke and Sons who quoted 6/6d. per ton.

It was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept the lowest tender, subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

REPORT RE HOUSES.

The next business was to consider a report by Councillor O'Flaherty on behalf of a special Committee in relation to the erection of houses, in the north end of the Town - the following is the report----

REPORT.

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I have to report that His Worship, The Mayor, Councillors

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Buckland, Howlin, and the writer examined the following potential Housing Sites in the North End of the Borough on Saturday, 19th Feby., 1949:-

(a) The Semi-derelict site at the junction of Hill St. and St. Enda's Terrace together with the area lying to the rere of these houses and we recommend that the property should be acquired, the Sites cleared and houses on the style of St. Enda's or St. Ita's Terrace erected on the Site.

(b) Proceeding from Wygram Place to the Borough Boundary stream at Farnogue we examined the land at both sides of the road, and the Committee believe that the land in this area would provide ideal Sites for Housing.

(c) We then proceeded from Wind Mills' Hill in a north-westerly direction through Coolcots Lane to the Borough Boundary at Farnogue Stream, and the recommendation in this connection is that it is by far the most suitable area for a large Housing Site in or about the Borough Boundary and feel that the initial expense of development would be extremely low in view of the fact that water, sewerage and electricity are at hand.

(d) We also examined the old allotments field at John St. and feel that a connection from Menapia Avenue, St. John's Avenue, or Davitt Road North could be made into Upper John St., and are of opinion that a number of houses could be constructed on this Site.

(e) SUMMARY:

In the opinion of the Committee the areas above referred to would provide ideal sites for houses in the North and North-West portion of the Town and that a complete survey would be justified, but as a commencement we recommend that at least a Preliminary Examination should be carried out by one of our Engineers and a tentative Map prepared so that the Corporation might consider the matter further. As some of the areas mentioned above are at the moment outside the Borough Boundary we suggest that in the proposed Conference between Urban and County Councils, our representatives should remember the need for extending the Boundary in this direction to Farnogue Stream.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to adopt the

suggestion contained in the report that a Preliminary survey of

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these Sites be made so that the Corporation could consider the matter further.

DELAY IN COMMENCING BUILDING AT BISHOPSWATER.

A motion in the joint names of Councillor O'Flaherty and Alderman Corish calling for an explanation of the delay in commencing building work at Bishopswater was next on the Agenda, and the Town Clerk explained that the necessary Maps had been prepared by the Borough Surveyor, but before sending them for sanction it was necessary to obtain a report from the Chief Medical Officer and Borough Surveyor on the suitability of the Site.

Dr. Aughney had approved of the Site from the Public Health point of view but had taken certain objections to the lay-out. This had led to delay but after consultation with the Deputy Co. Manager he (Town Clerk) had decided to forward the Map and report to the Department and to leave the question of Lay-out to be decided by the Planning Officers.

C. P. O. CORRY'S TERRACE.

As regards Corry's Terrace the Town Clerk intimated that the Compulsory Purchase Order only became operative this day and that a commencement would be made during the week on trial holes for the development of the Site.

In this connection reference was made to the danger of skilled tradesmen leaving the Town if they thought there was any danger of a break in the continuity of their employment and as well reference was made to the fact that if these Schemes were started work could be given to unskilled workers.

SCAVENGING.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that the number of Street Sweepers should be increased. Councillor Morris however, proposed that the matter be referred to a Committee for complete examination and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded. On a show of hands Six voted for Councillor Morris's amendment and four against and Councillor Morris's motion was declared carried. The County Manager was asked to obtain complete details, from the Borough Surveyor as to the present scavenging system. In this connection reference was

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made to grass growing in the Streets and it was decided to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this matter attended to.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of Gibson St. which had recently been tarred, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to have this covered so that tar would not be carried into people's houses.

It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report at the next meeting^{at} which he was to be in attendance) on the cost of resurfacing Patrick's Square, and the attention of the County Engineer was to be called to the fact that grass was growing on Trinity St.

A letter from the Trades Council re employment of apprentices on Housing Schemes was considered satisfactory.

With reference to a discussion at a previous meeting when complaint was made regarding an Article in the Sunday Chronicle about rats in The Town, which was referred to the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. O'Connor replied as follows:-

We are obliged to you for your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing copy of the Sunday Chronicle which we have read and which we return. We are very interested to read that the Sunday Chronicle Reporter has seen rats the size of cats in Wexford. We do not think there is anything actionable in this report.

The only advice that we can give is that anyone who sees rats the size of cats in this town should at once rush to take the pledge. With reference to minutes of last meeting when Councillor Sinnott referred to the necessity for the provision of an ornamental cover for graves at St. Ibar's Cemetery Councillor Sinnott now proposed that this be provided. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit a design.

Progress reports on the erection of 72 houses at Slippery Green and Completion of houses at Distillery Road were submitted and considered satisfactory.

A suggestion that draining racks should be provided for these houses at a cost of 30/- each was proposed by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Sinnott, but a decision was deferred to the next

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meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The next business was to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland on the 27th 28th and 29th September. Councillor Sinnott proposed that the delegates who attended last year be reappointed, namely Alderman Hadden and Councillor Gaul.

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Councillor Bierney seconded. Councillor Howlin, however proposed that Councillor Byrne be one of the delegates, Councillor Morris seconded.

Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Morris be one of the delegates and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded. and on a Poll being taken there voted for Alderman Hadden:-

Councillors Sinnott, Bierney, Gaul, Alderman Hadden and Corish....(5).

For Councillor Gaul: Councillors Sinnott, Bierney, Gaul, Alderman Hadden.....(5).

For Councillor Morris:-

Councillors. O'Flaherty, Howlin, Byrne, Morris and the Mayor. (5).

For Councillor Byrne:-

Councillor : O'Flaherty, Howlin, Byrne, Morris and the Mayor (5).

It was seen that the four candidates had each obtained five votes and the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of Councillors Morris and Byrne who were declared appointed.

Suggested motions by Alderman Hadden for the consideration of the Conference were adjourned to the General Purposes Committee Meeting to enable them to be put into proper form for discussion. A lengthy discussion took place on the present serious position of the water supply to the Town when a complete report was given on the position and steps taken to conserve the supply. The question of the use of the John St. water was referred to and it was pointed out that it was proposed to chlorinate the John St. Reservoir and connect it with the Town Supply to a limited area.

Councillor Morris, however, proposed that the cock in John St. should be connected and this put with favour amongst the members.

As regards a further restriction in the hours of supply the Meeting was informed that it was proposed to reduce it to eight hours per

day, namely 7-9a.m. 9-11 a.m. and 5-7p.m. and after some discussion on these suggested hours it was decided that they be given a trial. Arising out of a discussion on the failure of the hydrostats at Edenvale it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish to request the Consulting Engineer to meet the Corporation on the 18th instant to consider the position.

Councillor Sinnott asked that these at which was removed at William St. when widening the corner there should be replaced. Councillor Sinnott also referred to a report which had been circulated in the Town, that he failed to attend the High Mass on the 29th June owing to his defeat but to the fact that both himself and Councillor O'Flaherty had to work on that day. Councillor Byrne requested the Mayor to consult with the school managers to have them closed during the present fine weather for summer holidays. Councillor O'Flaherty proposed that the report made by Major Comerford on his recent inspection of the Fire Brigade should be circulated to the members. The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland