

18th July, 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 Thos. Buckland (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Dr. G. Hadden, and Nicholas Corish.

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

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. Maconchy, Consulting Engineer for the Waterworks; the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott and supported by all the members and officials the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to the relatives of the late Dr. Douglas Hyde.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Gaul, and supported by all the members a resolution of sympathy was adopted with the relatives of the late Mrs. Walsh (widow of a former Alderman).

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne and supported by all the members, sympathy was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Power.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

Mr. Maconchy was in attendance in connection with the serious position of the water supply owing to the failure of the hydrostats at Edenvale, and reviewed the entire Scheme.

The Scheme was designed in 1937/38 to provide for a storage of 36,000,000 gallons above the filter level of 15 feet, and with pumping from Edenvale of 374,000 gallons per day together with an average flow from the catchment area of 70/75,000 gallons per day. This was considered sufficient for 165/170 days at a full supply of 50 gallons per head.

The four pumps were designed and manufactured by one of the best firms in the world but were installed during an emergency. They gave entire satisfaction for some years but in May of 1948 trouble began to develop and every effort was made to have a fitter sent from the Manufacturers to carry out an overhaul, but it was only now that it was possible to procure the services of such a man.

This man would now make a complete overhaul of the four pumps and he (Consulting Engineer) suggested that an arrangement should be made with Glenfield Kennedy for an inspection by a competent person every six months who would be in a position to advise if any major overhaul was necessary.

Councillor Sinnott complained that the present precarious position was due to laxity and a lot of the trouble could have been avoided if serious notice had been taken of the Caretaker's weekly reports, but it was only at the 11th hour that the Corporation were made aware of the seriousness of the position.

Councillor O'Flaherty retired from the meeting at this stage.

Councillor Byrne complained that no instructions were issued to the Caretaker regarding the operation of the pumps.

Councillor Howlin expressed the opinion that the installation of Hydrostats of this type was ridiculous as apparently no one was in a position to carry out repairs or adjustments except a member of the Manufacturers' staff. He also complained that the staff on water inspection was intermittent.

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Suggestions were also made that some person with mechanical knowledge should be at Edenvale while the pumps were being dismantled and re-assembled so that he would be in a position to carry out running repairs and generally maintain the pumps in a satisfactory manner.

The Deputy County Manager intimated that arrangements had already been made for the Borough Surveyor to be in constant attendance at Edenvale. Arrangements had also been made for the attendance of the County Council Machinery Overseer and for the Corporation Plumber to be in attendance on the fitter.

A further suggestion was made that a fitter from an Engineering Works should be engaged to see the mechanism of the pumps so that he would be in a position to advise at any time on their maintenance.

The Deputy County Manager also informed the Corporation that as a result of the present position a further restriction would operate as from the 20th instant when the hours of supply would only be 7-9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. He stressed the need for economy and intimated that unless the present too high consumption was related to the inflow a further curtailment would be inevitable.

As regards the new restrictions the Town Clerk was asked to have a notice put on the screen in the local Cinemas and at Street junctions in addition to notifying individual houses.

Councillor Morris retired at this stage.

As regards the John Street supply the Deputy County Manager stated that public taps would be provided from this supply.

PAINTERS

A deputation consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Painters' Union attended and complained that they had been dismissed from the Housing Scheme for lack of work while in their opinion there was ample, and after the matter had been discussed at length it was agreed that the deputation should meet the Deputy County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk on the following morning.

HOUSING

Arising out of a discussion on Housing the Town Clerk was asked to phone the Department for immediate sanction to Browne's field.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was decided to erect a house on the Waterloo Road site similar to the one erected at St. Brendan's Road and William Street.

Councillor Sinnott asked the Borough Surveyor to produce at next meeting a statement of the cost of reconstructing the Abbey Street houses.

TENDERS FOR BRICKS.

Two tenders were received for the supply of bricks for the construction of houses at Distillery Road from McCormack & Hegarty at £13. 10. 0. per 1000 and from the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd. at £16. 10. 0. per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Councillor Gaul asked the Town Clerk to examine the position regarding the lighting of Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterook View.

Ald. Corish asked the position re the erection of Public Lavatory and was informed that it would be advertised for tender this week-end.

Ald. Corish asked the Borough Surveyor to repair the footpath outside Sullivan's, St. John's Road.

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Ald. Corish referred to the sewerage at Roserock and the Borough Surveyor intimated he intended to commence this work during the week.

Ald. Corish also asked that the hackney work of the Corporation be divided amongst the various hackney drivers in the Town.

In reply to Ald. Hadden the Town Clerk intimated that the map and report on derelict sites would be available at next meeting.

TENDER FOR REINFORCEMENT

Only one tender was received from MacNaughtons Twistee, Dublin, for reinforcement for Distillery Road house at £144. 3. 0.

The meeting then terminated.

John Buckland

25th July, 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.

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

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

WATER SUPPLY

Councillor Gaul referred to the restrictions on the hours which water was available and asked to have the supply made available for one hour between 5-30 and 6-30 p.m. but in view of the present level of the Reservoir this was not considered practicable at the moment.

As regards the suggestion at a previous meeting that Mr. Cashe (of Messrs. Pye & Cashe) should be asked to see the pumps at Edenvale dismantled and reassembled with a view to acting in a consultative capacity in the event of a future breakdown, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had had Mr. Cash at Edenvale, but in his (Mr. Cashe's) opinion he would not be of any service to the Corporation. He (Borough Surveyor) was in attendance at Edenvale, daily, and was taking notes of the dismantling and reassembling of the pumps.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING.

A motion by Ald. Corish that the number of scavengers be increased was next discussed on reference from the Corporation, and the Alderman moved that the number of Street Scavengers be increased by one.

In moving his motion the Alderman stated that certain areas of the Town were not receiving the service to which they were entitled - the streets being only swept once each week and also referred to the condition of the street gullies which he stated were not receiving proper attention. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion.

Councillor Byrne, however, moved as an amendment that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to adjust his report on the areas cleansed by each scavenger so as to include new streets and that such amended report be circulated amongst the members for future discussion. Councillor Morris seconded the amendment which was carried by six votes for to three against.

REPAIR TO HOUSES AT ABBEY STREET.

With reference to the acquisition and repair of 11 houses at Abbey St. and Cornmarket the Borough Surveyor stated, in reply to Councillor Sinnott, that he was satisfied that he could carry out repairs inside his Estimate and that he would complete the work in another couple of months.

REPAIRS TO STREETS.

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Borough Surveyor intimated

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that the cost of repairing Patrick's Square amounted to approximately £50. but the Surveyor was instructed to prepare details of the cost on a time and materials basis on each of the streets repaired by him recently for submission to the General Purposes Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

With reference to public lighting of White Rock View and Wolfe Tone Villas it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne to pay the cost of extending the E.S.B. net work as demanded by that Board.

DERELICT SITES.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Rose Rock sewerage Scheme had been commenced. A report and Maps from the Borough Surveyor on Derelict Sites in the Town was submitted but it was unanimously decided to fix a special night for full consideration of this matter.

HORSE RIVER.

Councillor Morris referred to the condition of the Horse River and the Borough Surveyor intimated that proposals had been submitted to the Department to deal with this under the Public Works Act.

LETTING OF HHOUSES.

Councillor Sinnott intimated that he had heard complaints recently that it had been stated that certain members of the Corporation had voted against people for some of the new houses and he wished to make it perfectly clear that no vote had been taken by the Corporation on the allocation of the houses which was entirely a matter for the County Manager who out of courtesy to the Corporation had intimated to them before hand to whom he proposed to allocate the houses.

SWIMMING POOL.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of a swimming pool and it was decided, on the suggestion of Alderman Hadden to put this question down for study at the next Statutory meeting.

The meeting than terminated.

Jos Buckland

8th August, 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).

Alderman Corish and Hadden:

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

At the outset the Mayor introduced to the members of the Corporation Mr. Cahir Healy, M.P. for Northern Ireland and the Very Rev. Canon Coyle, Fermanagh who were distinguished visitors in Wexford and interested particularly in the Housing situation in this area.

DISCUSSION ON MINUTES ADJOURNED

He (Mayor) suggested that the Corporation should adjourn, until next meeting, discussion on the Minutes and this was unanimously agreed to.

WELCOME TO VISITORS.

The Mayor then extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Healy and the Canon which was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by Councillor Sinnott, on behalf of the Irish Labour Party; Councillor Morris on behalf of Fianna Fail Party and Alderman Corish, Councillors Gaul, Bierney and Cullimore.

Councillor O'Flaherty and the County Manager (speaking in Irish) also joined in the welcome to Mr. Healy and Canon Coyle.

Mr. Healy replied in Irish and English and thanked the Mayor and Corporation for their welcome to Canon Coyle and himself and dealt at length with the problem of partition in Ireland. Canon Coyle also spoke on the moral aspect of partition and the Mayor returned thanks to both gentlemen for their eloquent addresses.

DANCE TAX

A letter was read from the Minister for Finance regretting he could not accede to the request of the Corporation to abolish the tax on dances. Councillor Byrne proposed that the matter be referred back to the Minister for further consideration. Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillor Sinnott and the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

VACANT SEAT ON CORPORATION.

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Roche on 11th June, last. The Mayor proposed that Mr. James Morris of Davitt Road, North be co-opted to fill the vacant seat. Alderman Hadden seconded. This proposal was supported by Councillors

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O'Flaherty, Morris and Byrne.

Alderman Corish, however, proposed the co-option of Mr. John Howlin, King St. to fill the vacant seat. This was seconded by Councillor Gaul and supported by Councillors Sinnott and Bierney. On a Poll being taken there voted for Mr. Morris:-

Councillors Byrne, Cullimore, O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris, Alderman Hadden and His Worship, The Mayor.....(6).

For Mr. Howlin:-

Councillors Gaul, Bierney, Sinnott and Alderman Corish.

Councillor Morris was accordingly declared elected.

TENDERS FOR STEEL.

Two tenders were received for the supply of mild steel for the Waterloo Road Housing Scheme. They were from the Wexford Timber Co. who quoted £67. 9. 9. and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty who quoted £76. 1. 7d.

TENDERS FOR WIRING.

Tenders were also received for the proposed wiring of Corporation houses. These were from Mr. J. Levingston who quoted 7/6d. for the provision of fuses; 15/- for each heating point and 19/6d. for each lighting point. Mr. Willis who quoted 9/6d. for the fuse unit and 19/6d. each for lighting or heating points and Mr. Thos. Quigley who quoted 6/6d. for each fuse unit and 17/6d. for each heating or lighting point.

In the case of both tenders it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to accept the lowest in each case.

SECOND PUBLIC LAVATORY.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that a second public lavatory be erected on one of the vacant Sites acquired by the Corporation under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 at Keyser's Lane. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and supported by Councillor Gaul, but Councillor Byrne, whilst supporting the idea of a second public lavatory moved as an amendment that the lavatory should be erected at Mann's Lane, South Main St. Councillor Morris seconded the amendment.

The Amendment was supported by Councillors O'Flaherty and Alderman Hadden.

The Mayor, however, while favouring Mann's Lane as a Site suggested an adjournment until tenders were received for the erection of a public lavatory at Selskar and as well having regard to the fact that a memorial had been received some time ago from the residents of the South Main St. against the proposed erection of a lavatory at Mann's Lane he (Mayor) thought the residents should be given an opportunity of intimating their views on the proposal of the Corporation before a final decision was taken.

The matter was however, forced to a division when there voted for the amendment Councillors: Byrne, Cullimore, O'Flaherty, Morris, Alderman Hadden and the Mayor.

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Against the Amendment:-

Councillors: Gaul, Bierney, Sinnott and Alderman Corish: (3)

The amendment was accordingly declared carried and on being put to the meeting as a substantative motion was declared carried by the same voting.

Councillor Byrne then moved that steps be taken to acquire the Mann's Lane Site which was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed to. In reply to a query by His Worship, The Mayor, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Corporation Solicitor under date of the 18th ultimo, intimating that he did not see what Statutory Authority the Corporation had to take over and maintain two public lavatories on the Quays, the property of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners which had recently been closed by that Body. In this connection the Mayor suggested that the Corporation should try and get agreement with the Harbour Commissioners on this matter with the consent of the Department of Local Government and Alderman Hadden proposed that the County Manager be asked to investigate the possibility of taking over these lavatories with the consent of the Department. This proposition was seconded by the Mayor and agreed to.

SWIMMING POOL.

The question of the provision of a swimming pool for the Town was adjourned to the General Purposes' Committee on the 22nd inst.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

A letter was read from the Adoption Society of Ireland asking the Corporation to call on the Minister for Justice to pass the necessary legislation to make the adoption of children legal and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor that the Minister for Justice be asked to give consideration to this question.

OLD AGE PENSION CLAIMS.

Arising out of the Old Age Pension Claims before the meeting Councillor Morris gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting a resolution calling for the abolition of the means test in connection with Old Age Pensions.

ROAD SIGN TO NEW ROSS.

Councillor Byrne asked that the County Engineer be requested to provide a road sign at the junction of Wygram Place/Hill St./John St. indicating the road to New Ross and Waterford.

The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland

22nd August, 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 member present being:-

Alderman George Hadden:

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

Mr. James Morris who was selected on the 8th instant in room of Councillor Thomas Roche, resigned, also attended and in the absence of the Mayor and a Chairman having being selected the Town Clerk extended a welcome to the new Councillor, which was supported by the members present and for which Councillor Morris returned thanks, after having signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR

Alderman Hadden then proposed that Councillor James Sinnott take the Chair in the absence of the Mayor. Councillor Bierney seconded.

Councillor Kevin Morris, however, proposed that Councillor Byrne take the Chair. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for Councillor Sinnott:-

Alderman Hadden, Councillors Bierney, Gaul and Sinnott.

For Councillor Byrne:-

Councillors: O'Flaherty, Byrne, Kevin Morris and James Morris.

As both nominees for the Chair had an equal number of votes it was decided by lot and Councillor Sinnott was selected and thereupon took the Chair.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset Councillor Gaul proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Isaac Robinson who was an employee of the Corporation for a number of years. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATION TO IRISH REPRESENTATIVES.

Councillor Byrne proposed a vote of congratulation to the Irish representative at Strasbourg on their efforts to have the question of partition of Ireland brought before the nations of the world.

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by the Chairman and adopted.

SWIMMING POOL

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of a swimming pool was adjourned the County Manager made the following report:-

"Careful preliminary consideration has been given to the possibility of ©: Wexford Borough Council a swimming pool in Wexford Town, which would be conveniently situated and which might be provided at a cost that would not be prohibitive.

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The following possibilities have been considered:-

- (1) The Crescent;
- (2) The present bathing place;
- (3) The suggested Site at Ferrybank South;
- (4) The possible provision of a Site by development of the break water into a promenade from Ferrybank;
- (5) The area near the land end of the present bridge;
- (6) Site at the Boat Club;
- (7) Site between Rowe Street and Mary Street to be served by water from the John Street Reservoir.

The possibilities have been reduced to four, and these four, not in their order of merit, are:

- (1) The Crescent;
- (2) The break water;
- (3) the Boat Club;
- (4) the Mary Street - Rowe Street;

It is proposed that the Corporation consider these possibilities and reduce them, at most, to two. If a Corporation agreement could be obtained in respect of one of the four sites it would be advantageous but, if even two are agreed, it would be possible to get a report from a Specialist at a not unreasonable cost which would help the Corporation in arriving at a final decision. The arguments for and against the four sites now presented have been weighed but I do not intend to put these arguments forward at the present stage, as members of the Corporation will have their own preferences and I would suggest that members now consider the four sites and at a special meeting discuss the merits, and de-merits, of each. At such a meeting it would be possible to have the Corporation's own Engineering and Health Officers from whom advice could be obtained."

Arising out of this report Councillor Gaul proposed the appointment of a small Committee with technical Officers to examine the whole matter.

Councillor Byrne seconded.

On the question of the size of the Committee the Chairman proposed that one member from each Party be appointed and Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded.

Councillor Kevin Morris suggested that the matter be referred to a Committee of the whole Corporation and as this seemed to meet with favour Councillor Gaul withdrew his motion for a small Committee.

Councillor Morris then proposed that the matter be referred to a Committee of the whole Corporation and Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillor Sinnott, however, proposed and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded a motion that the matter be referred to a small Committee. On a show of hands four voted for a Committee of the Corporation and three against.

It was then decided that, in the absence of the Mayor who was

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interested in one of the suggested Sites, the matter be adjourned for his attendance and that he be asked to arrange a date for a meeting, at which the Borough Surveyor and County M. O. H. should be in attendance.

ERECTION OF PUBLIC LAVATORY.

Only one tender was received for the erection of a public lavatory. This was from Mr. P. Tobin, Edermine, Enniscorthy, who quoted £1,770.

The Borough Surveyor submitted an Estimate for £1,250.

It was thought, however, that the Borough Surveyor's Estimate was too low and the Estimate of Mr. Tobin too high and that the building should be erected for around £1,500/1600.

It was eventually decided to refer the entire matter to the County Manager for discussion with the Contractor with a view to asking him to reduce his price.

APPLICATION RE LEASE FOR A PLOT.

An application was received from Mr. J. Cosgrove, St. Ibar's Villas for a lease for a plot of ground at Wygram, on which he proposed to erect a garage, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was unanimously agreed to inform Mr. Cosgrove that the Corporation would be prepared to grant him a lease subject to approval of Plans, etc.

NEW ROAD.

A suggestion by Alderman Hadden that a road be constructed from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road was adjourned for a report from the Borough Surveyor.

DERELICT SITES.

A report, together with a set of Maps of Derelict Sites in the Town Clerk was next considered, but it was decided to adjourn further consideration to enable a copy of the report to be furnished to each member.

PUMP AT WINDMILL'S HILL.

Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the handle being removed from the pump at Windmills Hill by an individual residing in the area, and this matter was referred to the County Manager to take appropriate action.

HOLIDAYS OF EMPLOYEES

The Mayor gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that all Corporation employees be granted two weeks annual leave, the same as operating on the Building Schemes.

The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland

5th September, 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 Thomas Buckland, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes, copies of which had been circulated to the members were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of 4th, 18th and 25th July and minutes of 8th and 22nd August.

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

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Nicholas Byrne (a former member of the Council and an ex-Mayor) and family on the death of his son, Albert. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

DERELICT SITE MANN'S LANE

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne referred to a decision to acquire a derelict Site at Mann's Lane and the Town Clerk pointed out that since the decision of the Corporation a person had made a claim to portion of this Site alleging that it was no longer derelict and this claim was being examined with a view to ascertaining if the Claimant's contention was correct.

PUBLIC LAVATORY

Councillor Gaul referred to the decision regarding the erection of a public lavatory and asked what was the present position. He was informed by the County Manager that in accordance with a direction of the Corporation he had interviewed the proposed Contractor who had agreed to reduce the price quoted to £1700. and if the Corporation decided to erect a second convenience of the same type he would be prepared to consider a further reduction.

The Manager, however, explained that having regard to the scarcity of tradesmen it would not be possible to build a convenience by direct labour without interfering with the Corporation's Housing Programme by withdrawing tradesmen from that work and in the circumstances he had asked the Minister for Local Government if he could be prepared to accept Mr. Tobin's tender at £1700.

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PUMP AT WINDMILLS' HILL.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a previous complaint regarding the condition of the pump at Windmills' Hill and intimated that it was not yet in working order although the Town Clerk stated that he had inspected the pump on the night following the complaint at approximately 9.30 p.m. and saw people obtaining water therefrom. Councillor O'Flaherty, however, intimated that the pump had not been working on the previous night and the Town Clerk then read a letter he had addressed to an individual residing in the area regarding alleged interference with this pump. It was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to have the pump repaired forthwith and if there was any further interference that legal action be taken against the person concerned.

CIRCULATION OF C.M. ORDERS AMONGST MEMBERS

Councillor Byrne complained that the principal Orders made by the County Manager had not been circulated to the members for some time past and it was decided that the headings of the principal Orders for each month should be circulated with the Agenda for each Statutory Meeting.

WATER SUPPLY

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated that he intended to make a special report to the Corporation on the cost of the water emergency but was awaiting until this emergency has passed and final figures would be available. Councillor Sinnott agreed that this would be the better course and the Town Clerk promised to supply the cost of dealing with the emergency when it was over.

RE-CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES AT ABBEY ST.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit an up-to-date report, by next meeting, on the reconstruction of houses at Abbey St.

CARPENTERS IDLE

Councillor Sinnott referred to the continuity of employment on the Corporation's Housing Schemes and stated he understood there were carpenters idle, but the County Manager intimated that the County Council were at present looking, and had advertised, for five carpenters for their Direct Labour Scheme, near the Town.

OVERFLOW FROM JOHN ST. RESERVOIR

Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the condition of the house between No. 66 and No. 70 John St. in which a nuisance was caused by the overflow from the John St. Reservoir, and it was agreed to instruct the Borough Surveyor to examine and report on this complaint.

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DANGEROUS GABLE OF SHOP

Councillor O'Flaherty also complained of the dangerous gable of a shop end at the junction of John St. and Dunne's Lane, and this was also referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

SEWER AT JOHN ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty further complained of the condition of the sewer at Upper John St. and the Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to examine and report thereon.

DERELICT SITE AT JOHN ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty complained of the dangerous condition of a derelict site at John St. and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention under the Towns Improvement Act.

ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT
WHITEROCK VIEW AND WOLFE TONE
VILLAS.

In reply to a query by Councillor Bierney the Town Clerk intimated that an Order had been given to the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of public lights at Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas and he hoped they would be in operation in the near future, and in response to a request by Councillor Bierney, agreed to take up the matter personally with the District Engineer of the E.S.B. with a view to having the light installed without delay.

EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG WATCHMEN

Councillor Byrne complained of the employment of young men as watchmen and asked the County Manager to investigate this matter.

BRAVE ACTION OF CARETAKER OF
BATHING PLACE

The Mayor referred to a recent action by the Caretaker of the bathing place where he had saved a young man's life at the risk of his own and it was unanimously decided to recommend Mr. Whitmore to the Irish Society which had recently been established in this country in lieu of the Royal Humane Society.

The Mayor also referred to the fact that as a result of this work the Caretaker had destroyed his clothes and as there was no means by which the Corporation could compensate him it was decided to leave the bathing place open for a few weeks longer this year and give him extra employment.

FOOTPATH OUTSIDE SULLIVANS'
JOHN'S ROAD

Alderman Corish again referred to the condition of the footpath outside Sullivan's, St. John's Road, and the Borough Surveyor was to be again asked to have repairs carried out.

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Councillor Sinnott referred to a decision of the Corporation

some time ago to provide an ornamental covering for graves at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk stated ~~that~~ that he had written to the Borough Surveyor asking him to make a design for such a cover but so far had not received a reply. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to expedite such a Plan.

LIGHT AT OYSTER LANE

Councillor Sinnott referred to the urgent need for a light in the centre of Oyster Lane and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to have such a light installed.

SURFACE OF ST. JOHN'S RD.

Councillor James Morris referred to the condition of the surface of St. John's Road and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of resurfacing.

ENTERTAINMENTS DUTY ON DANCES

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the Entertainments Duty on Dances the Minister for Finance intimated that this matter would be fully reviewed when taxation generally was considered prior to the preparation of the next budget.

Councillor Byrne complained that this tax was a most unfair one and was not, in the interests of the Government, and suggested that the matter be referred back to the Minister for Finance. This suggestion was supported by Councillor Sinnott, O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris and agreed to.

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MOTION RE OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris proposed that immediate representations be made to the Minister for Social Welfare to abolish the means test for Old Age Pensions. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by Councillor Sinnott, O'Flaherty, Alderman Corish and the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS FOR
EMPLOYEES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott proposed that the arrangement to grant two weeks leave to employees on building works and the permanent employees of the Corporation be extended to all workers whether casual or otherwise in the employment of the Corporation.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by Councillors Kevin Morris, Jas. Morris and the Mayor and was unanimously adopted.

FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES

In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved,

"That the Corporation are of opinion that when filling the positions rendered vacant by the retirement of members of the Public and Domestic Scavenging Staffs that such positions be filled by men who are already members of the Fire Service or by men who are willing to learn fire fighting and become members of that service."

Councillor Morris seconded this motion which gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, during which some members thought that if the Resolution was adopted tradesmen would have to vacate their present positions on the Fire Brigade and the house they occupied as members of the Brigade.

Councillor Byrne suggested the adjournment of the matter for a month, but as the Resolution was merely an expression of opinion by the Corporation it was thought that the discussion which had taken place was sufficient, and the County Manager explained that the entire Fire services of the County were at present under review and a decision on the establishment of a County Fire Brigade would be made by the County Council at their meeting on the 12th inst. If the County Council decided to establish a County Brigade this would have some effect on the organisation of the Town Fire Services, but he assured the Corporation that he thoroughly understood their views on the motion which had just been discussed and would bear them in mind if and when alterations were being made.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the Conference between the Corporation and County Council for the purpose of agreement on the extension of the Borough Boundary should be held immediately.

In moving this motion Councillor O'Flaherty asked the Corporation delegates to bear in mind the need for an extension of the Boundary to the north end of the Town. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

EXPENDITURE FOR QUARTER ENDED
30TH JUNE.

The Town Clerk reported on the expenditure of the Corporation under the four main headings of the Estimate for the Quarter ended 30th June, and the Mayor asked him to be so good as to submit a report as soon as possible on the expenditure under the minor headings of the Estimate such as repairs to houses, maintenance of roads, etc. as soon as possible.

STREET REPAIRS

Councillor Sinnott asked to have the Borough Surveyor's report on the cost of repairs to certain streets submitted to the General Purposes Committee and Alderman Corish intimated that he would ask the cost of repairs to Browne's Hill.

TENDERS

Tenders for the supply of materials for seven houses at Distillery Road were opened and intimated by the Mayor. They were from the following:-

Norman McNaughton & Sons., Ltd., Dublin.

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Messrs. T. & C. Martin, Ltd., Dublin.
Messrs. Vitreflex Ltd., Llanelli, S. Wales.
Messrs. Graves & Co., Ltd., Waterford.
Messrs. Thomas Dockerell, Sons & Co., Dublin.
Messrs. R. & J. O'Dwyer, Limerick.
Messrs. Brooks Thomas & Co., Dublin.
Messrs. C. P. Glorney, Ltd., Dublin.
Messrs. Robert Scott & Co., Ltd., Cork.
Messrs. McFerran & Guilford, Dublin.
Messrs. Baxendale & Co., Dublin.
The Wexford Timber Co., Wexford.

As it was impossible for the meeting to understand the prices quoted by each person for the different articles on the Schedule of some 20 pages the tenders were referred to the Housing Engineer for examination and the County Manager to accept the lowest tender, but it was further decided that an analysis of the tenders should be submitted to the Corporation as soon as possible.

A tender was also submitted from the Federated Engineers Ltd. for the supply of "Corax" fencing for the houses at Slippery Green together with a report from the Housing Engineer to the effect that the price quoted was approximately 9d. per yard over the sum included as "P.C." sum in the Bill of Quantities. This tender was also referred to the County Manager to deal with.

HOUSING REPORT

The Town Clerk read, for the information of the members a copy of the Housing Progress report submitted to the Minister for Local Government for the two weeks to 31st ultimo.

NAMING OF HOUSES

Regarding the question of naming the balance of the 88 houses at Slippery Green it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris that the name "Croin Naoimh Maodhoig" be extended to cover the entire Scheme, and that the Officials arrange for any necessary change to be made in the house numbers.

The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buchlong

12th September, 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 Thomas Buckland (in the chair).

Alderman Nicholas Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors Kevin Morris, John O'Flaherty, James Morris, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Patrick Bierney, James Gaul.

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

"DIRTY MONEY"

Councillor Byrne referred to the men employed on the concreting of the Horse River and asked why they had not been paid the extra rate per hour "dirty" money which had always been paid to men working on sewerage. In reply the Town Clerk intimated that if this matter had been brought to his attention by any of the men it would have been paid, and he would give instructions to have it paid forthwith.

"MANHOLE COVERS"

The following tenders were received for the supply of manhole covers, Everite pipes, etc. for the Waterloo Road Housing Scheme:-

Turners Asbestos Cement Co., Ltd.,	Manchester.
T. & C. Martin, Ltd.,	Dublin.
R. & J. O'Dwyer,	Limerick.
Glenfield Kennedy, Ltd.,	Kilmarnock.
Tonge & Taggart, Ltd.,	Dublin.
Brooks Thomas & Co., Ltd.,	Dublin.
McFerran & Guilford, Ltd.,	Dublin.
Monsell Mitchell & Co., Ltd.,	Dublin.
The Wexford Timber Co., Ltd.,	Wexford.
C. P. Glorney, Ltd.,	Dublin.

It was unanimously decided to refer the tenders to the County Manager for a decision and an analysis of the tenders received was to be laid on the table for the information of the members as soon as possible.

PROPOSED PUBLIC LAVATORY

With reference to a discussion at last meeting on the subject of the price of the proposed public lavatory at Selskar St. the Town Clerk intimated that by direction of the County Manager he had asked the Minister for Local Government if he would be prepared to accept Mr. Tobin's tender at £1700. He further stated that he had been in telephonic communication this morning with the Department and their position was that they could give no decision until the Local Authority had decided on the acceptance of a Tender and after some discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris to recommend the County Manager to have a further conversation with the Contractor, and the Borough Surveyor

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with a view to having the price again reduced but that he be authorised to accept any price subject to a maximum of £1700. for the provision of this convenience, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was agreed to make the necessary financial provision for the erection of this convenience.

Arising out of this matter and the suggested provision of a second public convenience at Mann's Lane the Town Clerk reported that he had discussed this matter with the Borough Surveyor who was of opinion that the Site suggested was not large enough to enable a convenience similar to the one proposed at Selskar to be erected, and as well he read a report from the County Medical Officer of Health, under date of the 23rd December, 1947, in which she stated that this site was considered unsuitable for the purpose. On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to defer consideration of this matter to enable the Chief Medical Officer to be asked to furnish her reasons for rejecting this Site.

REPAIRS TO STREETS

The following report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the cost of repairing certain streets in the Borough :-

Emmet Place.....	£32.10.0.
Cornmarket/Back St. Corner.....	£23. 0.0.
Foundary Lane.....	£45.10.0.
Patrick Square.....	£50. 0.00
Allen St.....	£27.10.0.
Keyser's Lane.....	£16.15.0.
Mary's Lane.....	£12. 0.0.
Brien's Hill.....	£372. 0.0.

A lengthy discussion took place on this report, during which, Councillor Sinnott held that repairs to Patrick's Square were a pure waste as it carried no traffic and that the money expended on Patrick's Square could have been put to better use by more satisfactory work on Keyser's Lane which carried a considerable amount of traffic to and from the Churches.

The Mayor agreed with Councillor Sinnott on this point but eventually the report was adopted.

RE-SURFACING OF ST. JOHN'S RD.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that it would cost £250. to resurface St. John's Road, but as no money was available for this work it was decided that the pot holes should be filled.

ORNAMENTAL COVERS

A report was also read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the provision of covers for St. Ibar's Cemetery at approximately £5., and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty that this should be provided.

PUMP AT WINDMILLS HILL

A further report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of the pump at Windmills Hill was read, and on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to obtain immediate quotations for the necessary parts for repair and the County Manager was authorised to deal with the matter without delay.

WATER SUPPLY

A report was read on the position of the water supply which showed the situation to be very serious and the meeting was informed that it might be necessary to make a further curtailment in the hours of supply.

It was seen that nothing could be done except to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the old wells and springs in the Town opened and cleaned in the event of an emergency.

WALL AT DUNNE'S LANE

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of a gable wall at Dunne's Lane off John St. which stated it did not appear to be in immediate danger to the occupants of the adjoining house.

He had, however, served notice on the owner drawing his attention to the condition of this gable and now drew attention to the condition of the house of Daniel Morris adjoining it which he considered to be unfit for human habitation.

OVERFLOW FROM JOHN ST. RESERVOIR

A report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the overflow from John St. Reservoir was submitted and after discussion, it was decided to have a Scheme prepared under the Public Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

DERELICT SITE AT JOHN ST.

No action was taken on a report from the Borough Surveyor regarding a Derelict Site at John St. pending consideration of the comprehensive report on Derelict Sites in the Town.

REPAIRS TO ABBEY ST. HOUSES

The Borough Surveyor also reported on the cost of repairs to acquired houses at Abbey St. and informed the meeting that he was living fully within his Estimate.

DEVELOPMENT OF ST. JOHN'S RD. AREA.

A preliminary report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor on the proposed development of the St. John's Road Area, but discussion was adjourned to give the Borough Surveyor an opportunity of completing his Survey. The Borough Surveyor was also asked to submit an Estimate for making the house at the Corner of Abbey St. and Cornmarket, formerly occupied by Connors fit for human habitation. SWIMMING POOL

The next business was to consider the question of the provision of a swimming pool, but the members considered that the hour was too late to enter into this matter and it was decided to hold a special meeting on 19th inst. at which the Chief Medical Officer & Borough Surveyor should be in attendance, and if time permitted at that meeting to consider the report (already furnished to the members) on Derelict Sites in the Town. The meeting then terminated.

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19th September, 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 Thomas Buckland, (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, Sean O'Flaherty, James Morris, James Sinnott.

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

The meeting had been specially convened to consider the provision of a swimming pool for the Town. Three Sites had been suggested at a previous meeting in a report by the County Manager and these were:-

The Crescent Quay:

The Boat Club: and

Mary St.

At the outset Alderman Hadden suggested that these three be taken as a basis for a general discussion.

At the beginning Councillor Byrne suggested that the Mary St. Site was a most suitable one, with which suggestion Councillor O'Flaherty agreed and His Worship, The Mayor, intimated that if the Mary St. Site was agreed to, it could be used as a fresh water pool serviced from the John St. Reservoir,

Councillor Gaul opposed the use of the Mary St. Site for this purpose and thought it would be an ideal site for the provision of houses for old people or young married couples having regard to its proximity to the Churches.

Councillor Sinnott also strongly opposed the Mary St. Site as did Alderman Corish.

On the question of costs various figures were suggested by members varying from at least £50,000. to £75,000. and Alderman Hadden intimated he would not favour this Site on the ground of cost.

Councillor James Morris strongly favoured the Crescent Site and thought Mary St. unsuitable on the ground of size and the Boat Club was too far north of the Town.

Other members suggested that whilst the provision of a swimming pool would be ideal the question of costs should be very seriously considered in view of the Corporation's commitments for the provision of houses and that the whole

project should be adjourned until the Housing problem had been satisfactorily disposed of.

After a very lengthy discussion Councillor Byrne suggested that the matter be adjourned for the examination of the three Sites by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Borough Engineer and County Manager as to their suitability from both the public health and engineering points of view.

The County Manager also advised that the matter be referred to the Officers to report for and against each Site and if the proposal could be confined to one Site it would then be possible to bring in an expert to advise on the suitability for a moderate Fee.

Councillor Gaul, however, proposed that the entire matter be deferred until the Housing needs of the Borough were satisfied and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

Alderman Hadden moved, however, as an amendment the suggestion made by Councillor Byrne and the County Manager, that the matter be deferred for a report from the Officials on the three Sites and Councillor Byrne seconded.

On a Poll being taken seven voted for the amendment and two for the motion.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DERELICT SITES

The question of consideration of a report on Derelict Sites was adjourned to another meeting and Councillor O'Flaherty suggested that this matter should receive at least one night for consideration.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE

It was also agreed to hold a meeting of the Corporation as an Old Age Pensions Committee on 3rd prox. at 7.30.p.m.

The meeting terminated.

Thos Buckland

3rd October, 1949.

A Quarterly 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, Councillor Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Alderman: N.P. Corish and George Hadden.

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

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor referred in sympathetic terms to the loss the Clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Southwark had sustained through the death of their Archbishop, Dr. Amigo and recalled the friendship he had always shown for Ireland and the Irish people and in particular his action in having the remains of the late Terence McSweeney, then Lord Mayor of Cork, who died on hunger strike in Brixton Prison in 1920, removed to his Cathedral when he arranged his lying-in-state and subsequent obsequies against the then expressed wishes of the British Government.

The Mayor's remarks were supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and the following Resolution: adopted in respectful silence:-

Proposed by His Worship, The Mayor:

Seconded by Councillor James Sinnott; and

Resolved:- "That on our own behalf and on behalf of the citizens of Wexford, we place on record our sincere sympathy with the Clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Southwark on the death of their beloved Archbishop Amigo, a true and faithful friend of Ireland and the Irish people."

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The meeting first met as an Old Age Pensions Committee and a record of the decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

MINUTES

The following minutes, copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting were submitted for ratification and signature, and having been taken as read, were approved and signed by the Mayor:-

Minutes of Corporation on 5th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on 12th and 19th ultimo.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS

A letter was read from Mr. Nicholas Byrne, Clifton, acknowledging receipt of Resolution of sympathy passed with him on the death of his son.

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A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of a request of the Corporation calling for the abolition of the means test for Old Age Pensions.

A letter was read from the Department of External Affairs acknowledging receipt of a Resolution of the Corporation congratulating the Irish Delegation at Strasbourg on their efforts to have the partition of Ireland abolished.

PUBLIC LAVATORY

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Byrne asked what was the position regarding the provision of a public lavatory, and the Town Clerk intimated that the matter had been referred to the Borough Surveyor to interview the Contractor with a view to having the price reduced but up to the present he had not received the Borough Surveyor's report.

It was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to have this report available for the General Purposes Meeting on the 10th instant.

PUBLIC LIGHTS

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Bierney referred to the lighting of Whiterock View and Councillor Sinnott referred to the proposed light at Oyster Lane, and the Town Clerk intimated that an Order had been given to the Electricity Supply Board on the 5th September for the lighting of Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas, and on the 19th September for the erection of a public light in Oyster Lane. The Town Clerk was asked to try and expedite the provision of these lights.

POT HOLES AT ST. JOHN'S RD.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that instructions had been given to the Borough Surveyor to repair pot holes at St. John's Road, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite this work.

SUPPLY OF WATER

In reply to a query by Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated that the supply of water in the Reservoir was negligible and as regards the closing of schools this matter was under consideration by the Chief Medical Officer, who alone had the power to do so. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided that application should be made to the Minister for Local Government immediately for a Grant to enable the Reservoir to be cleansed and deepened while it was empty.

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Arising out of the minutes Councillor Morris asked

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with
the Town Clerk to again communicate/the Department
of Finance regarding the operation of the Dance Tax
on Dances in small Urban Areas where dances were/had
being held for commercial purposes.

JOHN ST./ST. JOHN'S RD.
CORNER

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish
moved:-

"That having regard to the condition of the house
in John St. occupied by John Lawlor, this Corporation
is of the opinion that suitable alternative accommodation
be provided for the tenant, and that his present dwelling
be demolished and a much needed widening of the corner
John St./St. John's Rd. be carried out."

Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was
supported by Councillor James Morris.

Councillors Byrne, O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris,
however, while supporting the portion of the Resolution
dealing with the widening of the corner were opposed
to the demolition of any house at this time until the
Housing needs of the Borough were satisfied.

Alderman Madden suggested that the matter should be
deferred for reports from the Officials.

The Mayor pointed out that this Resolution involved
three points, namely:-

- (1) The provision of alternative accommodation;
- (2) Demolition of present dwelling;
- (2) Widening of corner;

and suggested that the matter be referred to the
County Manager for reports on the above three points
together with estimates of the cost involved.

Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that the Mayor's
suggestion be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor
Morris and agreed to.

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION.
GROUND RENTS

"That we, the Corporation of Sligo, view with very
grave concern the Government's delay in introducing
legislation for the purpose of purchasing for the
tenants at a reasonable figure the title to Ground
Rents the payment of which is at present being made
to persons residing outside Eire and whose predecessors
surreptitiously acquired those properties. We consider
that this system whereby Irish people are obliged to
pay Ground Rent to British Landlords for the ground
upon which their houses are built is not compatible
with our National Outlook and that it is the vestige
of Landlordism as our forefathers knew it and that
this system should be abolished forthwith and the
properties vested in its rightful owners:- the Irish
people who are subjected at present to the rack-rents
imposed upon them.

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It is also decided by the Corporation of Sligo that copies of this resolution be sent to an Taoiseach and the Minister for External Affairs, our Dail representatives, and all other Councils throughout Eire for their adoption and that they also be requested to enlist the active support of their Dail representatives in this matter."

Councillor Byrne, in proposing the adoption of this Resolution, intimated that it had been discussed at the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities last week.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the adoption which was supported by Councillors O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

The Mayor, however, opposed the discriminatory clause in the Resolution and proposed as an amendment that the Government be requested to enact legislation to facilitate the purchase of ground rents and Alderman Hadden seconded. On a Vote being taken, two voted for the Amendment and eight against, and the original motion was declared carried by the same voting.

Arising out of this Resolution Councillor Byrne stated that Councillor Kevin Morris and himself, as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities in Dunlaoghaire, had attended all sessions and taken part in all the debates initiated there and Councillor Morris intimated that Councillor Byrne had been elected a member of the Executive Council.

BRIDGE ORDER

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Preliminary report by the Wexford County Manager on the application for a Bridge Order for Wexford Bridge. This application consisted of 122 pages and Councillor Morris suggested that it should be circulated among the members, but the Town Clerk intimated that it would be impossible to have this work done and said he would ask if the County Secretary had spare copies to circulate amongst the members.

Arising out of this Alderman Corish intimated that he had noticed the County Council had recently shortened the distance between each of the barriers on the New Bridge which action was obviously to slow up the traffic and thought that the people of Wexford were entitled to a definite statement as to whether or not the present Bridge was safe for traffic. The Town Clerk intimated he would put this point before the County Engineer.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Mayor referred to the Tercentenary Celebrations to be held on the 9th to commemorate the Cromwellian massacre in Wexford in 1649 and suggested that apart from the religious ceremonies a Civic Commemoration should be held on Tuesday, 11th instant which was the actual date of the massacre. Alderman Hadden strenuously opposed this suggestion on the grounds that the citizens of Wexford did not come out of this unfortunate period in any glorious light. He said that the Town should and could have been held in this period against the Cromwellian Forces and said he thought the only people who came out of this period with flying colours were the Franciscans at the time.

Alderman Corish, Councillors O'Flaherty, Byrne and Sinnott, strongly supported the Mayor's suggestion and it was then decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday night, the 5th instant to make arrangements for a Civic Commemoration.

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GARDEN AT ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE.

Councillors Byrne and Morris referred to the need for protection of the garden of the house at St. Magdalen's Terrace occupied by a man named Clancy and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to have this work carried out without further delay.

WIRING OF HOUSES

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that he expected the wiring of the Corporation houses would commence this week.

LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSES

The Town Clerk promised to inform Councillor O'Flaherty, as soon as possible, if Loans should be made available for the owners of private houses to provide sanitary conveniences.

CORNER BACK ST./CORNMARKET

Alderman Hadden referred to the question of the plastering of the gable end of the house at Back St./Cornmarket occupied by Mr. Hamilton and asked the Town Clerk to remind the County Manager of his promise to take up this matter personally with Mr. Hamilton.

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Thos Buckland

10th October, 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 Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Alderman George Hadden.

Councillors: James Morris, Thomas Byrne, John O'Flaherty, James Gaul, James Sinnott, Kevin Morris.

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

CONFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF URBAN COUNCILS

At the outset it was stated that the Conference between representatives of the Urban Councils in the County and representatives of the County Council on the subject of proposed extensions of Urban Boundaries was proposed to be resumed on the 17th instant. The Town Clerk stated that His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Sinnott, the Borough Surveyor and himself were the Corporation representatives, but Councillor Sinnott intimated that he did not think it would be possible for him to attend and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Gaul should be substituted as a representative of the Corporation in lieu of Councillor Sinnott. This meeting had been specially convened to deal with a report on Derelict Sites in the Town and Maps of these Sites together with suggestions from the Engineers were submitted to the meeting. A copy of the Engineers suggestions in this connection had been furnished to the members some weeks before the meeting.

At the outset it was suggested that each Derelict Site should be examined seriatim and this was unanimously agreed to.

When the various Sites which the Engineers considered as derelict were examined it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Hadden that the County Manager be asked to investigate the possibilities of acquiring,

- (1) The Site between Seaview Avenue and Fisher's Row.
- (2) A Site at Hill St. adjoining St. Enda's Terrace.
- (3) A Site at Talbot St., and
- (4) A Site at Faythe on which there formerly stood a house occupied by a man named Dolan.

As regards the remainder of the Sites it was thought that these were all too small for acquisition and economic use by a Local Authority and for the present it was considered that no action should be taken thereon.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM DAVITT ROAD SOUTH TO WATERLOO

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The next business was to consider a draft plan for a proposed new road from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo

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together with a suggested Housing Scheme thereon. The Borough Surveyor's Plan showed a road which had been considered by the Corporation a number of years ago, but which now appeared practically impossible owing to the fact that certain property used for business purposes would have to be acquired.

He also showed an alternative and having considered all the circumstances the meeting thought that the Surveyor's alternative was the better of the two and unanimously decided to defer further consideration until the Surveyor was in a position to prepare a Plan of the alternative in a clear form without the original and which should set out the occupiers, owners, etc. of the various lands which it would be necessary to acquire to develop the area in accordance with this Plan.

The meeting then terminated.

Geo Buckland

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 Thomas Buckland) in the Chair.

Alderman Nicholas Corish and George Madden.

Councillors James Sinnott, James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, John O'Flaherty, James Morris, Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

Mr. T. F. McDermot, Acting on behalf of the County Manager and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that the County Manager had asked him to apologise to the Mayor and Corporation for his non attendance at this meeting as he had to attend a function in New Ross at the same time.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and relatives of the late Thomas Walsh, Gravedigger, at St. Ibar's Cemetery. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

TENDERS

The next business was to receive tenders for various materials in connection with the erection of 22 houses at Waterloo Road. The Town Clerk intimated that tenders had been received from 23 different Firms and out of the 23 only 5 had been properly sealed and endorsed showing what they were for. In fact some of the Tenders, the Town Clerk stated, were received in open envelopes. Members took exception to tenders being submitted in this manner and pointed out that it was not fair to the Officials who had to receive these tenders, that they were not properly sealed and endorsed.

The Town Clerk agreed with the views expressed by the members but the Deputy County Manager held the view that it was entirely a matter for the Firms themselves who did not comply with the Regulations and it would be their loss if by any chance information leaked out regarding the price they quoted. After a lengthy discussion, however, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris that in future advertisements or letters inviting tenders or quotations it should be made clear that any person or Firm submitting a tender or quotation not properly sealed and endorsed were liable to have such tender or quotation ruled out of order and disregarded.

On a vote being taken this motion was carried by seven votes for and three against.

Tenders were then examined by His Worship, The Mayor and were found to be from the following:-

McFerran & Guilford, 6-16, Tara St., Dublin.

The Wexford Timber Co., Ltd., Wexford.

Thos. Heiton & Co., Ltd., 28-37, George's Qy., Dublin.

Benburb Iron Works, 3, Willis's Qy., Dublin.

H. M. Moore, 98, Lr. Baggot St., Dublin.

Wm. Firth & Co., Ltd., 5 Park Square, Leeds.

Samuel Morris Ltd., Manor St., Waterford.

C. P. Glorney Ltd., 10/11, Moss St., Dublin.

N. MacNaughton & Sons (Dublin) Ltd., East Rd., Dublin.

J. J. Callan, 55, Lr. O'Connell St., Dublin.

Graves & Co., Ltd., Waterford.

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Smith & Pearson Ltd., Dublin.
T. Dockrell Sons & Co., Ltd., Sth. Gt. George's St., Dublin.
R. & J. O'Dwyer, Gerald Griffin St., Limerick.
Jas. Nagle & Son, Victoria Cross, Cork.
Jas. McMahon Ltd., St. Alphonsus St., Limerick.
W. J. Hickey, Ltd., Maylor St. Cork.
Onslow & Randel, Finglas, Co., Dublin.
The Cork Iron & Hardware Co., Ltd., Nth. Main St. Cork.
Baxendale & Co., Ltd., Capel St. Dublin.
T. Malone Newtown,
Brooks Thomas & Co., Ltd., Dublin.
F. Mullins, Boreenmanna Rd., Cork.

The tenders from the above 23 Firms were thereupon referred to the Housing Engineer for examination and for subsequent action by the County Manager.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Byrne referred to a recent decision that analysis of tenders received should be submitted to the Corporation so that they might know which tender was accepted, but the Town Clerk pointed out that although tenders were received for a considerable variety of articles these were only accepted as and when required and the Orders of the County Manager accepting such Tenders were circulated to the members with the Agenda for each Statutory Meeting so that the members would be fully informed of the accepted tenders.

Further to the discussion on tenders Alderman Corish pointed out that at times the opening of tenders was a matter of extreme urgency and if by any chance a meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee was not held serious delay might be occasioned to their Housing Programme, and proposed that the Regulations governing the receipt of tenders should be amended to provide that in the case of urgency that the Mayor be authorised to open tenders in the presence of either the County Manager or Town Clerk and a report on such emergency conditions made to the next meeting of the Corporation. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to and it was decided to forward it as a Committee recommendation to the next meeting of the Corporation.

LIGHTING.

With reference to a previous decision to provide a light at Oyster Lane the Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Supply Board had intimated that the provision of this lamp would necessitate an extension of switch wire costing £9.12.0., and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that this amount be paid to the Board.

STREET TRADING

Referring to a discussion which took place some months ago with representatives of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding Street Trading the Town Clerk reported that the Mayor, Corporation Solicitor and himself had met representatives of the Chamber of Commerce on the 7th and had fully discussed this matter.

The meeting had decided to ask the Corporation to repeal the Article in their Market Bye-Laws constituting Rowe St., the Main St., from Anne St. to Redmond Monument including the Bullring as a market for live fowls. Such a market had not been held for the past 30 or 40 years and the Conference felt that if the Bye-Law constituting these Streets as a market was repealed it would enable the Garda to institute proceedings against any person infringing the Street Trading Act, 1926.

The Corporation Solicitor intimated, however, that even if this was done the position would not be completely satisfactory as a Street Trader could still function in a market and he thought that

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the monthly Fairs should be restricted to certain Streets.

The members, however, considered that at the moment it would be inadvisable to interfere with the Fairs as they were confined by usage to certain streets in the Town and that if the Bye-Law above referred to was repealed that it would prove a satisfactory solution, to the Street Trading nuisance, and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation, at their next meeting, to take steps to have these Bye-Laws repealed.

PARKING IN STREETS

Reference was made to the question of parking in the streets and the Town Clerk undertook to request the Borough Surveyor to procure Estimates of the Parking Signs which had been agreed on last year between representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Garda Síochána.

Councillor Gaul raised the question of the provision of footpaths to the house at Wolfe Tone Villas and Maudlintown, and asked the Town Clerk to try and expedite sanction.

Councillor Byrne asked the Town Clerk to communicate with the Department of Local Government requesting sanction to the proposals submitted for relief Grant Work during the Coming Winter.

Councillor Sinnott complained that John Byrne, the permanent carter of the Corporation was being employed on Grant work in connection with the surfacing of the Horse River and the members thought that an outside carter should have been employed for this work.

Councillor Byrne asked that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit proposals to the next meeting for the removal of a nuisance at Maudlintown in the garden of the House occupied by John Clancy which was subject to continual trespass.

Councillor Byrne asked that proposals be submitted as soon as possible for the utilisation of the plot of ground in front of St Aidan's Crescent.

Complaint was made regarding the position of the light at O'Connell Avenue and Alderman Hadden suggested that the light be removed to the centre of the Avenue.

A suggestion was also made that the light at the junction of the Faythe and Byrne's Lane should be adjusted so as to throw more light down the laneway.

A further complaint was made that some of the war-time cowlings were still on the lights in the Town. A further complaint was made that the lighting of Farnell St. was insufficient and the Town Clerk intimated that the only solution there, was the provision of a new light in the centre of the Street.

Councillor O'Flaherty questioned the number of men employed on various works and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on this at the next meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place on the employment of men on the development of new Housing Sites and members took exception to the fact that some men were being transferred from one place to another as new jobs were being started and it was decided to ask the County Manager to have Mr. Millar, Housing Engineer, present at the next meeting.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the Minister for Local Government be again requested to allocate Grants for the development of Housing Sites, such Grants to have no effect on the contribution payable from the Transitional Development Fund. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make an immediate report on the houses at Wygram owned by Mr. M. More which had been offered to the Corporation for purchase.

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Alderman Coris has asked that the Borough Surveyor be requested to state when he proposed to have the Town Hall stairs covered.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also to be called to the condition of Petticoat Lane and he was to be instructed to have the Lane cleansed.

Alderman Hadden requested the Town Clerk to ask the County Manager to take steps to have the gable end of Mr. Hamilton's House at Cornmarket plastered.

Councillor Sinnott drew attention to the nuisance on the premises of Mrs. Cullimore's, John's Gate St. due to smoke entering her premises from the house occupied by the Town Sergeant, and the meeting was informed that this matter was at present the subject of examination by the Engineers and the Corporation Solicitor.

A lease and Counterpart of premises at Westgate to Joshua Loftus Nunn, Esq., for a period of 31 years at a rent of £35. per annum was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

For Buckland

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

Councillor Thomas Buckland, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd ult. and General Purposes Committee on 10th, 24th ultimo. Copies of these minutes had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney it was unanimously agreed that the minutes be taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PROVISION OF CONCRETE FOOTPATHS

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Gaul raised the question of the provision of concrete footpaths to certain houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Town Clerk replied that an Inspector from the Department of Local Government had inspected this proposal on the sites during the previous week and he hoped to have a decision from the Minister in the near future. In this case Councillor Gaul intimated he understood that footpaths were being laid to some of these houses in tar macadam and the Town Clerk stated he was not aware of this, but assumed that the Borough Surveyor was merely carrying out temporary repairs to certain very bad footpaths pending the construction of concrete ones.

SMOKE NUISANCE

Councillor Sinnott complained of smoke nuisance on the premises of Mrs. Cullimore, John's Gate St. from the house adjoining occupied by the Town Sergeant and stated that this woman was suffering considerably due to the delay in settling this matter. Councillor O'Flaherty agreed with Councillor Sinnott but the County Manager stated that the matter was at present in the hands of the Lawyers for both sides and he had been advised by the Corporation Engineer that the nuisance was not the responsibility of the Corporation.

Alderman Corish mentioned that his name had been omitted from the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on 10th ultimo.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT JOHN ST.

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that the Borough Surveyor had been asked to submit a report on the costs involved in demolishing a house at the junction of St. John's Road and John St. occupied by John Lawlor and the widening of the corner there.

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In this connection Councillor Byrne again intimated that he was against the demolition of any house at the present time.

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WEXFORD BRIDGE

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a report from the County Engineer on the position of the Wexford Bridge. Mr. Doris had asked him to treat the matter as confidential for the present and in the circumstances it was decided that it should not be read.

WIRING OF HOUSES

Councillor Morris asked if the wiring of the Corporation houses had been held up by a trade dispute and the Town Clerk intimated he had heard nothing about this and understood that the work was proceeding.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Alderman Corish referred to the condition of the lights outside the Imperial Hotel and at Finnegan's of Ram St. and asked the Town Clerk to take up the matter with the Electricity Supply Board.

TOWN HALL STAIRS

In reply to a further query regarding the covering of the Town Hall stairs it was intimated that it was proposed to accept the Tender of Irish Mouldex Ltd. for this work and that it would be carried out during the coming week.

OFFICE AT ENTRANCE TO TOWN HALL

Reference was also made to the proposal to erect an Office at the foot of the Town Hall stairs for the convenience of those using the Hall for dancing, etc. and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite the provision of this convenience.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

Councillor Byrne complained that the summary of the Manager's Orders, recently issued by the Town Clerk, did not contain sufficient details of Tenders received for various works, and the Town Clerk promised to give further details in future copies of the Orders.

TENANTS FOR NEW HOUSES

Councillor Byrne also asked that the members be supplied with the List of Tenants appointed to houses as soon as allocations were made and this was agreed to.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

The question was raised regarding the need for Housing accommodation by O'Leary, Maudlintown and Sutton Talbot St. and it was intimated to the meeting that the application of these two men would be considered as soon as possible.

REPORT FROM RENT COLLECTORS

The Rent Collectors were to be asked for a report on the houses

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in their area which were at present not occupied by the legal tenants.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON HOUSING

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding the employment of men on housing Schemes and stated it was not his intention to seek the dismissal of any man at present employed to make room for another but that where possible new men should be employed so as to relieve unemployment in the Town.

Councillors Sinnott, Byrne and Kevin Morris also stated that they had no intention of seeking the dismissal of any man employed on the Scheme but like Councillor O'Flaherty were anxious that as many men as possible should be employed.

This discussion gave rise to an acrimonious argument between Councillors O'Flaherty, K. Morris and Alderman Corish, the former alleging that the Alderman had stated to employees on the Housing Scheme that the Fianna Fail Party had been endeavouring to have them dismissed and new men taken in their places. Alderman Corish denied this statement and intimated that he had been in bed ill for a full week after the last meeting, a statement which was verified by Councillor Sinnott.

EMPLOYMENT OF CARTER.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the employment of John Byrne, permanent carter, on Relief Grant work and asked the Manager to inquire into this and take appropriate action.

ARRIVAL OF NEW PAPAL NUNCIO

Councillor Sinnott referred to the arrival of the new Papal Nuncio to the Republic of Ireland and it was decided that a Resolution of congratulation should be extended to him from the Corporation. The Mayor thereupon proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by the other members and unanimously adopted:-

" That we the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Council of the Borough of Wexford, on our own behalf and on behalf of the citizens tender to your Excellency our heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Apostolic Nuncio to represent our Holy Father in the Republic of Ireland;

We respectfully welcome you to our native land, whose people have for centuries displayed in no uncertain manner their unswerving loyalty and devotion to the Catholic Faith and the See of Peter;

We trust you may be long spared to represent the Sovereign Pontiff amongst us and beg of you to convey to Him an expression of the loyalty and devotion of His children in Wexford;

And it is our earnest wish that in the not too distant future we may have the honour of extending to your Excellency a welcome to this Town.

GRANTS.

Councillor Sinnott again raised the question of Grants for the development of Housing Sites and the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet had time to send a letter to the Minister for Local Government on this subject.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the following:-

The Bishop of Bella, Vicar Capitular of The Dioceses of Southwark, acknowledging the message of sympathy on the death of Archbishop Amigo.

An acknowledgement was also received from Mrs. B. Roche, St. John's Road, of the Resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband.

A letter was read from the members of the Locomotive Department of Coras Iompar Eireann at Wexford conveying their thanks for the efforts of the Corporation in securing the restoration of the Locomotive Staff from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford.

In this connection Councillor Byrne intimated that there were rumours that this Department would be again transferred to Rosslare Harbour in the near future and asked that a meeting of the Joint Committee which dealt with the matter before should be convened.

RECEPTION OF TENDERS

In accordance with Notice given Ald. Corish moved that the Regulations for the Reception and Examination of Tenders made on the 10th January, 1949, and approved by the Minister for Local Government on the 18th February, 1949, be amended by the deletion of Regulation 4 thereof and the substitution of the following new Regulation:-

"4. All tenders received shall be opened by the Mayor or Chairman at a meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes' Committee, or in case of urgency by the Mayor in the presence of the County Manager or Town Clerk, and a report on such urgency and the tenders so opened submitted to the next following meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee. When tenders are opened they shall be initialled by the Mayor or Chairman who shall deliver them to the Town Clerk (or his deputy) for transmission to the County Manager, for further consideration and any necessary action thereon."

Ald. Corish stated that his reason for this amendment was that with the large number of houses in course of construction the ordering of essential materials could be delayed if for any reason no meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee was held with a consequent disturbance of the Housing Organisation.

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was received with general favour and adopted unanimously subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

MARKET BYE LAWS

A recommendation was submitted from the General Purposes Committee that Article 5(2) of the Market Bye-Laws of 21st October, 1878 be repealed.

Councillor Byrne proposed the adoption of this recommendation which was supported by Councillor O'Flaherty and unanimously agreed to.

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TENDERS

Tenders were received from the following for the supply of mild steel sewer pipes, sand and gravel, etc.

Sand and Gravel

O'Rourke Bros., Thomas O'Leary, F. M. Brady, and Philip Wilson.

Sewer Pipes.

Hendron Bros., R. & J. O'Dwyer, Thos. Heiton, Brooks Thomas, R. Scott, Enniscorthy Co-Op., Timber Co., McNaughton, M. & J. Redmond, McFerran and Guilford.

They were opened by His Worship, The Mayor and referred to the County Manager for appropriate action.

COVERING FOR GRAVEDIGGERS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that a protective covering be supplied for the gravediggers at St. Ibar's Cometary when opening graves in inclement weather. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to.

It was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit an appropriate design for consideration by the Corporation.

WEXFORD HARBOUR

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Taoiseach be asked to intimate the Government's intention regarding a Scheme for the improvement of Wexford Harbour.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by Alderman Corish, Councillors O'Flaherty and His Worship, The Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

PIERCE & CO. WEXFORD CORPORATION.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney a Deed of Conveyance from Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co. Ltd. to the Corporation for portion of the Slippery Green Housing Site was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

EXTENSION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES

A report on a Conference held on the 17th ultimo relating to the extension of Urban Boundaries was read, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was decided to have a copy of this report circulated amongst the members for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM KERRY CO. COUNCIL

The following Resolution from the Kerry County Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty:-

"That we the Wexford Corporation at a special meeting summoned for the purpose, congratulate Senator Murray of Montana U.S.A., and the other members of both houses of the United States' Congress, on their stand against the imposition and maintenance by the British Government of the unjust partition of our Country.

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That we convey to Senator Murray and the other members of the Congress above referred to, the sincere gratitude of the Irish

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people for their friendly interest in the question of the unjust partition of Ireland, and for bringing it to the attention of the people of the United States of America.

That we request the Minister for External Affairs to send copies of this resolution to Senator Murray and the American Press."

Arising out of this motion Councillor Sinnott referred to the Anti-Partition Association in Wexford and made an appeal to the supporters of the various political parties to make the Wexford Branch of the Association a live one.

RESOLUTION FROM CASTLEBLANEY U.D.C.

The following Resolution from the Castleblaney U.D.C. was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty:-

"That the Government be requested to pass legislation extending the repayment period of Loans raised for Housing Purposes to 75 years, thus reducing the annual loan charges and enable Local Authorities to let houses erected under the Housing Acts at weekly rents which will be within the capacity of tenants of the working classes to pay."

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and all Housing Authorities in Eire."

16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty a Deed of Conveyance of 16 houses at Trinity St. to the Corporation was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the necessary Specification on which to invite Tenders for the installation of sanitary conveniences for these dwellings would be prepared, as soon as possible.

HOUSING REPORTS

Housing progress reports for the month of October were read in respect of the various Housing Schemes in progress.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTING OF TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, it was decided that the Manager should be authorised to provide fluorescent lighting in the Town Clerk's Office.

PLOT OF GROUND FACING CROIN NAOMH MACDHOIG

The County Manager reported in connection with a vacant plot of ground in front of 16 of the dwellings at Croin Naomh Macdhoig, that it was his intention to have the plot of ground cleared and planted with suitable shrubs and covered with a layer of gravel. This suggestion was agreed to.

ALLOWANCE OF WM. WHITMORE, UNDER HOLIDAYS EMPLOYMENT ACT.

In reply to Councillor Sinnott, the Town Clerk intimated that William Whitmore, Caretaker of the Bathing Place had been paid the allowance due to him under the Holidays (Employment) Act, 1939, at the time of the termination of his employment.

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Under a recent Regulation, however, he might be entitled to an extra day's pay and he would have the matter examined and disposed of.

EMBANKMENT AT CRESCENT

Alderman Hadden asked if it was a fact that C.I.E. would agree to the provision of an embankment where the present Crescent Bridge stood, and the County Manager stated he was of that opinion but would have the matter confirmed and inform Alderman Hadden accordingly.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to recent repairs to houses at Hill St. as a result of which occupants were being flooded and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report on this complaint.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Byrnes Chairman

21st November, 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:-

Alderman Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

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

ABSENCE OF MAYOR- APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

As the Mayor was absent through illness Councillor Kevin Morris proposed that Councillor Byrne take the Chair and Councillor James Morris seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed that Councillor Sinnott take the Chair and Councillor Bierney seconded.

On a vote being taken five voted for Councillor Sinnott and four for Councillor Byrne and Councillor Sinnott thereupon took the Chair.

At the outset Councillor O'Flaherty intimated his reason for not voting on the election of Chairman was that in his opinion the Mayor should have appointed a Deputy to act in his place.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that there was no Legal Authority whatever for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor but that a practice had grown up here during the past 100 years for the Mayor, if he so desired, to appoint a member of the Council under seal to act in his place during temporary absences. Such an appointment, however, he stated would not entitle the Deputy Mayor to preside at a Committee meeting as even the Mayor himself had no Statutory right to insist on presiding at such a meeting and the only meeting at which he had such a right was a meeting of the Corporation so that if the Mayor had appointed a Deputy it would still be open to the Corporation at the present meeting to appoint any member as Chairman. The matter dropped.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Chairman moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Roche, Talbot St. who some years ago was a member of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence..

ILLNESS OF REPORTER

The Chairman also referred to the illness of Mr. John Cardiff, a member of the reporting staff of the Echo and expressed the hope that he might be soon restored to perfect health.

This expression of sympathy was met with the unanimous

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approval of the meeting

OLD AGE PENSIONS' COMMITTEE

The Committee first met as an Old Age Pension Committee and a record of their deliberations will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions, etc.

TOWN FAIR DECEMBER, 1950.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had been asked to revise the Calendar of Fairs for the year 1950 and found that the December Fair next year would fall on St. Stephen's day and as this would be a Bank Holiday he asked the Committee to fix an alternative date.

Before doing this, however, the meeting decided to consult with the County Committee of Agriculture.

EXTRACT FROM MINISTER'S SPEECH RE HOUSING

A Circular letter under date 26th ultimo No. 59/49 from the Department of Local Government enclosing an extract from a speech made by the Minister for Local Government on the question of diversity of accommodation and the grading of rents for Local Authority Housing Schemes, was read.

At the outset the County Manager explained that the Corporation had now reached a stage in their Housing Programme when it was obvious that they were not able to cater for those people for whom it was their duty to do, namely, those in the low income group. These people, although badly in need of Housing accommodation could not afford to pay the Rents of the houses at present being constructed and he felt that some effort would have to be made to deal with these people and with old couples and newly married persons.

On the question of differential rents, he stated that this system had operated in Cork City for a number of years and he believed had given complete satisfaction to public representatives although it entailed very considerable difficulties for Officials administering it.

On the question of accommodation for old people and newly married couples he suggested that the Corporation should give consideration to the construction of flats containing living room, one and two bed rooms, together with sanitary accommodation, and suggested as a Site the piece of ground lying between Mary St. and Rowe St. which was adjacent to the Churches and the shopping centre of the Town. In his opinion the construction of flats in this area would be ideal for old people.

The Chairman suggested that the matters raised in the Minister's speech were so involved as to warrant a special meeting being convened to deal with them.

Councillor Byrne, however, moved that no action be taken pending a statement from the Minister for Local Government on increased financial provisions from the State towards the cost of erecting working class houses. Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposition.

Councillor Gaul, however, proposed as an amendment that

that consideration of the question be adjourned to a special meeting to be held on December, 12th and on a vote being taken there voted for the amendment Councillors Biernoy, Gaul, Aldermen Corish, Hadden and the Chairman....(5)
Against: Councillor James Morris, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Byrne and O'Flaherty.....(5).

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Councillor Gaul's amendment which was declared carried and it was further decided that a copy of the extract from the Minister's speech should be circulated amongst the members.

WHITEROCK SOUTH C.P.C.

The Town Clerk referred to the Wexford(Whiterock) South Compulsory Purchase Order, 1949 which had been confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and had come into operation on the 12th inst. He intimated that on the 18th ultimo he had opened negotiations with Mr. Bartholomew Colfer on the matter of compensation to be paid for the 7.562 acres of land which had been acquired from him under the Order.

At the outset Mr. Colfer had asked for £1500. plus costs together with the provision of an alternative water supply and the apportionment of the land annuity on his holding as compensation.

After negotiations had been carried on for some time Mr. Colfer had agreed to accept £1050. which was at the rate of £140. per acre, plus the provision of a water supply in his adjoining field.

The County Manager, he stated, had given careful consideration to this matter and was of opinion that an arbitration Award of at least £125. per acre would be made to Mr. Colfer and having regard to the costs of arbitration and the convenient situation of the land he had decided, subject to the consent of the Corporation and the Minister, to pay the sum of £1050; to provide an alternative water supply; and to have the land annuity apportioned which would amount to approx. £3. 3. 2. per annum on the Corporation.

The present meeting considered that the terms agreed on by the Officials were in all the circumstances very reasonable and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to agree to these terms as well as to the payment to Mr. James Browne of the sum of £400. free of costs for 4.368 acres of land adjoining Mr. Colfer's, which had also been acquired by Agreement in connection with the Bishopswater Housing Scheme, subject also to the apportionment of the land annuity.

PROPERTY AT WYGRAM

The Town Clerk also reported that some months ago notice had been served on the owner of four houses at Wygram for the provision of sanitary accommodation and an Order had been made by the District Justice to have this provided. Subsequently the owner had intimated that he was unable, for financial reasons, to provide the accommodation in question, and had asked the Corporation to purchase the houses for the sum of £1000..

The Officials, he said, would under no circumstances agree to such a price and asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the dwellings and report on their present position.

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The Borough Surveyor had stated that the houses were structurally

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sound but that the owner had neglected to carry out repairs for some considerable time and recommended that in assessing the value of the dwellings a sum of £600 should be reckoned as the cost of immediate repairs.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had interviewed Mr. Hore on the 17th instant and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Hore had agreed to sell the property to the Corporation at £150 per house clear of costs.

The County Manager now recommended to the Corporation the purchase of these dwellings for the sum of £600, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, Seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to agree to the Manager's suggestion.

Arising out of this matter Councillor O'Flaherty suggested that when these houses were acquired and repaired, a Scheme should be drawn up to give the present occupiers an opportunity of acquiring them on the Tenant Purchase System.

Erection of Houses at Fishers Row.

With reference to previous discussions on the question of erecting houses at Fisher's Row area the Borough Surveyor in a preliminary report suggested it would be possible to build six or eight houses on the north side but he would be inclined to leave any further building to a later date when a comprehensive Scheme for the clearance of Fisher's row could be considered.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Byrne the Manager was authorised to have Plans, Etc. prepared on the lines suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

House at Corner Abbey St./Cornmarket

A discussion took place on the question of providing two flats in the semi-derelict house at the junction of Abbey Street and Cornmarket at an approximate cost of £1300, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was decided to authorise the County Manager to proceed to have the necessary Plans and Estimate for the construction of the two flats prepared.

Footpaths at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas

Councillor Gaul referred to a question he had raised at the last meeting regarding footpaths at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas and the Borough Surveyor intimated the work he had done was only in the nature of temporary repairs pending the construction of concrete footpaths.

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ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT JOHN ST
AND HILL ST.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received a reply from Mr. O'Leary regarding the acquisition of his property at Hill St. and Monument Place.

MAINTENANCE OF SEAVIEW AVE.

In reply to Councillor James Morris the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation had no responsibility for the maintenance of Seaview Avenue which was private property.

LIGHTING OF QUAYS

Councillor James Morris also raised the question regarding the lighting of the Quays and pointed out that the present lamps there were extinguished at midnight and the place was very dangerous for Postmen and other workers who had to be out before day-light in the morning.

It was decided to write to the Harbour Commissioners who were responsible for the lighting and maintenance of the Quays to have some of the lights converted into all night lights.

Councillor James Morris asked the Borough Surveyor to report on the repairs necessary to the houses at Abbey St. occupied by Howlin.

Councillor O'Flaherty called the attention of the Borough Surveyor to leaking roofs of annexes to some of the houses on the south side of Hill St. and to the condition of the range in the house at 27, Hill St. occupied by Michael Egan.

Alderman Corish drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the roadway at Devereaux Villas and outside the C.B. School.

Alderman Hadden asked the Manager if any progress had been made regarding the plastering of Mr. Hamilton's house at Cornmarket and the County Manager intimated that it was due to the scarcity of plasterers and a suggestion was made that a man named Grace of Johnsgate St. was at present doing such work in various parts of the Town and that Mr. Hamilton might try to engage his services.

FLOODING AT JOHN ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to flooding at John St. from the Reservoir at the rear and the Borough Surveyor intimated that from inquiries he had made this has been happening from time immemorial. In this connection Councillor Sinnott suggested that the field owned by the Boyle Estate at the rear of John St. should be acquired for Housing purposes and proposed that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine it from this point of view.

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to. Councillor Kevin Morris drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the repairs of the house at Davitt Road, South occupied by Pender and Councillor O'Flaherty suggested repairs necessary to the house at St. John's Terrace occupied by

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Mrs. O'Leary.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also drawn to the dangerous gable end of house at Michael St. occupied by Michael Donnelly.

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was dealing with the complaint of Mrs. Sullivan, Michael St., that debris from the Horse River had been drawn on to her garden.

ADJUSTMENT OF CONTRACT FOR
16 Houses.

At this stage the meeting went into Committee to consider a report from the County Manager on the cost of 16 houses which had been commenced by Mr. P. V. Carson as Contractor, but which had subsequently to be taken over and completed.

The Town Clerk intimated that the original Contract, subject to a price variation clause, was £832. 2. 0. per house or £13,313. 12. 0. The increases and additions amounted to £3,967. 0. 5. making the total £17,280. 12. 5. and for materials taken over £122. 3. 6. making the gross total £17,402. 15. 11. When the Corporation took over the Contract on 25th June, 1948, the Borough Surveyor certified a sum of £2,653. 12. 4. was held as retention money from Mr. Carson.

Before the take-over, however, Mr. Carson had signed a document surrendering all his rights in the Contract and authorising the Corporation to complete the work.

The final figures showed that the total amount expended by the Corporation, including payments to the Contractor, on the complete Scheme was £16,600. 6. 8. leaving due to Mr. Carson £602. 9. 3. out of which he had just been paid £600. Thus it appeared that the retention money of £2,653. 12. 4. at 25th June, 1948 had been reduced by £2,051. 3. 1.

The County Manager stated he had considered these figures as a result of a request from Mr. Carson for the retention money of £2,653. 12. 4. but in his opinion, Mr. Carson could not, in view of the document he had signed on 25th June, 1948 establish a legal claim to the full retention money at that date. He (Manager) however, felt that the cost of the finished house in comparison with similar houses might in equity be taken into consideration and in his opinion a figure of £1,200. per house would be an equitable one on which to base a settlement of Mr. Carson's claim.

The meeting considered, in all the circumstances of the case and to avoid lengthy and costly legal proceedings, that the County Manager should be authorised to dispose of the entire matter on the basis of a £1,200 per house, in other words, that the 16 houses should be valued at £19,200. and Mr. Carson paid the difference between the figure and the sums already paid by the Corporation to him and for completion.

Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that the County Manager be authorised to negotiate a settlement on the above basis, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government. Councillor James Sinnott seconded the proposition which was adopted unanimously.

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LETTING OF HOUSES

The County Manager intimated that he was at present considering applications for some of the new houses and as he was aware that members were approached from time to time on this matter he would be glad to receive from them the names of any applicants whom he considered suitable and in a position to pay the rent so that he could have the cases investigated with a view to favourably considering their applications.

The meeting was unanimous in recommending James O'Leary, Maudlintown as tenant for a house, it was expected would soon be vacant at St. Magdalen's Terrace and various members suggested the following as suitable and deserving tenants for other houses:-

Mrs. Malone, King Street.
Mr. Whitmore, Faythe,
James Hogan, South main St.
John Somers, St. John's Avenue,
Patrick Donovan, Barrack St.
Thos. Rossiter, Swan View.

The meeting then terminated.

L Byrne Chairman

5th December, 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:-

Alderman Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors:- James Gaul, James Sinnott, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, James Morris, and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Mayor Councillor Kevin Morris proposed that Councillor Byrne take the Chair.

Councillor James Morris seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed that Councillor Sinnott take the Chair.

Councillor Bierney seconded.

On a vote being taken five voted for Councillor Byrne and four for Councillor Sinnott. Councillor Byrne thereupon took the Chair.

SYMPATHY.

The Chairman referred to the death, since the last meeting, of Mr. John Cardiff, a member of the reporting staff of the Enniscorthy Echo who for a number of years attended and reported the proceedings of the Corporation and proposed that the sympathy of the members be extended to his widow and other relatives.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and was adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The following letter was read from the Papal Nuncio, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of Congratulation passed by the Corporation on his appointment to Ireland:-

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of 9th inst., and I should be grateful to you if you would be good enough to convey to the Mayor, Aldermen and the Councillors of the Borough of Wexford the expression of my deep appreciation of their very kind message of congratulations, greetings and good wishes on my appointment as Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

I have been particularly pleased with the assurance of unswerving loyalty and devotion of the people of Wexford to the Catholic Faith and the See of Peter, and I shall not fail to acquaint the Holy Father of their steadfast traditions.

I should like to add here also my sincere thanks to you personally for associating yourself with the noble sentiments expressed by the historic Town of Wexford in this occasion.

Yours sincerely,
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Archbishop of Corinth, Nuncio Apostolic.

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A letter was read from the Department of An Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of a Resolution adopted by the Corporation relating to the Wexford Harbour Improvement Scheme and stated as the matter was one for examination in the first instance by the Minister for Industry and Commerce and had been referred to him for consideration. It was decided to await a communication from the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

MINUTES

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

SANITARY CONVENIENCES FOR HOUSES AT TRINITY STREET.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Kevin Morris asked when it was proposed to have sanitary conveniences installed in the houses recently acquired at Trinity St. and the Town Clerk replied the Borough Surveyor had been asked to prepare a Plan and Specification on which tenders could be invited for this work.

WIRING OF CORPORATION HOUSES.

Councillor Bierney referred to the wiring of Corporation houses and the Town Clerk intimated that as far as he was aware the houses were being connected by the Electricity Supply Board with little delay, and Councillor Bierney asked the Town Clerk to request the Electricity Supply Board to expedite the connection to the Whitrock View houses.

LIGHT AT SELSKAR AVENUE.

Complaint was also made that a light at Selskar Avenue was not in operation.

GRANTS RE HOUSING SITES.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding grants for the development of Housing Sites by Local Authorities and the Town Clerk intimated that a circular letter had been received from the Minister for Local Government on this subject, a copy of which had been furnished to the members and would come up for discussion at the special Housing meeting due to be held on the 12th inst. In further reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that he had recently an interview with Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John St. regarding the acquisition of some houses, his property at Hill St. and Monument Place and he expected to have Mr. O'Leary's reply in the course of a week or so.

LEAKING ROOF AT HILL ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty also referred to a previous complaint of his regarding a leaking roof at Hill St.

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Town Clerk read a report from the Borough Surveyor on this matter.

LEAKING ROOF OF HOUSE AT
WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Complaint was also made regarding a leaking roof at the premises of Mrs. Forde, Wolfe Tone Villas and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to attend to it.

FLOODING AT JOHN ST.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to flooding at John St. and the Town Clerk replied that the Borough Surveyor had been asked to report on the possibility of acquiring a field at the rear of John St. for development as a housing Site and if this was possible a comprehensive Scheme to deal with flooding as well could be prepared.

COVERING OF TOWN HALL STAIRS.

Alderman Corish referred to the recent covering of the Town Hall stairs and asked that the steps and landing leading to the Town Clerk's Office should be also covered.

OFFICE FOR COLLECTORS.

Reference was again made to the need for an office at the foot of the stairs for the convenience of those selling tickets for the admission to dances, etc.

DUMPING AT ROCKS.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the dumping of debris at O'Neill's of the Rocks Lane and intimated he understood it had been done by Corporation Carters and the Town Clerk was asked to investigate this matter.

HOUSE OCCUPIED BY POTTS.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the recent Order made condemning the house at Raythe occupied by Potts and stated he understood efforts were being made to relet the house. The Town Clerk stated that if any such attempt was made proceedings would be instituted.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT WYGRAM

Councillor O'Flaherty also referred to a defective drain at the premises of Mr. J.O'Neill, Wygram and was informed that this was his responsibility. On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager should be asked to instal a drain at Egans', Hill St. forthwith.

GATE LEADING TO HORSE RIVER

Reference was made to the condition of the gate leading to the Horse River at Mill Road and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to have that covered..

FENCING OF HOUSES AT JOHN

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Councillor James Morris referred to the need for fencing

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to some of the houses at Croin Naoimh Maodhoig and was informed that a Contract had been placed for this work and that the Contractors were being urged to expedite it.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES AT CROIN
NAOIHM MAODHOIG.

Councillor Morris also referred to the number of the houses at Croin Naoimh Maodhoig and the Town Clerk replied that he had just recently marked a Map numbering these houses and would have the numbers fitted as soon as possible. He also promised to renumber the houses at Abbey Street and William Street as soon as possible.

DUST BINS FOR CROIN NAOIH
MAODHOIG.

The Housing Engineer was to be asked to expedite the provision of dust bins for the occupied houses at Croin Naoimh Maodhoig.

HOUSES AT ALLEN ST.
FAILURE TO REMOVE DUST BINS.

Complaint was made that dust bins had not been removed from the premises of Kelly and Coughlin at Allen St. and the Town Clerk was asked to take this up with the Scavenging Staff.

HOUSES AT CROIN NAOIH
MAODHOIG.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the ranges in some of the houses occupied in Croin Naoimh Maodhoig and stated it was impossible to heat the water and Councillor Kevin Morris referred to flooding at Bright's of the same address. These two matters were referred to the Housing Engineer for attention.

A VISITATION OF LAND AT BISHOPSWATER

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Morris a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee dated 21st ultimo regarding the compensation to be paid to Mr. E. Colfer for his land at Bishopswater was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee under date of 21st ultimo relating to the compensation to be paid to Mr. James Browne for land acquired from him at Bishopswater was also unanimously adopted.

16 HOUSES AT SLIPPERY GREEN.

A further recommendation from the General Purposes Committee under date of 21st ultimo to the effect that the 16 houses at Slippery Green which had been commenced by Mr. Carson and subsequently completed by direct labour be taken over at a valuation of £1200. each was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne.

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seconded by Councillor James Morris.

FIRE BRIGADE EQUIPMENT.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved the following Resolution: which was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously adopted, "That having regard to the report of Major Comerford on his inspection of the Wexford Fire Brigade, and in view of the decision of Wexford County Council to defer the establishment of a County Brigade, the County Manager be requested to report on

- (a) The condition and sufficiency of the fire-fighting equipment at the disposal of the Corporation Brigade.
- (b) having regard to the area served by the Brigade if he considers the personnel and present equipment adequate; and
- (c) his proposals to bring the Brigade up to a standard commensurate with the fire risk involved, together with an estimate of the probable cost".

The County Manager explained that he had requested the Department to indicate the type of fire engine recommended by their Inspector for use in Wexford, and if the Department would be prepared to draw up a Specification for such an engine on which tenders could be invited, when he would report to the Corporation on the probable cost.

WHOLE-TIME HEALTH INSPECTOR.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation request the County Manager to arrange to have a Health Inspector allocated full time for work in the Borough of Wexford so that the Town might have the same service which it enjoyed prior to the operation of the Health Act, 1947. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Byrne, Kevin Morris, O'Flaherty and agreed to.

It was pointed out, however, that this was entirely a matter for the County Council, in the first instance and it was decided to request that Body to implement the decision of the Corporation.

EMPLOYMENT TO MEMBERS OF
EMERGENCY FORCES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that where employment is available in the Corporation preference be given to members of the Emergency Forces, who served during the Emergency. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Sinnott, Gaul and Byrne and after a lengthy discussion agreed to.

CONTINUATION OF DISTILLERY ROAD.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved "that the Corporation consider the continuation of the Distillery Lane to the old site of the Distillery building

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up the Town in the direction of the Industrial Area. Councillor Bierney seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted, and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should submit a report on the cost involved.

RESOLUTION FROM TULLAMORE U.D.C.

THE following motion from the Tullamore U.D.C. was adopted on the motion of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Morris. "That we the members of the Wexford Urban Council are of opinion that the law compelling us to demolish houses, which although condemned are still temporarily habitable, should be suspended immediately and kept in abeyance for a few years until such time as there is reasonable housing for the needs of the community and that no loss of Subsidy should be suffered as a result of such action".

TWO HOUSES AT HIGH ST.

Arising out of this Councillor Sinnott referred to the condition of two houses at High St. and asked to have them examined with a view to the owner applying for a re-construction Grant.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

The Requisition to tax the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

DEED OF TRANSFER FROM JAMES BROWNE
TO CORPORATION.

There was also sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Transfer from James Browne to the Corporation in respect of a parcel of land at Bishopswater.

GROUND RENT AT TRINITY ST.

A Deed of Conveyance of Ground Rent at Trinity St. from Winifred Walty to the Corporation was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS LANDS.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received an application for contribution under Section 75 of the Local Government Act, 1946 towards Land Purposes in the Town and asked the members to consider between now and the preparation for the Estimates for 1950/51 if they were prepared to include a sum for this purpose in the Estimates.

INVITATION FROM CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS.

A letter was read from the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland requesting the Mayor and Corporation to attend an Investiture Ceremony to be held on the 8th instant at 3 p.m.

It was decided that as several members would not be available should attend.

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ACQUISITION OF FOUR HOUSES
AT WYGRAM.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee that four houses at Wygram be acquired from Mr. Martin Hore for the sum of £600. was unanimously adopted.

UNEMPLOYED.

A Deputation representing the unemployed was next received and after hearing their views the Meeting assured them that every effort would be made to expedite the provision of employment before Xmas. The meeting then terminated.

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12th December, 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:-

Alderman George Madden and Nicholas Corish.

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Owing to the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris proposed and Councillor James Morris seconded that Councillor Byrne take the Chair.

Alderman Corish proposed and Councillor Gaul seconded that Councillor Sinnott take the Chair.

On a Poll being taken five members voted for each of the nominees and on lots being drawn Councillor Sinnott was declared Chairman.

HOUSING

The meeting had been specially convened to deal with Housing matters and the first business was consideration of a letter from the Department of Local Government under date of 26th October last No. 59/49 enclosing an extract from a recent speech by the Minister for Local Government on the question of diversity of accommodation and grading of rents for local Authority Housing Schemes.

A copy of this Circular had been supplied to the members some time previously and consideration of the question had been adjourned to the present meeting to enable the members of the Council to contact their opposite numbers in Cork City where a system of differential rents had been in operation for a number of years.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that so far as he was aware the system of differential rents commenced in Glasgow and the only place in Eire that it operated was in Cork City. Councillor O'Flaherty intimated that after the previous discussion the Wexford Fianna Fail Cumann had communicated with different Branches of the Organisation in Cork City and had received a reply to the effect that the system was very complicated and would take them some time to prepare a statement for the guidance of the Wexford Cumann.

Having regard to the statement by Councillor O'Flaherty Councillor Gaul proposed a further adjournment and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

The Chairman, Councillor Sinnott, expressed himself as being opposed to a system of differential rents and Alderman Corish on behalf of the Wexford Trades Council intimated that that Body had recently considered it and being representative of a considerable percentage of the people who would be affected by the operation of such a system were also opposed to it.

Councillors Bierney and Gaul also expressed this as being opposed

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to such a system.

Alderman Hadden intimated that the whole question appeared to him to be very complicated and asked the County Manager to make a statement as to whether or not he had found difficulty in letting recent Corporation houses at the rents fixed.

The Chairman, However, thought that it would be most unfair to request the County Manager to answer this question and Dr. Hadden did not press it.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the Manager and himself had been considering for some time past the Rents of houses being built by the Corporation and while certain statements had been made from time to time as to the Grant per house to be made from the Transitional Development Fund no public Official, so far as he was aware, had yet received an unequivocal statement as to the sum which might be expected from this Fund.

They had decided to prepare a comprehensive statement on the commitments of the Corporation in respect to the Housing Programme already approved of by the members but to do this it would be necessary to receive from the Department an intimation of what Grant might be expected from the Transitional Development Fund and the Minister had been asked to give such an intimation at his early convenience.

In view of the proposal of the Manager and Town Clerk to draft such a statement early in the new year it was agreed that further consideration of this Circular should be adjourned until the statement was available.

The next business was to consider a Circular from the Department of Local Government of 29th November, 1949 No. N. 70/49 on the development of Housing Sites, a copy of this Circular had also been furnished to each member of the Council, and it mainly dealt with the acquisition and development of Sites either wholly or in part for private enterprise under Section 11 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919. In reply to a Query the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no demand for Sites for private building and at the outside had only received five or six inquiries in this connection.

In Paragraph 2 of the Minister's Circular he suggested that local Authorities should consider having the work of development carried out separately by means of specialised plant and members took serious objection to this on the grounds that it would be the means of preventing unskilled labour from being employed.

It was seen that as there was no demand for Sites by Private individuals that the Circular only applied in so far as the Corporation was concerned to Sites for erection by themselves and in this connection reference was again made to the fact that Grants were not available for the development of Housing Sites and after some discussion it was also agreed that further consideration of this Circular should be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to prepare a statement of the loss of development Grants on houses. This statement was to be prepared in conjunction with the statement of Rents referred to in the previous minute.

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EXTENSION OF WORK ON HORSE RIVER.

The Town Clerk intimated that following a request made at last meeting he had got in touch with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government on the question of sanction to a proposal which had been submitted under the Local Authorities Works Act for an extension of the work on the Horse River. He had this afternoon received a telephone communication from the Department to the effect that the proposal submitted had been approved and a Grant for the estimated cost of the work allocated. The Borough Surveyor had been given instructions to start this work without delay.

In reply to a Query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to commence the work on Thursday, the 15th inst.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN

Arising out of this Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of the employment of men and stated he was aware that preferential treatment was given to certain men in every job.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that he had on a few occasions "tipped off" certain men that Grant work would be commencing and informed them that unless they were on Unemployment Assistance they could not be employed. As a result of this it was seen that those men who were normally entitled to Unemployment Benefit registered immediately for Unemployment Assistance and if they were entitled to the higher rates they got first preference for work on these Grants.

Strong objection was taken to this action by the Borough Surveyor and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that this system of tipping off certain men should be discontinued.

Councillor O'Flaherty also alleged that there was a gestapo system in the Corporation Store on the Quay and unless the unemployed were intimate with certain employees there they had no chance of being employed on Corporation work.

It was eventually decided, however, that the Borough Surveyor commence work on the Horse River on Wednesday morning; that he employ as many men as possible thereon; & that he also increase the number of men employed on the Road from Summerhill to Whitmill over the Christmas period.

ROAD DEVEREAUX VILLAS.

Alderman Corish referred to the Condition of the road at Devereaux Villas and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had asked the Housing Engineer to carry out repairs as he (Borough Surveyor) was short of masons.

FOOTPATH AT OYSTER LANE

Alderman Corish also referred to the replacement of a footpath near Oyster Lane and the Borough Surveyor replied it would be done as soon as the mason could reach on it.

RANGE AT NO. 30 WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Alderman Corish asked the Borough Surveyor to report on the

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on the condition of the range at No. 80, Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Farrell.

RANGE AT EGAN'S HILL ST.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that an Order had been made to have a range installed in the house of Egan, Hill St.

KERB AT ROWE ST.

Councillor James Morris referred to the condition of the kerb at the top of Rowe St. and the Borough Surveyor promised to have it attended to.

APPEAL OF GOVERNMENT TO TRADESMEN

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the recent appeal of the Government to tradesmen to return from England and stated that recently two masons and a carter had applied for work on the Housing Scheme and were told that no work was available and thought that the Housing Engineer should make every effort to employ those men who came back to this country as a result of the Government's appeal.

GREETINGS OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.

Councillor Byrne intimated that he had been asked by His Worship, The Mayor to convey his very best wishes to the Corporation for the Xmas Season and through them to the citizens of the Town and the Chairman replied that they all hoped His Worship, The Mayor would soon be recovered from his illness and soon be in harness again.

Councillor Cullmore intimated that he had received complaints from the public to the effect that Alderman Corish was consistently in the Town Hall and that people coming there to do business could not do so in private as well he thought that Alderman Corish was taking up the time of Officials and suggested that if he had legitimate business to transact in the Town Hall, five or ten minutes could do it.

Alderman Corish stated that any time he had been in the Town Hall he had legitimate business with the Town Clerk and other Officials and the Chairman stated he thought it might be well if the members occasionally interviewed the Town Clerk on such matters when they would receive information that would avoid unnecessary discussions at meetings. The matter dropped.

ABSENCE OF DISPENSARY DOCTORS ON SUNDAYS.

Councillor Bierney referred to the difficulty of securing the service of a Dispensary Doctor in Wexford on Sunday afternoons and the County Manager explained the position in so far as the absence of Dispensary Doctors were concerned and promised to investigate immediately any specific complaint which Councillor Bierney or any other person might wish to make.

The meeting then terminated.

John Dickland

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2nd January, 1950.

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:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thos. Buckland, (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Nicholas W. P. Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: James Morris, John O'Flanerty, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott and Patrick Bierney.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes of Corporation on 5th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on 12th ultimo, (copies of which had been circulated to the members, prior to the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

WELCOME TO MAYOR.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the Corporation extend hearty welcome to His Worship, The Mayor, on his return to Office from his recent illness. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and for which the Mayor returned thanks.

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

At the outset the Mayor intimated that he had given notice to the Town Clerk of his intention to propose a Resolution of Loyalty and devotion to His Holiness, the Pope, the Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses and a copy of the Mayor's proposal was circulated to the members at the meeting. The Resolution met with unanimous approval and was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk. The Resolution was as follows:-

"That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, on the occasion of this our first meeting in the Holy Year of 1950, on our own behalf and on behalf of the citizens, affirm our loyalty and devotion to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and pledge to him our utmost effort in securing the maintenance of Christian principles and the Christian way of life which, we are convinced, can alone save the world from the chaos and destruction invariably bred by dictatorially imposed materialist philosophies based on atheism. We respectfully offer to him our very real sympathy in the pain and sorrow which present-day persecution must cause him and we pray earnestly for its early cessation.

We also tender to our beloved Bishop; the Administrator and Clergy of the Borough our sincere good wishes for this New and Holy Year and assure them that they may rely on a continuance of that bond of Unity which has always existed between the Church and the People of Wexford.

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Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mrs. E. Murphy, a member of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council. This motion was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris and supported by all the members.

Councillor Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Community of St. John of God on the death of Mother de Sales, a distinguished teaching member of the Order and a sister of a former Town Clerk, Mr. Wm. A. Browne. He also wished that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Rev. Fr. Browne, a nephew of Mother de Sales.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members.

Councillor Sinnott also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Order of Perpetual Adoration on the death of Mother Aidan. This motion was also seconded by Councillor Byrne and supported by the other members.

The Mayor 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 Dean Clarry, Vicar General. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was also supported by the other members.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Bennett, widow of a former foreman of the Corporation. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and supported by the members.

The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. David Sears and Mr. Wm. M. Corcoran on the death of Mrs. Wm. Sears, whose husband was the founder of the Enniscorthy Echo, a paper that had given trojan service in the National Cause.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and supported by all the members.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James Morris on the death of his cousin Mr. Con Morris. This motion was also supported by the members present.

All the foregoing votes of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

APPOINTMENT OF FOREMAN IN PERMANENT CAPACITY.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager be recommended to appoint in a permanent capacity the Acting Foreman, Mr. James Rossitor. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, supported by Councillors Sinnott, James Morris, John O'Flaherty, Ald. Corish and the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

PROTEST AGAINST ARTICLE IN AMERICAN "HOLIDAY".

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that "We protest against the article written in the American magazine "Holiday" about Ireland and Wexford. In moving this motion Councillor Morris stated that a gentleman writing under the

pon name of Frank O'Connor had painted a scurrilous picture of Ireland and in particular of the morals of the girls of Wexford. He understood that this gentleman was a script writer for Radio Eireann and was also a Director of a State-subsidized Theatre and further moved that the Corporation call on the Government to dispense with the services of this gentleman from any position under their control and as well suggested that the Minister for External Affairs should be asked to request the Irish Embassy in Washington to categorically deny the truth of this article.

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMENT FACTORY AT DRINAGH.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the Corporation call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to establish a Cement Factory in Wexford and that the Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board, County Council and Deputies for the County of Wexford be asked to interest themselves in this motion, as well as the Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Greyc. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

WATERWORKS

Councillor Sinnott referred to the level of the Reservoir at Coolree and intimated that from his information the Reservoir was down between four and five feet and that no pumping was being carried on, and it was unanimously agreed that a general report on the position should be obtained from the Borough Surveyor for the Corporation meeting on the 16th instant.

Councillor Byrne requested the Mayor to make the meeting on the 16th a special meeting of the Corporation and intimated that he proposed to move a Resolution calling on the Government to amend the Malicious Injury code.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AT MICHAEL ST.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the condition of a house at Michael St. occupied by a man named Donnolly and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already asked the Housing Inspector to examine this building.

LIGHT AT CINEMA LANE.

Councillor Sinnott also referred to the need of a light at Cinema Lane and it was pointed out that this Lane did not come under the control of the Corporation until 1st April next

FIRE BRIGADE.

Alderman Corish asked the County Manager if he had yet taken any steps to deal with the demand of the Fire Brigade for increased remuneration and the Manager intimated that this would be embodied in a general report of the Fire Brigade in the Estimates for 1950/51. Arising out of this Councillor Byrne congratulated the members of the Brigade on the very prompt and efficient way in which they had dealt with a recent big fire in the Town.

The meeting then terminated.

16th January, 1950.

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 Thos. Buckland (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Nicholas R. Corish and George Madden.

Councillors: P. Birney, J. Sinnott, T. Byrne, F. Cullimore, and J. Morris.

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

MALICIOUS INJURY ACTS.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Government be called on to amend the Malicious Injury Acts.

In moving the motion Councillor Byrne pointed out that last year the Corporation had been made liable for a sum of approx. £1200. as a result of the act of a person in setting fire to a premises in the Town, and two further Claims for much larger amounts were pending as a result of similar action.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion and pointed out that Insurance Companies were drawing premiums to cover loss by Fire but in recent years it had become the practice of these Companies to insist on the insured person making a Claim against the community for malicious damage.

The motion was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillors Cullimore, O'Flaherty, Madden, Morris and the Mayor and was unanimously adopted.

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

A lengthy report, a copy of which is annexed to these minutes, was submitted from the Borough Surveyor on the Wexford Waterworks. Each member had been supplied with a copy of this report a few days previous to the meeting. This report gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which Councillor Sinnott stated that he had visited the Reservoir since the last meeting and found that the statement he had made then was correct in as much as the level of the water was five feet below high water mark and on the occasion of his visit no water was being pumped from Edenvale, and he considered that all the pumps should be kept going until the Reservoir was full.

Councillors Byrne, O'Flaherty, Morris, Cullimore, Aldermen Corish and Madden also spoke on the serious situation which would arise if there was a continuance of the present dry weather. Alderman Madden thought that taking the long view of the waterworks position in Wexford that it would be eventually necessary for a Regional supply to be taken either from the Black Stairs or Mount Leinster.

The Mayor referred to the fact that no reports had been submitted to the Corporation by the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the waterworks at this time of the year when normally it should be expected to be overflowing. The Borough Surveyor dealt at length with various points raised by the members and pointed out why a further

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extension of the present reservoir was impossible from an engineering and financial point of view. He pointed out that the pumping plant, which was designed to operate under certain conditions, which conditions did not operate in practice, had not always been satisfactory and as well with the existing screening arrangements it was impossible to operate the pumps for 24 hours a day as they had to be regularly cleansed by hand and this would be a most dangerous operation at night time.

At present, he stated, an automatic cleaning apparatus was being installed and when this was in operation he hoped to get more satisfactory results from these pumps.

Eventually the Mayor suggested that further consideration of this matter be deferred to the 23rd instant and that the following information be available for the Corporation:-

- (1) Weekly record of the pump workings from 1st Oct., 1949, showing the number of hours pumping, the number of gallons pumped and the reasons why the pumps were not working for any period since first October, 1949 to-date.
- (2) The estimate of inflow from the catchment area for same period.
- (4) The record of rainfall.
- (5) The hours the water was turned on during this period.
- (6) Correspondence re parts for the pumps which the Borough Surveyor stated, were ordered in October last.
- (7) The observations of the Consulting Engineer on the Borough Surveyor's report and if he was satisfied that the pumps were being efficiently worked.
- (8) His recommendations to ensure a sufficient supply of water for the coming Summer.
- (9) If, in his opinion, a further excavation or extension of the existing reservoir is feasible.

The Mayor also asked the County Manager to report if he had been informed weekly of the conditions at Coolree and the Manager replied in the affirmative. The Mayor then asked the County Manager to examine these reports and report to the Corporation if he was satisfied that every effort was being made to keep the pumps working since 1st October, 1949, having regard to the low level of the Reservoir and if he was satisfied that the Corporation Employee trained by the mechanic from the Manufacturers was capable of overhauling the pumps.

The Mayor also asked the Town Clerk to have weekly reports on the waterworks placed before every meeting of the Corporation and to place this as the first item on the Agenda for each Statutory meeting.

Before this discussion concluded the County Manager briefly recalled the whole position of the waterworks and the improvements which had been carried out in recent years and reiterated that every step that had been taken had been done only with the prior approval and after discussion by the Corporation. It was also agreed that an approximate estimate should be obtained for the Corporation on a power pump: at Edenvale. On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by His Worship, the Mayor, approval was unanimously given to the provision of a joist for the pumping plant at Edenvale at an approx. cost of £65. 3. 0. The meeting then terminated.

23rd January, 1950.

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

The members present being:-

The Mayor (Councillor T. Buckland) in the Chair.

Aldermen: N. Corish, and George Madden.

Councillors: T. Byrne, Jas. Morris, Ed. Howlin, Jas. Sinnott, Patrick Bierney, Kevin Morris, John O'Flaherty, and Francis Cullimore.

WATERWORKS

The meeting first took up the question of the water supply to the Town which had been discussed at length at last meeting and further consideration deferred to enable the Borough Surveyor to supply written reports on a number of questions arising out of the discussion on the 16th idem.

The Town Clerk read these reports which included records from 1st October, 1949, of the operations of the pumps at Edenvale; the various levels of the water in Coolree; the daily estimate of the inflow from the catchment area; the rainfall; and the ordering of spare parts for the Edenvale plant.

Members expressed dissatisfaction at the pump working records and with the fact that spare parts ordered in October last were not yet to hand and the Surveyor was instructed to 'phone the manufacturers in London on next morning and if they could not supply them almost immediately he was to endeavour to have them manufactured in Ireland.

The County Manager stated that the catchment area of Coolree in dry season was not capable of supplying the needs of the Town and the pumps working at full capacity with sufficient water in the River Sow to operate them could only deliver 300,000 gallons per day but with the assistance of a mechanically operated pump 400,000 gallons per day could be assured. He estimated the cost of operating such a pump at £20. per week. It was further stated that the present storage was only 60/70 days supply.

After again discussing the matter at length it was agreed to give the new screening arrangements and new pilot valves in the pumps a trial to see if they would improve the supplies from the River Sow before coming to a final decision to instal a diesel pump.

SUPERANNUATION P. PARLE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Corish approval was given to the payment of a superannuation allowance of £145. 18. 0. per annum to Mr. Patrick Parle, Teacher under the Vocational Education Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTS

On the motion of Cllr. Sinnott, seconded by Cllr. Byrne, approval was granted to the installation of public lights at Slippery Green Housing Site at a cost of £32. 8. 0. plus annual charges.

TENDERS

Tenders for the supply of timber for the 128 houses at Bishopswater were opened from McNaughton, Samuel Morris, Messrs. Graves, Jas. McMahon, Brooks Thomas and the Wexford Timber Co.

6th February, 1950.

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 Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Alderman: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors Thomas Byrne, Patrick Bierney, Edward Howlin, James Gaul, James Morris, James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor referred to the heavy bereavement which Councillor Morris had just sustained through the death of his mother and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to him and the other members of the family in their sad bereavement; and that the meeting adjourn until the 13th instant as a mark of respect.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Councillor James Crosbie on the death of his niece Miss Wabh and Mr. Tony Crosbie, Captain of the Fire Brigade.

Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was also supported by the other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Councillor Sinnott also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his aunt. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and for which the Town Clerk returned thanks.

The three resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and the meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland

13th February, 1950.

An adjourned 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:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland
(in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Edward Howlin, Patrick Bierney, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Francis Cullimore, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the minutes of 2nd, 16th and 23rd January, and 6th February, 1950, (copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the present meeting,) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS

The following acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at previous meetings were read:-

From His Lordship, The Bishop of Ferns acknowledging the Resolution of Loyalty to the Holy Father adopted at the January Statutory meeting, and also acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with the Clergy of the Dioceses on the death of the Vicar General, Dean Cleary of New Ross.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS

With reference to the recent Resolution calling on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to have the Drinagh Cement Works reopened acknowledgements were read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce; Mr. Brendan Corish, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government enclosing copy of a letter received by him from the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledging receipt of his representations regarding the Drinagh Cement Works, from Mr. Denis Allen, T.D., and Sir. John L. Esmonde and from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce intimating that they would be only too pleased to help in any way they could to re-establish the Drinagh Cement Works.

ARTICLE IN AMERICAN "HOLIDAY"

With reference to a Resolution adopted protesting against an article which recently appeared in an American Magazine "Holiday" under the pen name of Frank O'Connor, acknowledgements were received from The Department of An Taoiseach and from the Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council, intimating that a similar Resolution had already been adopted by these Bodies.

In this connection a letter was read from the St. Iberius Branch Wexford of the Catholic Young mens' Society congratulating the Corporation on this vote of protest.

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SYMPATHY

Acknowledgements of Votes of sympathy were read from the Mother General of the Order of St. John Of God and from Rev. William Browne, C.C., Castlebridge acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed on the death of Mother de Sales.

A letter was also read from the Order of Perpetual Adoration acknowledging the Vote of sympathy passed on the death of Sr. Aidan; from the relatives of the late Mrs. Murphy, Enniscorthy and from Councillor James Morris on the death of his cousin.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS

Arising out of the acknowledgements in connection with the establishment of the cement works at Drinagh Councillor Sinnott intimated that the matter had come before the County Council this afternoon when the Chairman had intimated that the County Council would do everything in their power to further the suggestion of the Corporation that the Cement Works should be re-opened at Drinagh.

SITE AT REDMOND RD.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Site at Redmond Monument known as "the Town Hall Site" be disposed of immediately to the highest bidder of price already received.

It was intimated to the meeting that tenders had been invited for the purchase of this Site as far back as November, 1948 and in December of that year Mr. Patrick Meyler of NorthEnd Garage had offered the sum of £300.

At that time the Corporation had refused to accept this sum on the grounds that it was inadequate and Mr. Meyler had been so informed. Councillor Byrne seconded the present motion which was supported by Councillors Dowlin, James Morris and O'Flaherty, but opposed by Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Corish, Councillor Bierney and his Worship, The Mayor. (5)
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The motion was accordingly declared carried, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

HAND BALL COURTS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the County Manager examine the possibilities of providing Hand ball courts on Derelict Sites in Faythe, Green Street and John St. areas.

Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Byrne, Kevin Morris, James Morris and O'Flaherty.

Councillor Byrne, although supporting the motion, referred to various instances of malicious damage to public property and amenities already provided by the Corporation and Councillor O'Flaherty to the effect that there was already a handball court in the centre of the town attached to the Forester's Hall which was very little used.

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The Mayor also expressed sympathy with the proposal and agreed that the County Manager should examine various sites to see if it was possible to provide the amenities suggested by Councillor Sinnott.

The motion was unanimously agreed to and as the members were invited to attend a broadcast of the Wexford Male Boys' Choir which was taking place in the Town Hall the remaining business was deferred until the 20th instant.

20th February, 1950.

An adjourned 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:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland, (in the Chair).

Alderman: George Madden.

Councillors: James Morris, Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, James Sinnott, and Patrick Bierney.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Breen, Castlebridge on the death of his wife.

In moving the vote the Mayor referred to the fact that Mr. Breen was the Ex-President of the G.A.A. and had a lifetime association with that Organisation.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Deputy John O'Leary, Enniscorthy on the death of his father. This motion was also supported by the other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.) This motion was second-) ed by Mr.) Byrne.

WATER SUPPLY

The first business was the report of the Borough Surveyor on the water supply to the Town and the meeting was informed that the Reservoir was at present full and that four pumps at Edenvale were capable of operation. This was considered satisfactory.

AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS

Correspondence was read from the Minister for Local Government regarding the proposed amendment of Bye-Laws dealing with houses divided into separate tenements. In the correspondence the Minister intimated that he would be prepared to agree to the deletion of Article 2 and the substitution therefor of the following new article:-

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

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On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed that steps should be taken to have the Bye-Laws amended as suggested by the Minister for Local Government.

LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Councillor Byrne a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was issued in respect of the Abbey Cinema for the year ending 20th January, 1951.

Arising out of this matter, on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor James Morris the Management of the Abbey Cinema was congratulated on the new record of the National Anthem provided in the Cinema.

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLOR AT
ASSOC. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Bierney the attendance of Councillor Byrne at meetings of the Executive Committee of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities was approved in respect of the year 1949/50.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Cllr. Sinnott the following Resolution from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities was unanimously adopted:-

"That we ask the Government to set up a Tribunal to enquire into the incidence of Rating and to suggest alternative methods of financing the expenditure now imposed on Local Authorities with a view to lowering the present heavy burden on the ratepayers."

RESOLUTION FROM CORK
COUNTY COUNCIL

A further Resolution from the Cork County Council calling for increased grants towards the relief of local rates was adopted on the motion of Cllr. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris.

RESOLUTION FROM DUNDALK
URBAN COUNCIL

A Resolution from the Dundalk Urban Council calling on the E.S.B. to discontinue the present system of meter payments gave rise to a lengthy discussion but eventually it was agreed, on the motion of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney "that we make representations to the Electricity Supply Board to reduce the valuation charges for electricity."

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF HYDROSTATS.

On the motion of the Mayor, , seconded by Councillor Byrne the County Manager was authorised to arrange for an annual inspection of the hydrostats at Edenvale on the basis of the quotation received by the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Delap & Waller from Messrs. Hydraulomat.

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TEMPERANCE ROW.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor

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Sinnott the County Manager was authorised to purchase for the Sum of £250. three houses at Temperance Row from Mr. James Meyler with the object of Street widening at some future date when the Housing Situation had become less acute.

ACQUISITION OF GROUND FROM
PRESENTATION ORDER

A proposal by the County Manager to acquire a small piece of ground from the Presentation Order at Grogan's Road for a Sum of £10. was unanimously approved, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

CONTRACT FOR SAND

A Contract with Mr. Thomas O'Leary for the supply of sand for the sum of 5/- per ton to the Bishopswater Housing Site was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to hold the annual Estimates meeting on the 20th March.

MEMORIAL FROM TENANTS
OF ROCHE'S TERRACE

Reference was made to a memorial recently submitted by the tenants of Roche's Terrace regarding the condition of their houses and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite his report on this matter.

HOUSES AT CORNER JOHN ST/JOHN'S RD.

Reference was made to a recent transfer from a house at corner of St. John's Rd./John's St. of a family named Smith and Lawlor and it was pointed out that whilst this house was considered to be unfit for Smith's family (some of whom were suffering from tuberculosis) it was not the intention to demolish it while the present housing situation was so acute, and if possible the house in question would be let to an old couple.

PLOT OF GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of a plot of ground let to a man named Manton at Maudlintown and it was decided that the Town Clerk should have the position examined with a view to taking it over as at present it appeared to be in a derelict condition.

PROTECTION WALL AT MAGDALEN'S TCE.

Complaint was also made regarding the need for a protection wall around two houses at St. Magdalen's Terrace and the Town Clerk intimated that he would have the Borough Surveyor prepare an Estimate of the cost of providing this immediately.

RANGE AT 42, WHITEROCK VIEW

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the range at No. 42, Whiterock View and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LAVATORIES
ON QUAYS.

A suggestion was again made that the Corporation should take over and maintain the two public lavatories on the Quays which had been closed by the Harbour Commissioners who were not in a position to maintain them, but as there were legal and financial difficulties involved the Town Clerk intimated that he would examine the matter further and have a report embodied in the Estimates for 1950/51.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT
MONUMENT PLACE AND HILL ST.

With reference to a proposal made some time ago to acquire certain property at Monument Place and Hill St. from Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John St. a letter was read from Mr. O'Leary intimating that he would be prepared to dispose of this property for the sum of £750.

The members considered this figure altogether too high and requested the Officials to negotiate on a maximum of £500.

RANGES IN 16 HOUSES

Reference was made to the fact that a number of ranges provided at 16 houses at Slippery Green were not satisfactory and the Town Clerk was asked to inquire from the Housing Engineer if the failure of these ranges had been taken up with the Official suppliers and if so with what result.

ROOF OF PUBLIC LAVATORY
AT SELSKAR.

A question was raised regarding the roof of proposed public lavatory at Selskar St. and it was stated it appeared that the method of roofing had been changed from slates to timber and felt and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report on this.

DEFECTIVE FLOOR

Complaint was also made that a floor in one of the new houses at Slippery Green had recently to be renewed and the Housing Engineer was to be asked for his observations on this matter.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT
FAYTHE

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott it was decided to obtain a report on the condition of two houses at the Faythe owned by a woman named Cullimore of Talbot St. with a view to their acquisition and reconstruction as Mrs. Cullimore was not in a position to expend money on necessary repairs.

REPAIRS TO DISTILLERY HOUSE

Complaint was also made regarding repairs to the house at Distillery Lane occupied by Mrs. Evans and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report.

PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that there was no statutory authority to pay employees on Relief Grant work for the Church Holidays of December 8th and 9th January last. The meeting then adjourned.

6th March, 1950.

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 Thomas Buckland
(in the Chair).

Aldermen Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the minutes of the February meetings (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.

WATER

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the present position of the Waterworks which showed that the Reservoir was overflowing and that the four pumps were read for operation when needed.

FIRE BRIGADE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the County Manager be requested to sanction the revision of duties and remuneration of firemen in respect of which application was made last Autumn. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by the other members and the Manager intimated that he proposed to deal with this matter at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 21st instant when provision would be made for the purchase of a new fire engine and increased remuneration to the members of the Brigade exclusive of the Officers. He proposed to implement this decision with effect as from 1st April and quoted for the members the remuneration received by each man during the past 12 months.

PARKING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish also moved that Parking Bye-Laws be made and enforced in Wexford.

Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that last year agreement had been reached between the Garda Authorities, the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and the Corporation on the provision of parking signs in various places in Wexford, and it was intended to include a sum in the Estimates for the ensuing year to provide Parking Signs.

The Town Clerk also explained that the question of Bye-Laws had been discussed for some years with the Garda

Authorities and it was felt that as a first step Parking Notices should be provided and if the provision of parking places did not control the problem then the question of the making of Bye-Laws would be considered further. It was agreed that the Parking notices should be provided and a copy of the proposed Parking Places furnished to the members.

In this connection it was also decided to call the attention of the Garda to the fact that the Traffic Regulation prohibiting motor cars in the Main St. on Saturday nights between 6 p.m. and midnight was not being observed, and to request them to enforce this Regulation.

PREFERENCE TO LOCAL TRADERS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the County Manager and Borough Engineer be requested to give preference to Local Traders in the purchase of all materials and fittings.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion and the County Manager explained that the Officials of the Corporation were bound by Law to purchase goods from the Contractors accepted by the Combined Purchasing Department and would be surcharged if they purchased goods which were dearer or not up to standard from any person outside this List.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion when it was seen that nothing could be done at the present stage to permit the Officials to purchase from Local Traders and Councillor Sinnott proposed as an amendment that the Minister for Local Government be requested to review the operation of the Combined Purchasing Acts with a view to having legislation adopted permitting preference to be given to Local Traders.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this motion and the original motion was withdrawn in favour of the amendment.

RE-VALUATION

In accordance with notice given Councillors Byrne and Kevin Morris question the County Manager on the following matters pertaining to re-valuation:-

- (1) The amount which would be derived from the revaluation of certain holdings recently, and
- (2) On whose request such revaluations were carried out.

The County Manager, in reply, stated that the net valuation of the Borough had been increased by £1804. and the amount which would be derived by rates from this increase depended on the Rate in the round struck by the Corporation. It would not be right, however, the Manager stated to take this full increase into account when assessing the amount which would be derived by a Rate of 1d. in the Pound as there was no doubt but certain reductions would be made on appeal and if any reductions were made an appropriate refund of the rates collected in revised valuation would have to be made to the ratepayers. On the other hand if any of the valuations were increased on appeal an appropriate increase in rates would be collected from the different

Ratepayers.

As regards no. (2) the Manager stated that there was a Statutory Duty imposed on the Rate Collectors to list for revision any premises which they considered required revision; There was also a supervisory duty placed on the Town Clerk to see that the Rate Collectors carried out their duties and if he considered that any premises required revision, which the Rate Collectors omitted, to list, he was empowered to list such premises himself. In addition, any Ratepayer within the Urban District could make out and deliver to the Town Clerk a List of any tenements or hereditaments, which in the opinion of such Ratepayer required revision.

He, County Manager, assumed that all the Officials concerned had carried out their legal obligations in this connection and were responsible for any premises which had been listed for revision.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, during which, Councillor Byrne considered the time was inopportune for such revision and was an unfair imposition.

Councillor Kevin Morris also considered the system ~~unfair~~ and proposed that the Commissioner of Valuation be asked to defer the operation of increased until the Corporation had an opportunity to consider the revaluation.

It was pointed out to the Councillors, however, that such a request was impossible as the Commissioner had no power to implement it and that the Rates for the year 1950/51 must be struck on the revised valuations.

Eventually Councillor Byrne proposed that the Commissioner of Valuation be informed that the Corporation consider the revised valuations altogether too high and he be requested to reduce them considerably on appeal. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

LAND DRAINS.

The next business was to consider Tenders for Land Drains for the 128 house Scheme at Bishopswater. Two Tenders were received, from Wilsonite Contractors, Wexford at £28. per 1,000. and Messrs. C. P. Glorney at 1/6³/₄d. per foot.

The Tenders were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for appropriate action with a recommendation proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris that preference be given to the Local Trader.

"BUY IRISH CAMPAIGN"

A letter was read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce requesting the support of the Corporation for the "Buy Irish" Campaign recently launched, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to give this Campaign the full support of the Corporation.

CLEARANCE AREA

A Recommendation from the County Manager that the Corporation consider the advisability of declaring the Duke St. Area to be a Clearance area, was adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING OF I.P.BODIES.

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Councillor Bierney Councillor James Gaul was appointed to represent the Corporation at the annual meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

RESOLUTION FROM
CO BH U.D.C.

A Resolution from the C~~ohh~~ U.D.C., requesting the Minister for Defence to send a Corvette to Rome for the Holy Year was marked "read".

KINSALE U.D.C.,

A Resolution from the Kinsale U.D.C. calling for a Grant towards the Relief of rates was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Morris.

MONAGHAN U.D.C.,

A Resolution from Monaghan U.D.C. calling for legislation to abolish ground Rents and to give Tenants the preference to purchasing a 10 year's purchase, was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

There was laid before the meeting an Order from the Minister for Local Government fixing September, 20th, 1950 as the date for the holding of Local Elections.

EXTENSION OF DAVITT RD.

Alderman Hadden referred to the proposed Plan for the extension of Davitt Road, South and hoped the Corporation would consider it in the near future.

As the members wished to attend a Cinematograph Exhibition by Forsa Cosanta of the annual training march held in August last year the meeting then terminated.

J. F. Byrne

20th March, 1950.

In accordance with the consent of the Minister for Local Government 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, (Councillor Thomas Buckland) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

SYMIA THY

At the outset the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Robert Hanton, whose father had been a former Mayor of Wexford. The motion was seconded by Councillor James Sinnott, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

REVISION OF VALUATION

Referring to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the annual revision of Valuation Councillor Cullimore asked who sent the Lists to the Department of Valuation.

The County Manager intimated that the entire position regarding the annual revision of Valuations had been made perfectly clear at the last meeting and in reply to a query the Town Clerk said that the Resolution adopted by the Corporation calling on the Commissioner for substantial reductions would be forwarded with the list of appeals.

Councillor Cullimore, however, proposed that the present meeting be adjourned until information was available as to who listed each premises for revision although it was pointed out that the Lists as submitted to the Town Clerk had been forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation and no copy was retained in this Office.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion.

It was pointed out that the Corporation's right to adjourn the Annual Estimates meeting was laid down by Statute and was confined to a difference of opinion between the members and the Manager as to the sums to be provided in the Estimate. After some discussion, however, Councillor Cullimore withdrew his motion in favour of a motion proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, that the Town Clerk obtain legal opinion as to whether or not the names of the persons listing premises for revision should be disclosed.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford Chamber of Commerce, calling on the Corporation to affect a substantial reduction in the Rates for the coming financial year.

The meeting then took up the Estimates seriatim.

20th March, 1950.

ESTIMATES

The first Estimate was for the maintenance of roads, streets and footpaths, when Councillor Sinnott stated that he considered the amount of money spent on the roads was being thrown away and a suggestion was made by the County Manager that a Loan should be raised to put the roads in first class condition and repaid over a period of years.

Councillor Byrne agreed to this suggestion but thought that the State should contribute towards the cost. The Mayor, however, thought that the question of borrowing should be deferred and consideration given to the allocation of Employment Grants to the work. Eventually Councillor Gaul moved that the question of borrowing be deferred to the next Statutory meeting and Councillor Cullimore seconded, and this motion was agreed to. Councillor Byrne, thereupon, proposed and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded that the amount allowed for roads be reduced from £700. to £600. but this was not considered advisable in view of the suggestion that a large amount be borrowed as it was thought £700. would be necessary to meet Loan Charges and on a show of hands three voted for the proposal and eight against. The motion was accordingly declared lost and the Estimate of £1260. for Ordinary Road Works allowed to stand. The estimated Expenditure of £7000. for special Grant Works was also adopted, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to include an extra Sum of £50. on the Receipts side as a contribution to be received from the State. No change was made in the Estimate for Burial Grounds, Domestic or Public Scavenging. On the Estimate for Waterworks it was agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne to reduce the Sum of £200. for extraordinary Expenses by £64. No alteration was made in the Estimate for miscellaneous Sanitary Services.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Estimate for the Housing of the Working Classes, particularly with reference to the cost of maintaining Artizans' dwellings and the Mayor suggested that a Committee of four be appointed to investigate and supervise a system that all repairs should be carried out in areas.

Councillor Kevin Morris suggested that the Estimate of £1500. for repairs be reduced by £100. and that any persons requiring a new range should be asked to pay a shilling per week extra on the Rent until the range was paid for.

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion but it was considered advisable not to reduce the Sum allowed for repairs but to increase the Estimated receipts of £16,555. by £100. as an estimated sum to be received for the provision of ranges.

The Housing Estimate was then approved and, on the motion of Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the following Committee was appointed:-

Councillors Kevin Morris, Byrne, Sinnott and the Mayor.

The next Estimate was for General Urban Purposes and Councillor Byrne referred to the item of £900. as a contribution to the Central Fund under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, and suggested that it should be reduced, but it was pointed out to the meeting that this was a Statutory demand which the Corporation had no legal authority to interfere with. Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed that the Minister for Finance be asked to investigate the incidence of the Unemployment Assistance contributions with a view to reducing the amount payable by local authorities.

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Councillor Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. Arising out of the Estimate for Vocational Education which included a Sum of £130. as a Superannuation allowance for Patrick Parle, former Teacher, the Mayor stated he did not think that the Corporation would be called on to pay this amount in full as Parle was at present temporarily employed by the Vocational Education and suggested a reduction of £100. in the Expenditure and a reduction of £50. in the Receipts, which was agreed to.

Arising out of the Estimate for refund of rates, for which the sum of £500. had been included to cover reductions in Valuations on appeal the Mayor moved that this Estimate be reduced by £200. which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was also agreed to include a Sum of £30. as a contribution to the three local Bands to give selections of music in the Town during the Summer months.

The Demand of the Wexford County Council was then examined and it was seen that this amounted to £18,333. or an increase of £1261. on the Demand for 1949/50, but it was explained that this year's demand included a Sum of £2673. as arrears of previous demands so that in actual fact the County Council Demand for the coming year showed a reduction. The Mayor proposed that the County Council Demand be reduced by £1451. thus paying off the arrears due the Sum of £1222.

In moving this motion the Mayor pointed out that the increased valuation of the Borough in the current year was not reflected in the Demand now before the Corporation but must at a future date appear in the Demand from that Body so that if the Corporation did not pay anything on foot of the County Council arrears in the coming year they would be only making the position more difficult in future years. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by Alderman Corish.

Councillor Byrne proposed as an amendment that the County Council be only paid £577. off the arrears and Councillor Cullimore seconded. On a Poll being taken there voted for the amendment Councillors O'Flaherty, Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Byrne.....(4).

Against the Amendment: Councillors: James Morris, Sinnott, Bierney, Gaul, Alderman Haddon, Corish and the Mayor.....(7).

The amendment was accordingly declared lost and the original motion by the Mayor that the Demand be reduced by £1451. declared carried by the same voting.

The net result of the meetings deliberations was that the following items on the Expenditure side had been reduced, namely,

Waterworks £64., Vocational Education £100., Rate Refunds £200. and in addition a Sum of £30. had been taken off the amount allowed for contingencies in the General Purpose Estimate.

This made a total of £414. which added to £1451. deducted from the County Council, brought the gross expenditure reductions to £1865. This was reduced however by the insertion of a sum of £30. towards Band contributions. On the Receipts side £50. had been added to the estimated Receipts for special

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Grant Works, £100. to the receipts for Artizan's dwellings, while £50. had been taken off the Receipts from the Vocational Education leaving the net increase in Receipts at £100. and the net saving in the Estimates £1935.

The net amount estimated by the Manager to be raised by means of Rates was £43,214. and with the Savings of £1935 effected by the Corporation this figure was reduced to £41, 279. for which a Rate of 32/- in the Pound would be necessary.

The meeting considered the entire position satisfactory, and, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, Table A. providing for an Estimated expenditure of £70529. was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, Table B., providing for estimated Receipts of £29,250. was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty Table C. determining the net amount to be raised by Rates at £41,279. was adopted and a rate of 32/- in the Pound determined for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1951.

The Mayor then referred to the water supply position and pointed out the amount which various Householders had to contribute towards the cost of a constant supply of water based on the Estimates just adopted. Councillor Byrne then proposed a Vote of thanks to the County Manager, Town Clerk and Staff for the able manner in which the Estimates had been presented. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was supported by His worship, The Mayor, Councillors: Gaul, Kevin Morris, Al Korman Corish, who also congratulated the Rate and Rent Collectors on their Collections during the present year.

The meeting then terminated.

3rd April, 1950.

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 Thomas Byrne (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish and Hadden.

Councillors: Bierney, Gaul, Sinnott, K. Morris, Frank Cullimore, J. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been furnished to the Members with copies for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ANNUAL REVISION OF VALUATION

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Kevin Morris referred to previous discussions on the question of the submission to the Corporation of the Lists for annual revision of Valuation and asked if the Town Clerk had taken legal advice on the position. The Town Clerk thereupon read the following letter from the Corporation Solicitor which stated:-

"With reference to your call upon us this afternoon and to the correspondence which has passed between you and the Secretary, Wexford Chamber of Commerce, we have, as requested by you, examined the Sections of the Valuation (Ireland) Act, 1854. We have also examined the Sections of the County Management Act, 1940. From what you tell us it would appear that all the Regulations of Section 4 of the 1854 Act have been complied with by you and we do not see where you have any other Statutory obligations to the public."

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk stated that in accordance with the Provisions of the County Management Act, 1940 such submission of the Lists to the Corporation was not a reserve function under the Act of 1940, ipso facto became an executive function of the Managers and the Lists were submitted to him in the ordinary way before being forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation.

As regards the submission of these Lists to the Corporation the County Manager said he would have no objection in the future to these Lists being laid on the Table for inspection by the members. In so far as the List under discussion was concerned this had been submitted to him in the ordinary way and he had inquired from the Town Clerk if the List had been compiled by competent persons, and on receiving a reply in the affirmative had directed that they be forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation.

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If, he stated, a premises did not require revision the Commissioner would not require it.

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Eventually it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris to request the Minister for Local Government to make the examination of these Lists a reserved function under the County Management Act, 1940.

REMUNERATION OF FIREMEN

Alderman Corish asked the County Manager to make the increased remuneration for the members of the Fire Brigade retrospective to the date of their application last year, and the Manager intimated that he would consider this matter.

In this connection Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the fact that the Deputy Officer had only now 10/- per annum more than the firemen but the Manager intimated that he had received no request from the Officers for a revision of their remuneration.

PARKING

Councillor Sinnott referred to the parking of cars on the Main St. and Traffic on the Main St. on Saturday nights and after some discussion it was decided to hold a meeting on the 11th instant at 8.30 p.m. with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council, Drapers' and Boot Merchants' Association and the Garda.

WATER SUPPLY

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the water supply position showed that the level of the Reservoir had dropped two inches below high water mark.

ROADS

With reference to a discussion at the annual Estimates Meeting on the 20th ultimo regarding the surfacing of certain roads in the Borough by means of a Loan the Borough Surveyor submitted a lengthy report intimating that to carry out this work in macadam would cost approximately £3,000. He did not think that concrete would be allowed at the present time owing to the demand for the use of cement for priority works.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which the question of cost was considered and eventually it was decided to adjourn the matter to enable the Town Clerk to inquire from the Department of Local Government what cement, if any, might be expected from the Road Fund if the Corporation undertook to put the roads in first class condition and to enable a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report to be furnished to the members.

In reply to Alderman Hadden regarding the surfacing of John St. and the question of sewerage there the County Manager intimated that the entire question of sewerage was at present before the Department of Local Government as a result of a report submitted by the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Thomas C'Connor. Alderman Corish asked the Borough Surveyor if he was satisfied that the roads on the Housing Sites were sufficiently wide and the Borough Surveyor intimated that they were the standard size of 16'.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of placing the two public conveniences on the quays in a useful condition and estimated a cost at £1,000.

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This also gave rise to a lengthy discussion as to the advisability of expending this amount of money on re-conditioning these conveniences rather than providing a second new public convenience for the Town and as well the question of the Legal right of the Corporation to take over these conveniences was raised by the Town Clerk.

It was eventually decided to adjourn this matter until the next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to examine the Legal position.

TOWN HALL SITE

With reference to a proposal to dispose of the Town Hall Site at Redmond Monument for the Sum of £300. the Minister for Local Government under date of the 14th ultimo stated that he was not prepared to sanction this proposal.

The Chairman proposed that the matter be referred back to the Minister for reconsideration and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

Councillor Sinnott, however, proposed as an amendment that the Minister's decision be accepted and Councillor Bierney seconded.

Alderman Corish expressed the opinion that no Government at the present time would sanction the disposal of property in an Urban Area while Councillor O'Flaherty considered the Site was unsuitable for a Town Hall and Alderman Hadden, while not agreeing that the Site was suitable for a Town Hall would not agree to its sale for the sum offered.

Eventually a Poll was taken on Councillor Sinnott's amendment when there voted for Councillor Sinnott:-

Aldermen

Councillors: Sinnott, Gaul, Bierney, Hadden and Corish.....(5)).

Against: Councillors: O'Flaherty, K. Morris, Cullimore, Jas. Morris and Byrne.....(5)).

The Chairman thereupon gave his casting vote for the original motion - and the original motion - to refer the motion back to the Minister was declared carried by the same voting.

WATERMAINS

Tenders for the supply of watermains for the Bishopswater Housing Scheme were received from: Messrs

Messrs. McFerran & Guilford, Ltd.
C. P. Glorney, Ltd.,
Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd.,
T. & C. Martin, Ltd.,
Tonge and Taggart, Ltd.,
Stavely Coal and Iron Co.,
Cochranes Ltd.,
Thomas Dockrell & Sons, Ltd.,
Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd.,
Brooks Thomas & Co. Ltd.,

NATIVE SPRUCE

Native spruce for scaffolding for the Bishopswater Site: Tenders were received from The Wexford Timber Co. Graves & Co., Ltd., Samule Morris, Ltd., James McMahon, Ltd.

These tenders were referred to the Housing Engineer for examination.

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POLLING

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On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty the original Scheme for the provision of Polling Places drawn up by the County Council was approved.

EASTER COMMEMORATION MASS

At the request of the Easter Commemoration Committee the Corporation decided to attend the 11 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday for all those who died for Irish Freedom.

CAPITOL CINEMA

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was unanimously agreed to transfer the Licence issued in the name of Mr. J. J. Roche in respect of the Capitol Cinema to that of Miss Bridget Driscoll, the present Manageress and to charge a Fee of 5/- for the Transfer.

Alderman Corish referred to the seating arrangements in the Cinemas and inquired if these were governed by Regulations. It was decided to have this point examined before the Cinema Licences became due for annual renewal.

RATIONING.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Government be asked to discontinue butter rationing.

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded the motion and suggested that the Resolution should cover the abolition of all food rationing, which amendment, Councillor Morris agreed to.

The Resolution was opposed by Alderman Hadden and Corish, Councillor Sinnott and the Chairman who suggested that the Minister be asked to increase the quantity of rationed food. On a poll being taken there voted for Councillor Morris's motion:-

Councillors O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris, Cullimore and Jas. Morris.

Against: Councillors Sinnott, Gaul, Bierney, Aldermen Hadden, Corish and the Chairman.

The motion was accordingly declared lost and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister to increase the quantities of all rationed quantities at subsidized prices.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR O'DWYER

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the congratulations of Wexford Corporation be cabled to Mayor O'Dwyer, New York on his recent stand against partition. Councillor Gaul, seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillors Sinnott and O'Flaherty and unanimously agreed to.

INCOME TAX ON HOUSE PROPERTY

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was decided to request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to reduce Income Tax on house property to the Poor Law Valuation instead of the present system of taxing on 5/4ths of the P.L.V.

RESOLUTION FROM KILLARNEY U.D.C.

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Sinnott a Resolution from the Killarney U.D.C. calling on the Government to introduce a Bill to increase the Land Tax of 25% on all Ground Rents payable to absentee landlords was adopted.

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The Town Clerk reported that there was an excess Expenditure over the Estimate for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1948 of £5,670. (Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Pounds) which required the sanction of the Corporation, and on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish this excess Expenditure was unanimously approved. Details of this Expenditure are as follows:-

Service	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure as per audited Abstract	Over-Expenditure	Under Expenditure.
Roads	£8000.	£5,668.13.0.	-	£2331.7.0.
Health Services	£10941.	£12,382.13.2.	£1441.13.2.	-
Housing	£13425.	£13,727. 15.7.	£302.15.7.	-
General Purposes	£25,752.	£29,676.16.5.	£3924.16.5.	-
TOTALS	£58,118.	£61,456. 3.2.	£5669. 5.2.	£2331.7.0.
	Net Over Expenditure		£3337 B. 2.
				£5669.5.2.

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OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the Town Clerk was authorised to apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to Overdraft accommodation in the Sum of £7,500. on the Revenue Account up to 30th September, 1950;

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950 and the principal features of these Regulations explained to the members.

FUEL

Alderman Corish referred to the issue of Fuel Vouchers for the Winter period, 1949/50 and the Town Clerk explained that this Scheme had been closed and it was impossible to issue vouchers in respect of it.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

Councillor Sinnott referred to the proposed Memorial to Commodore John Barry and asked what was the present position. The Town Clerk intimated that he had received no further information on the matter

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HOUSES AT FAYTHE

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated he was aware the Borough Surveyor had inspected two houses at the Faythe and that at present his report was being typed and would be available for the members at the next meeting.

NO. 36, ANTELOPE ROAD.

Complaint was made regarding repairs to No. 36, Antelope Road occupied by James Murphy and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report thereon.

DERELICT HOUSE AT ALLEN ST.

Complaint was also made regarding a Derelict house at Allen St. and the attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be called to this.

The meeting then terminated.

1st May, 1950.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 9.15 p.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman: Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors: Patrick Bierney, James Sinnott, James Morris, James Gaul, John O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Sinnott the minutes of the previous meeting (a copy of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as having been read and signed by the Chairman.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Sinnott referred to the sudden death on the Housing Site of one of the Corporation employees, James O'Connor, Allen St. and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his relatives. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Corish referred to the unexpected death of Mr. P. J. Clarke, Manager, National Bank, Rathmines, formerly Manager of the Wexford Branch and Treasurer to the Corporation and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his relatives.

Councillor James Morris seconded the motion which was supported by the other members, the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ILLNESS OF MAYOR

Councillor Byrne intimated to the meeting that he was informed his Worship, the Mayor, would arrive home from Hospital on the following day and the members expressed wishes for his speedy recovery and resumption of duty.

MUNICIPAL RATE

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate for the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 1951, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Alderman Corish it was resolved "that a Municipal Rate of 32/- in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Municipal Fund as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1951 as considered and adopted on 20th March, 1950." the Rate Book was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TENDERS

A large number of Tenders for various materials were opened, in connection with the Corporation Housing Schemes and after being initialled by the Chairman were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for appropriate action.

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On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Cllr. Byrne, it

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unanimously agreed to delete Article 2 of the Bye-Laws dated 21st August, 1933 with respect to houses divided into separate tenements. This Article read as follows:-

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

Notice of intention to repeal this Bye-Law and to substitute another in lieu thereof had been given in the public Press more than a month before the present meeting, and, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Gaul the following new Bye-Law was substituted in lieu of the one just repealed:-

"These bye-laws shall not, with the exception of bye-laws numbered 4 and 5 apply to any lodging house in which the tenant of the lodging house resides and not more than one family is lodged."

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that immediate steps be taken to develop a new Housing Site so that when work is nearing completion at Bishopswater, house building could be commenced without a break and that a main sewer be constructed to serve these Schemes.

Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was agreed to by all the members but the County Manager pointed out to the meeting the financial burden which would be placed on the rates by bearing the dead-weight loan charges for the development of a site long before it was possible to build and obtain a revenue therefrom. After some discussion, however, it was decided to refer this whole question for consideration to the Special Housing Committee appointed by the Corporation at the Estimates meeting on 20th March.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT FAYTHE

Reference was made to the proposed purchase of property at the Faythe owned by Mrs. Cullimore and this question was also referred to the special Committee for consideration.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT HILL ST.

Regarding the proposed purchase of property at Hill St. from Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John St., Mr. O'Leary under date of 25th ultimo intimated that he was not prepared to sell the property for a sum of £300. but as he was anxious to facilitate the building programme of the Corporation in every way would be prepared to accept the sum of £600.

The Corporation had previously advised the Officials to negotiate with Mr. O'Leary up to £550. and it was now agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor D'Flaherty to authorise the purchase of the property for the sum of £550.

WATER SUPPLY

A report of the Borough Surveyor on the present position of the water supply was read and an appeal was made by Councillor Sinnott and the Chairman to the public to avoid wastage.

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Councillor Sinnott referred to the sweeping of a street debris into gully traps and the Town Clerk intimated that towards the end of

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the dry spell of last year staff was ready to immediately clean gullies when the weather broke so as to avoid flooding.

DUMPING GROUND AT FARNOGUE

The Chairman referred to the proposed acquisition of land at Farnogue for dumping and intimated that the residents in the area took very serious objection to this proposal and he thought they were justified in such objection.

The Manager, however, pointed out that controlled dumping was a regular feature in any built up area and when properly sealed could not give rise to a nuisance. He, however, pointed out that this matter was one on which the Minister for Industry & Commerce would adjudicate and he would be furnished with reports both from the Chief Medical Officer and the Borough Surveyor. The Minister would also take into consideration the objection of residents and he considered that any discussion on the matter at this stage was unwise.

It was decided, however, that copies of the report of the Chief Medical and Borough Surveyor should be made available to the members when they were prepared.

WIRING OF HOUSES

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the delay of the Electricity Supply Board in connecting houses at Maudlintown which had been wired by the Corporation with the Main Supply, and the Town Clerk stated that he had been several times in communication with the Board on this matter and had received promises that the work would be carried out. He agreed to communicate with them again with a view to expediting the connection.

ROAD AT GIBSON ST. ETC.

Reference was made to a hole in the footpath at the end of Gibson St. and a broken gully at Mary's Lane and the condition of the road setts at Bride St. Church as well as to the dismissal of a plasterer and his helper who was thought could be employed on laying footpaths to the Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas houses.

PROVISION OF W.C.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to an application made by a person in John St. for a Grant towards the provision of a W.C. and the County Manager promised to look into this application as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Byrne.

15th May, 1950.

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 Thomas Byrne, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair).

Alderman Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

Councillors: James Gaul, P. Bierney, F. Cullimore, J. O'Flaherty, James Morris, Kevin Morris, and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting first decided the Claims under the Old Age Pensions' Acts and a record of their decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions. Arising out of the Old Age Pensions' Meeting Councillor Sinnott gave notice of his intention to move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Minister for Social Welfare be called on to abolish the means test and to increase the present allowance to Pensioners.

SYMATHY

Councillor Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Garrett Donoghue, a former member of the Council. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Gaul also proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the Very Rev. John Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater, a former Administrator of Wexford on the death of his nephew. This motion was seconded by the Chairman, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was decided to hold a meeting of the special Housing Committee constituted on the 20th March last on the 22nd inst. to consider various matters in connection with the extension of the Corporation Housing Programme.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM MR. T. O'LEARY.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer of Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John Street, to dispose of property at Hill St. and Wygram for the sum of £550., and the Committee was asked to expedite the provision of houses in this area.

PAYMENT TO REPS. LATE R. DONNELLY.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously agreed to authorise the County Manager to pay the sum of £270. to the representatives of the late Mr. Robert Donnelly, Architect, for work done in connection with the proposed Town Park.

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Arising out of this matter Councillor Sinnott gave notice that he would move at the next statutory meeting that steps be taken to provide a public park for the Town.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Reference was made to a recent disastrous fire at John St. when the house occupied by a family named Saunders was completely destroyed, and a general discussion took place on the organisation of the Fire Brigade, but it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, that the Corporation should meet on a convenient occasion as a Committee to consider the whole question of the organisation, establishment and equipment of the Fire Brigade.

TOWN HALL SITE

At the request of Councillor K. Morris the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he was not prepared to alter his decision refusing sanction to the proposed sale of the Town Hall Site at Redmond Monument and as this matter would come before the June Statutory Meeting no discussion took place on the matter.

WATERWORKS

Arising out of the discussion on the waterworks it was decided that a statement should be issued to the Press each Thursday morning intimating to the public the position of the Reservoir.

TWO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON QUAYS.

The Town Clerk reported that he had again carefully examined the position regarding the taking over of the public conveniences on the Quays and intimated that while the Law on the matter was very doubtful he thought that the Corporation as a Sanitary Authority would not be doing anything very wrong in taking over from the Harbour Commissioners two conveniences there and maintaining them until such times as proper public conveniences were available in the Town, and on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Bierney it was decided to recommend the Corporation to take over these conveniences and put them into a reasonable state with as little expense as possible.

It was also decided that the question of providing a public convenience at the South end of the Town should be listed for discussion at the June Statutory Meeting.

PROPERTY AT RERE OF FIRE STATION

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the property between the gardens at the rere of Menapia Avenue and the Fire Brigade Station and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

PAINTING OF HOUSES

At the request of Councillor Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor was to be asked what houses he proposed to paint in the coming financial year.

ALLOCATION OF TOWN HALL

Councillor O'Flaherty asked what Clubs had been allocated dances for the 1950/51 Season and when the Town Clerk read out the list of applicants he objected to the Sean McBride Social Club and Councillor Kevin Morris objected to the 'Dependents' Fund Committee.

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Councillor Kevin Morris also referred to the recent increase in the cost of the Town Hall and proposed that it be reduced to the former figure. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was agreed to as a recommendation to the County Manager.

A suggestion by Councillor O'Flaherty that the reduced rate only apply to clubs and that the higher rate apply to individuals was not favoured.

Councillor Kevin Morris again raised the question of the provision of an office for the convenience of people running dances and the Manager promised to look into this matter as soon as possible, and Alderman Corish suggested that the Corporation should provide a piano in the Hall and charge a fee for its use at each dance.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

In reply to a query regarding Traffic Regulations the Town Clerk intimated that he had recently discussed this matter with the Inspector of the Garda. The Inspector favoured an experiment as a beginning with Traffic Lines painted on the roadway and it had been agreed as a first step to experiment with such lines in the Bullring, when the usefulness or otherwise of these could be seen. In a few weeks the matter would again be discussed with the Garda and an extension or otherwise recommended to the Corporation.

STONEBRIDGE LANE

Councillor Cullimore referred to the condition of the Stonebridge Lane and the Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation had decided sometime ago that it was not an area they could usefully acquire under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act and he had pointed out in a letter to the Council that in the opinion of the Corporation the owners of the property there should place a gateway on it with keys for their own use.

In further reply to Councillor Cullimore the Town Clerk promised that he would try and fix responsibility for ownership of some of the derelict property there but did not hold out much hope of success.

SEWERAGE

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the sewerage at Mr. Carton's, St. John's Rd. and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report on this.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine a sewer at St. John's Gate St.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Byrne

17th May, 1950.

A special meeting of the General Purposes' Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to consider the water supply position.

The members present being:-

Councillor Thomas Byrne, (Deputy Mayor; (in the Chair.

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Patrick Bierney, James Sinnott, John O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris and James Morris.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

WATER SUPPLY

The report of the Borough Surveyor which showed the comparative position of the water supply at 1st April, 1st May and 16th May was read and it was decided to issue an appeal to the public to save water, otherwise drastic restrictions to the supply in the Town would be necessary.

The question of the John Street water was also raised and it was decided to have this made available to the public as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

22nd May, 1950.

A meeting of a special Committee to consider the further provision of houses 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 Thomas Byrne, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair).

Councillors: Kevin Morris and James Sinnott.

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

After a lengthy discussion the following programme was suggested which was to be examined by the Officials and a report submitted to a further meeting of the Committee as soon as it was available:-

- (1) The provision of flats at Mary Street.
- (2) The erection of houses at Hill St. and Wygram Place.
- (3) The development of Kelly's, Sutton's and Kirwan's land at Whitemill.
- (4) Subject to the consent of the Corporation the making of a Clearance Order for Duke Street.
- (5) The provision of a new road and the development of a Housing Site from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road.
- (6) Trinity Street and Fisher's Row area.
- (7) The provision of a sewer at Distillery Road and Bishopswater.
- (8) The feasibility of acquiring portion of the Military Barracks for the provision of flats.

When the above suggestions had been examined it was left in the hands of the County Manager and Town Clerk to convene a further meeting of the Committee.

5th June, 1950.

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: Nicholas Corish and George Hadden.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR

At the outset Councillor Gaul moved that congratulations be extended to His Worship, The Mayor, on his recovery from his recent serious operation. Councillor Byrne, seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and for which the Mayor returned thanks.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship, The Bishop, Clergy, relatives and parishioners of the Very Rev. Mark Canon O'Byrne, Parish Priest of Ballindaggin.

In moving this motion the Mayor referred to the service Father O'Byrne had rendered to the people of the Town of Wexford for a number of years. The esteem in which Father O'Byrne was held was shown by the attendance at his funeral obsequies which included all creeds and classes from His Excellency, The President of Ireland to his most humble parishioner. He recalled the interest Father O'Byrne had taken in the resuscitation of the national language, his interest in gaelic games, folklore, industry and nationalism, His political outlook was always of a very high standard which was not appreciated in his early days, but his advocacy of those early days afterwards became the national outlook of all.

He further moved that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory.

Councillor Sinnott, in seconding the motion recalled various activities of Father O'Byrne in Wexford, including the establishment of a Boys' Confraternity, The Working Mens' Club, and his trojan work in establishing Feis Carmain.

The motion was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Subsequently a number of tenders were opened for the supply of goods required for the 128 house Scheme at Bishopswater, for the provision of lavatories for 16 houses at Trinity Street and the conversion of an old house at Cornmarket into two flats.

Reference was also made to the fact that the Tate School would

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shortly come on the market and it was considered that it would be an ideal building to acquire for Municipal Offices and Councillor Byrne proposed that the County Manager and Town Clerk be authorised to take steps to examine the building and investigate the feasibility of purchasing it.

Councillor James Morris seconded this motion.

Thos Buckland

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

Councillor Thomas Byrne, Deputy Mayor, (in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Haddon and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Bierney, James Sinnott, Edward Howlin, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset Councillor Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Joseph Crosbie, Housing Staff Officer at the County Council, on the death of his aunt, the late Miss Williams. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

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

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Sinnott complained about the Condition of the boundary fence between the house on the west side of Menapia Avenue and Davitt Road, North, and was informed that this matter was being referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

He also referred to the condition of two houses at the Faythe owned by Mrs. Cullimore of Talbot St. and was informed that this matter had been referred to the special Housing Committee which would meet in the near future. Alderman Hadden referred to the condition of a house in John St. owned by the representatives of the late Robert Hanton and asked that it be examined with a view to taking it over.

TOWN HALL

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a previous discussion regarding the allocation of the Town Hall and again stated that, in his opinion, there was no such Organisation as the Sean McBride Social Club, basing this assumption on the grounds that they had no club premises.

Councillor Sinnott stated he was aware there was such a Club and both Councillors O'Flaherty and K. Morris intimated that they had at no time questioned the right of the Easter Commemoration Committee or the Prisoners' Dependents' Committee to receive allocations.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, during which, it was pointed out that this was entirely a Managerial function.

In reply to a Query the Town Clerk intimated that he was now satisfied that the Cathal Brugha Football Club was an Organisation and that an allocation could be made to them in the near future.

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Reference was also made to the application of the Wexford Theatre Guild and Councillor Morris proposed and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded that they be made an allocation although it was pointed out that this was not a Club and had no Headquarters no more than the Sean McBride Social Club, to whom objections had previously been taken on the grounds that they had no Headquarters.

In this connection a letter was read from the Committees of the Easter Commemoration Committee and the Wexford Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Committee with reference to an objection made to them at a previous meeting.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he would lay the list of allocations for the Town Hall on the table for the next meeting.

HOUSE AT JOHN ST.

Reference was made to the house at John St. formerly occupied by John Lawlor and it was stated that applications for this house had been received and a tenant would be appointed in the near future.

GRANT FOR PROVISION OF W.C.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to an application for the provision of a W.C. for a house in John St. and the County Manager promised to examine this as soon as possible.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

The following letter was read from the Minister for External Affairs to His Worship, The Mayor, on the proposed memorial to Commodore John Barry, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. William McGauran, County Architect, as a member of the Committee suggested by the Minister for External Affairs.

" As you are no doubt aware, the Congress of the United States has appropriated funds for the purpose of enabling the Government of the United States to present to Ireland a statue of Commodore John Barry. I have now received a request through the American Ambassador for advice as to where the Irish Government desires the proposed monument to be erected and for a description and particulars of the site. It is the desire of the Irish Government that this monument should be erected in Wexford. As I am sure you know, Commodore John Barry sailed, as a youngster, from the port of Wexford in the year 1755 and it was felt that it would be fitting that the monument to this distinguished Wexford seaman who was later to become the founder of the American Navy, should be erected at the port from which he sailed.

I am writing this letter to seek through you, Mr. Mayor, the advice and co-operation of the Wexford Corporation in the selection of the most suitable site for the erection of this monument. It is the desire of the United States Government and of the Committee appointed by the President of the United States to have full particulars of the site in order that the statue may be appropriately designed.

Subject to the views of the Wexford Corporation, I would suggest that a small Committee of experts (if possible, Architects) be appointed for the purpose of selecting and deciding

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upon the most suitable and appropriate site. If this suggestion commends itself to the Wexford Corporation, I would suggest that this Committee of experts should be composed as follows:-

- (1) An Architect or other qualified person nominated by the Wexford Corporation.
- (2) An Architect or other qualified person nominated by the Cultural Relations Committee attached to this Department.
- (3) An Architect or other qualified person nominated by the Board of Works.

I would suggest that this small Committee of experts should consult with you, Mr. Mayor, and with such other members of the Corporation as may be desired and should be empowered to make an authoritative recommendation to me in the matter which I can then convey to the United States Government.

Such a Committee would, in addition, be in a position to furnish all the necessary particulars concerning the Site which the Committee appointed by President Truman may require and generally advise.

At a Conference held at Leinster House I consulted the members of the Dail for Co. Wexford about this matter. After careful consideration they agreed with the proposal which I have outlined above. The following were present at the Conference:-

Dr. Jim Ryan, T.D.,
Sir John Esmondo, T.D.,
Mr. Brendan Corish, T.D., and
Mr. John O'Leary, T.D.

Mr. Denis Allen, T.D. was, owing to regrettable illness unable to be present. Accordingly, you may take it that the contents of this letter has the approval of all the members of the Dail for Co. Wexford.

I would be very grateful if you would be good enough to place this matter before the Wexford Corporation, at your convenience."

In this connection Councillor Byrne suggested that the Committee should be asked to examine the suggested site at Swan View before coming to a final decision, and on the motion of Alderman Corish the thanks of the Corporation were extended to the Minister for External Affairs and the five Deputies for County Wexford for their efforts to have the statue erected in the Town. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and on the suggestion of Councillor Kevin Morris it was also agreed that thanks be extended to Rev. Brother Aidan, New York for his untiring efforts to have the American Government provide this memorial to Commodore Barry.

TOWN HALL SITE

The next business was a letter from the Minister For Local Government intimating that he was not prepared to alter the decision already conveyed refusing sanction to the proposed sale of the Town Hall Site. The Chairman proposed that the matter be referred back to the Minister for reconsideration; that he be requested to send an Inspector to inspect the Site

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and to make suggestions for its use by the Corporation. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this proposition.

Councillor Sinnott, however, proposed that the Corporation accept the Minister's decision and alderman Corish seconded.

On a show of hands being taken five voted for Councillor Sinnott's amendment and six against.

The original motion to refer the matter back for consideration was declared carried by the same voting.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the Minister for Social Welfare be asked to increase Old Age Pensions to £1. 2. 6. per week and to abolish the means test.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC PARK

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was agreed that steps be taken to provide a public park for the Town.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON QUAYS

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was agreed to take over, open and keep clean at as little expense as possible two public conveniences on the Quays, the property of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was decided that steps be taken to acquire a derelict site at Mann's lane and to erect a public lavatory thereon.

CINEMA LICENCES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to renew the Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 in respect of the Capitol Cinema and Cinema Palace.

ROAD FROM DAVITT ROAD SOUTH TO WATERLOO RD.

The next business was to consider the proposed extension of Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road, and the provision of a Housing scheme thereon, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed that the members inspect this site on Wednesday next, 21st instant, at 8.30 p.m.

DUKE ST. CLEARANCE AREA.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was agreed that steps should be taken to prepare an Order for consideration by the Corporation declaring the area known as Duke St. to be a Clearance Area under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1937.

WATER SUPPLY

The report of the Borough Surveyor on the water supply to the Town showed that there was still a weekly loss of over one million gallons.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that inspections were being carried out daily, and his attention was called to a defective ball cock on the premises of Mr. Evan's, Distillery House and to a defective valve at Faytho.

The question of reducing pressure was raised by Alderman Hadden and the Borough Surveyor pointed out the various defects in the way of giving practical effect to this, but promised to examine it and see if it was possible.

A suggestion was made by Councillor Sinnott that a small hut should be provided at Edenvale for the use of the night man there, and the Manager promised to examine this matter.

An appeal was made by the Chairman and other members to the public to avoid wastage of water thus preventing the necessity of further restrictions on the supply, and Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the taste of the John St. water, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that a considerable amount of dumping rubbish was taking place in this Reservoir, which necessitated heavy chlorination.

BATHING PLACE

Alderman Corish referred to the opening of the Bathing Place and was informed that a Caretaker would be appointed during the week for this premises.

PROPERTY AT WYGRAM

In reply to a Query the Town Clerk intimated that the Lawyers had not yet completed the Transfer of property from Mr. Martin Hore to the Corporation.

EMPTYING OF DUST BINS

Councillor O'Flaherty complained that the dust bins at Hill St./Wygram were not emptied after the last Holyday and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor be requested to see that this was done, after each Holyday.

ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The question of the scavenging of St. Aidan's Crescent was also referred to as well as to the condition gully traps in the streets, which was referred to the Borough Surveyor.

W.C.'S FOR TRINITY ST. HOUSES.

In reply to a query it was stated that the Tenders for the provision of lavatories for the Trinity St. houses had been referred to the Borough Surveyor for an opinion as to whether or not they were reasonable and as soon as Mr. McNally reported the necessary Order would be made.

Councillor K. Morris handed in a letter plate taken from one of the houses at St. Aidan's Crescent, who thought it a very poor quality, and the Manager promised to have it examined.

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Councillor Sinnott referred to the white washing of the

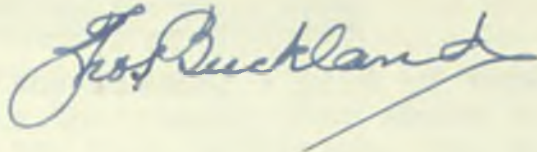
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graveyards and asked that James Moore who had been employed on this work for a number of years should be taken on this year, and the County Manager promised to investigate this matter.

ACCIDENT AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

Councillor Morris referred to an accident which had taken place to a child at St. Aidan's Crescent, and the Housing Engineer was to be asked to examine the house in question with a view to removing the cause of this accident, which was, apparently, built up ground on the inside of the wall which gave little or no protection to children.

The meeting then terminated.



26th June, 1950.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the requisition of the Deputy Mayor) 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).

Councillors: James Sinnott, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore,
Thomas Byrne, John O'Flaherty and James Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

REVISION OF VALUATION

There was submitted to the meeting a list of tenements requiring revision of valuation in the coming year which had been received by the Town Clerk from the Rate Collectors, the Revenue Commissioners, the Commissioner of Valuation and persons requiring revision of their own premises. This list was examined in detail and strong objection was taken by the members to premises being listed for revision which, in their opinion, had ^{not} been altered.

It was pointed out to the members, however, that they could make no alterations in the lists except to express an opinion as to whether or not a revision of valuation was necessary and eventually the following Resolution ~~as~~ proposed by His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, was unanimously adopted, "That in the opinion of the Corporation no premises should be revised except where structural alterations of a major character have taken place."

It was also decided to extract from the lists a few specific cases where in the opinion of the members no alteration had taken place.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously decided to authorise the County Manager to make a Preliminary Order under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 in respect of the Stonebridge Lane.

The meeting then terminated.



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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Alderman Nicholas Corish:

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mr. John O'Mahoney on his sudden demise which had taken place this afternoon while employed by the County Council on the Quays. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

The following minutes (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members) were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of Corporation on 5th, 12th and 26th ultimo.

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

W.C.'S FOR TRINITY ST. HOUSES.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Byrne asked what was the position regarding the provision of lavatories for the 16 houses at Trinity St. and the Town Clerk replied that following the opening of the Tenders on the 12th ultimo the lowest Tender had been referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report and immediately on receiving his report, that the tender of Mr. P. Tobin was reasonable, the County Manager had made an Order accepting it and this had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval. He (Town Clerk) had just received from the Department a Query asking for the reports of the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer, which he would deal with the next few days.

Arising out of this the following letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council:-

"I have been instructed by the above body to write you and ask you to convey to the Co. Manager and to the members of the Corporation, their regret at having been put up for tender, work which - in the Council's opinion - could be done much more cheaply by direct labour.

The Trades Council would like to know if the direct labour system in Wexford has, or has not been a success in the Town. If the former they suggest that it be employed not only in the building of houses, but in clearance of sites repair and maintenance of the property of the Corporation.

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Corporation. The Council suggests in this connection, that a Housing Engineer be appointed, who, with a certain fixity of tenure in the position, would be responsible for every thing pertaining to housing in Wexford.

We would be pleased if this letter were read at the next Corporation meeting when the pros and cons for such a step could be discussed by the members.

The Trades Council feels that if it's suggestion were adopted that expenditure would be lessened, resulting in a considerable saving on the rates."

It was decided that a copy of this letter should be circulated to each member and placed on the Agenda for general consideration at the next meeting.

It was also decided, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Contractor for the Trinity St. houses be asked to employ as much labour as possible.

PUBLIC PARK

In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk intimate d that the question of the provision of a public park was still under examination.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES ON QUAYS

The question was raised regarding the decision of the Corporation to open the public lavatories on the Quays and the Town Clerk read a letter which he had addressed to the Borough Surveyor asked for an estimate of the cost of this work, to which he had not yet received a reply. Much dissatisfaction was expressed that the Borough Surveyor had not replied to this communication and he was to be asked to deal with the Query of the Town Clerk immediately

BOUNDARY FENCE BETWEEN MENAPIA AVE. AND DAVITT ROAD NTH.

Alderman Corish referred to the question of a boundary fence between Menapia Avenue and Davitt Road North, which was also referred to the Borough Surveyor.

GRAVEYARDS.

Councillor Sinnott complained of the action of the Borough Surveyor in spraying limewash on the walls of the graveyards and thought that the man who had been engaged on this work for a considerable number of years should have again been employed. Other members supported Councillor Sinnott's protest and stated that the work was not as satisfactory as in previous years when done by a brush.

SCAVENGING OF ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked what arrangements he proposed to make for the scavenging at St. Aidan's Crescent.

WATER SITUATION

Arising out of the report on the water situation which was considered satisfactory Councillor Sinnott raised the

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the question of the provision of a hut for the night watchman at Edenvale and the provision of a protective handrail up to the screens. The Councillor stated that he had raised this matter with Mr. McNally at a previous meeting and he understood from the Surveyor at the time that he would have these matters attended to, but so far as he (Councillor Sinnott) was aware nothing had yet been done.

Arising further out of the report on the water situation the Mayor asked the County Manager to examine the advisability of purchasing a traction engine as a stand-by to operate a pump at Edenvale during the emergency periods.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS

The following acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from His Lordship, The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, on the death of the Very Rev. Mark Canon O' Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin; from Very Rev. John Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater, on the death of his nephew; from Mr. Joseph Crosbie, Swan View, on the death of his aunt, from the Department of Social Welfare on the subject of an increase in the rate of Old Age Pensions and the operation of the means test and from the Commissioner of Valuation acknowledging the Resolution of the Corporation regarding certain items in the lists transmitted for revision in the current year.

TOWN HALL

There was also read a letter from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he was not prepared to alter his decision refusing sanction to the proposal of the Corporation to dispose of the Town Hall Site at Redmond Place for the sum of £300. It was decided to adjourn this matter to a further meeting, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris.

TENDERS

Tenders were received from the following for the supply of roofing tiles, ridge and hip tiles, flues, lime, rigging, and ancilliary supplies

The Wexford Timber Co. Ltd.
W. J. Hickey, Ltd., Cork.
John P. Kelly, Enniscorthy.
McFerran & Guilford, Dublin.
C. P. Glorney, Ltd., Dublin.
Graves & Co. Ltd., Waterford.
Brooks Thomas & Co., Ltd., Dublin.
J. J. O'Hara & Co., Ltd., Dublin.
M. & J. Redmond, Gorey.
Charles Tennant & Co., Ltd., Dublin.
Borman MacNaughton & Sons, Dublin.
Thomas Dockorell Sons & Co. Dublin.
Concrete Products of Ireland Ltd. Dublin.
Baxendale & Co. Ltd. Dublin.

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RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION.

A Resolution from the Sligo Corporation calling on the Minister for Justice to amend the Law in regard to the valuation of property in Urban areas was read and as the Sligo Corporation had already placed this matter on the Agenda for the next annual Conference of the Municipal Authorities it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

ERECTION OF WALL AT ST. MAGDALEN'S.

In accordance with notice given Councillor K. Morris moved that the decision of the Corporation to erect a wall at St. Magdalen's Terrace be implemented. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to it being suggested that the wall should be raised to a height of 6'.

REVALUATION OF HOUSES.

Councillor Kevin Morris also moved that the Corporation be asked to state the number of houses sent for revision (including new houses from 1933 to 1948). The Town Clerk stated that as previously intimated to the Corporation copies of the lists submitted for revaluation each year were not kept in the Office and the only person who could supply this information would be the Commissioner of Valuation, otherwise it would be necessary to examine the valuation lists for the 15 years in question and pick out for each year the number of premises revised.

It was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne to ask the Commissioner of Valuation to supply the necessary information.

REPORTS OF RENT COLLECTORS ON
ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS.

Arising out of a request by Councillor Byrne that the Corporation make available the reports of Rent Collectors on Artizans' Dwellings the Manager stated that the Collectors made verbal reports to him from time to time when they were before him examining the condition of the rental, but that written reports were not available.

Most of the members, including Councillor Byrne, considered that the Rent Collectors had sufficient work collecting the rents and keeping the rent collection in its present healthy state, and thought that the services of a full-time Health Inspector should be available in the Borough as was the position prior to 1st April, 1948. It was eventually agreed that the financial implications of a full-time Health Inspector for the Borough should be examined and a report submitted to the Corporation.

NO. 10 DEVEREAUX VILLAS.

In this connection details were submitted of damage which had been done to No. 10 Devereaux Villas by a former tenant, and the meeting informed that it was proposed to institute legal proceedings for the amount involved.

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HORSE RIVER

Councillor Sinnott and others referred to the installation of weirs on the Horse River and considered that these in their present form were slowing up the flow of water in the River, but it was decided to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee when the Borough Surveyor would be in attendance.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

It was also agreed to hold a special meeting of the Corporation on the 17th instant to elect two members as Harbour Commissioners pursuant to the Harbour Acts, 1946.

ELECTRICITY FOR MAUDLINTOWN ESTATE.

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the delay of the E.S.B., in connecting up the houses on the Maudlintown Estate with the mains and the Town Clerk promised to again approach the District Engineer in Waterford with a view to having the connections expedited.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a Conference held last year regarding proposed extension of the Borough and it was pointed out that certain decisions had been arrived at with the representatives of the Corporation and County Council which had been subsequently reviewed by the Corporation whereby the County Council would permit the Corporation to erect houses in the rural area and make a financial adjustment regarding the cost of services, etc.

Suggested Housing Sites.

Councillor O'Flaherty also raised the question of a preliminary survey of suggested Housing sites in the north end of the Town, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite this.

Councillor Sinnott complained that when members of the Corporation recently visited Davitt Road South in connection with a proposed new Housing Site no Official was present.

TRESPASS ON ALLOTMENTS.

Councillor Sinnott also stated that he had received a complaint to the effect that the potatoes in the allotments at Whitomill were being destroyed by mischievous people and it was decided to communicate with the Garda.

DEBRIS AT WINDMILLS HILL

Councillor O'Flaherty complained of a heap of debris at Windmills Hill and the Town Clerk informed him that he had already been in touch with the person responsible and it would be removed in the near future.

DEFECTIVE ROOF ON HOUSE AT HILL ST.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be directed to the house at Hill St. Wexford. The Town Clerk stated that a defective roof on the outside was causing dampness to the main dwelling.

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CARTON'S HOUSE - JOHN'S RD.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to make a report on the position of the sewerage at Carton's, John's Rd.

- RANGE FOR HOUSE AT O'CONNELL AVE.

It was unanimously agreed that the County Manager be authorised to provide a range for the house occupied by John Hynes at O'Connell Ave. at a lesser increase in rent than the sum of 1/- a week agreed in March last for new ranges; the actual sum to be left to the discretion of the Co. Manager.

INCREASE FOR FIRE BRIGADE.

In reply to Alderman Corish the County Manager intimated that he was at present considering the application of the Fire Brigade Officers for increased remuneration.

GULLY TRAP.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of a gully trap at Upper John St. and the attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to this.

LAND AT DAVITT ROAD NORTH.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was unanimously agreed to lease a plot of land at Davitt Road North to Mr. John Cosgrove, St. Ibar's Villas for 31 years at a rent of £2. per annum for the purpose of erecting a garage subject to Plans, etc. being approved.

REFUND OF RATES.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided that the Officials be authorised to refund to the Trustees of the Redmond Memorial Park the amount paid by them in rates in the the year 1949/50 on the grounds the the Committee were providing an amenity for the public of Wexford and for the reason that their income was less than their expenditure.

The meeting then terminated.

John Buckland

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A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) to elect two members of the Corporation to serve as Harbour Commissioners under the Harbour Commissioners Act, 1946 as amended by the Local Elections Act, 1948.

The members present were:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland (in the Chair).

Alderman: Nicholas Corish.

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

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor 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 Councillor Kevin Morris on the death of his aunt, the late Mrs. Catherine More of Carrigeon and with the More family on the death of their mother.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation record their sympathy at the passing of Dr. Arthur Conway, a native of Wexford, who was internationally known as an outstanding mathematician. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Councillor Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Joseph Crosbie on the County Council staff, on the death of his uncle.

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by the Mayor and other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

All three motions were adopted in respectful silence.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, namely, the election of two members to serve as Harbour Commissioners, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul it was unanimously agreed that the two sitting members, namely, the Mayor and Councillor Sinnott should be re-elected.

The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the General Purposes' Committee was held at the close of the above meeting. The members present being the same as at the special meeting of the Corporation.

The first business was to consider a number of questions of which notice had been given by Alderman Corish.

PROTECTION FOR HOUSES AT MENAPIA AVE.

The first question was what steps have been taken to provide protection to houses in Menapia Avenue at the river.

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The Town Clerk replied that these houses were built by the Corporation some years ago and apparently protection was not then considered necessary and as it was the normal practice for tenants to maintain fences no action was proposed in this matter. The members did not consider this a reasonable attitude but it was pointed out by the Manager that if the Corporation desired to spend approximately £200. to erect a wall at the rear of these gardens it was in their own hands to make available the necessary money.

It was eventually agreed that the Borough Surveyor submit an estimate for the provision of a wall at the back of the Malapia Avenue houses.

PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS.

The second question related to the provision of footpaths to a number of houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas and the Town Clerk intimated that an Order had been made by the Manager that this work should be started next week.

It had been hoped to commence this work a few weeks ago but owing to a heavy demand on the masons in repairing footpaths disturbed by the E.S.B. this work could not be reached on.

The third question was if provision had been made for regular scavenging at St. Aidan's Crescent and Alderman Corish was informed that this area had been scavenged once a week as in other parts of the Town.

Alderman Corish, however, considered that scavenging of the streets should be done at least twice a week as it was not easy to keep streets clean with a weekly sweep.

This question also gave rise to a discussion on domestic scavenging and it was pointed out that the Corporation in all their new Housing schemes provided a dust bin initially for the tenants but did not propose to replace them as they became useless.

In this connection complaint was made that the scavengers were being asked to take refuse other than domestic refuse in dust bins and Councillor O'Flaherty stated that he had witnessed last week a dust bin which the scavengers were unable to lift and which contained masonry rubble.

It was pointed out that there was no obligation on the scavengers to take from a dust bin anything other than domestic refuse and even then only from a proper container, and it was decided that this Regulation should be brought to the notice of the public.

On this question of Street cleaning Councillor Sinnott raised the matter of grass growing on the streets and the County Manager intimated that proposals for the removal of grass had already been approved.

Alderman Corish referred to the very heavy grass on St. John's Road and to the dangerous state of the Tar macadam portion of the footpath there and was informed that it was intended to include in the current year's estimate proposals to deal with this area.

COLLAPSE OF ROOF.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the collapse of a roof at South Main St. recently and the Borough Surveyor to have the small amount of rubble on the footpath removed.

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PROVISION OF LAVATORIES FOR TRINITY ST. HOUSES

The fourth question by Alderman Corish was what was the Borough Surveyor's estimate for the provision of lavatories at Trinity St. and in reply the Town Clerk intimated that it was £1240.

He (Town Clerk) read a letter from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 6th instant intimating that in view of the difference between the tender price and the Borough Surveyor's estimate, that the Corporation should consider carrying out the work by direct labour.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, during which, Alderman Corish intimated that he considered that an up-to-date estimate from the Borough Surveyor for this work should have been before the Corporation, when the Contractors' Tenders were opened, as the Estimate for £1240. was made in February, 1949, which Mr. McNally was now unable to stand over in view of various increases in costs.

In this connection the County Manager pointed out that as far as he was aware the normal proceeding with all public bodies was that Tenders on being opened were referred to the Housing Engineer as the competent Advisor to state whether or not the lowest tender was reasonable. This had been done in the present instance and the Borough Surveyor had intimated that he considered the Tender a reasonable one and recommended its acceptance. In view of this recommendation he had accepted the tender of Mr. Tobin and had submitted it to the Minister for sanction.

During the discussion on this matter the difficulty in procuring plumbers was pointed out as well as the difficulty of procuring materials and the Borough Surveyor intimated that even if he got instructions at the present meeting to go ahead with the work and order all materials the next morning, it would be at least eight months before he would have the materials on the site and ready to start the work.

Some members feared that if the Contractors were allowed to carry out comparatively small jobs like these they would eventually be asked to carry out the Corporation Housing Schemes which would mean the disbanding of the present Direct Labour Organisation. The Manager, however, pointed out that at the present time the Corporation had built up a very efficient Organisation for the erection of Working Class houses by Direct Labour and were in a position now to build houses cheaper than a Contractor. He did not, however, favour such an Organisation for a job like the one under discussion and he did not think it was the policy either of the State or any Local Authority to completely rule out the acceptance of a Tender from Contractors.

He had a distinct recollection of the Late Minister for Local Government stating that he regarded Direct Labour as ancillary and complementary to the Contract System. It was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bierney that the Borough Surveyor make a report and up-to-date Estimate of this work setting out the reasons why it was advisable to accept the Tender of Mr. Tobin and this was to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government as soon as possible.

OPENING OF LAVATORIES ON QUAYS

In reply to a further query by Alderman Corish it was stated that the public lavatories on the Quays would be opened by August, 1st, and that the cost of reopening the urinals on the Quays would be approximately £50.

NIGHT WATCHMAN AT
EDENVALE.

Alderman Corish was also informed that the necessary protection had been afforded to the night watchman at Edenvale Waterworks.

HOUSING

A further query by Alderman Corish was what steps had been taken to develop new sites for housing in Wexford and a draft plan was laid on the table showing a Scheme for the provision of 80 houses at Newtown with a future extension for a further 172.

There was also submitted to the meeting a draft programme which the Officials were at present working on for future housing. This was as follows:-

- (1) The provision of a block of flats between Rowe St. and Mary St.
- (2) The development of the Hill St./Monument Place area.
- (3) The provision of two flats at Cornmarket.
- (4) The erection of houses at Trinity St. and Byrne's Lane.
- (5) The development of the site at Newtown and the erection of houses thereon as above mentioned.
- (6) The construction of a new road and the erection of houses between Davitt Road, South and Waterloo Road.

Councillor Sinnott made very strong complaints that the development of large scale Housing Sites should have been undertaken before now and feared that they would shortly be in a position where sufficient work would not be available to keep all their carpenters employed.

The Manager, however, denied that any delay had taken place in dealing with the Corporation Housing Programme and stated that he had received no official intimation that it would be necessary to dispense with the services of any tradesmen in the near future. The members considered it a very serious matter if tradesmen had to be laid off as with the present demand for these men all over the country, if they once left it would be impossible to keep them back, and urged that every step would be taken so that this did not occur. It was decided to ask the Housing Engineer if there was any danger of tradesmen being left off, and to submit as soon as possible a draft lay-out for the development of the Newtown area, to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

The Borough Surveyor, however, intimated that even if the draft as now before the meeting had received the approval of the Minister considerable delay would take place before work could be commenced as approximately a further 50 drawings would be necessary showing sections of roads, sewers, watermains, etc. and the Town Clerk also intimated that there would be considerable administration difficulty in adding to the present number of employees as his staff was, at the moment, unable to deal in normal office hours with the volume of work. The members, however, considered that, if necessary, another engineer should be employed to help Mr. McNally prepare these plans, as soon as possible and it was pointed out to the members that as soon as the present plan was sent to the Minister a beginning would be made on the preparation of a plan for the Mary St. flats. After the members had further urged that this work should be expedited as soon as possible the discussion terminated.

OPENING OF NEW HOUSES.

The Mayor moved that the Corporation request the Minister for Local

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to be so good as to formally open the Croin Naoimh Maodhoig Housing Scheme. He had already been in touch with the Minister and found that July, 26th, August 2nd, or August, 9th would be suitable dates for him to come to Wexford and he now suggested that His Lordship, The Bishop, be also invited to this Ceremony and asked which of the three dates would suit his convenience. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by the other members and unanimously agreed to.

TREES ON ST. JOHN'S RD.

A question was raised regarding the size of the trees at John's Rd. and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would prune them in the Autumn.

VACANT HOUSE AT CARRIGEEN.

Councillor Byrne proposed that the Corporation recommend the County Manager to give the vacant house at Carrigeen St. to one of the former occupants, John Culleton.

In moving this motion Councillor Byrne pointed out that this man had resided in this house for the past fifty years with his brother, who was the legal tenant. The brother had died some time ago and a sister had come home from England and sent this man to the County Home and then handed over possession of the house to the Corporation. This man had now returned to Wexford and was living under deplorable conditions. Alderman Corish seconded this motion. The Manager, however, pointed out that the man in question was not and never had been the legal tenant of the house, the key of which had been handed over to the Corporation and the house advertised for tenancy in the usual way. He did not consider that it would be right or just to give this house to a single man whilst married people with separate very large families were living under what could also be described as deplorable conditions. However, if the Corporation were unanimous in returning the house to this man he would give serious consideration to their recommendation. Councillor Byrne's proposal was unanimously agreed to.

WATER SUPPLY

The report on the water supply showed that the Reservoir showed 63" below high water level and although the members considered the position satisfactory it was not considered advisable to increase the hours of supply.

THREE LOCAL BANDS.

The Mayor referred to the decision of the Corporation to include a sum of £50. in the Estimates for 1950/51 as a contribution to the three local Bands to play selections of music in the Town during the Summer and it was decided to request the Secretary of the three Bands to submit a programme for consideration by the Corporation.

HOUSES AT WYGRAM.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government approving of the estimate submitted for the repair of four houses at Wygram acquired from Mr. Martin Hore and requesting to be informed whether the proposed work was to be carried out by Direct labour or Contract. It was decided that this work be carried out by Direct Labour.

HOUSES AT FAYTHE

Councillor Sinnott referred to two houses at the Faythe occupied by Mrs. O'Connor and Arthur Gaddan and intimated that

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he considered these houses needed reconditioning, but in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor this was not necessary.

Councillor Sinnott, however, strongly contested the Borough Surveyor's opinion and it was eventually decided that the Borough Surveyor submit an estimate of the cost of repairs.

FORESHORE AT FARNOGUE.

With reference to a proposal to acquire an area of foreshore at Farnogue for the purpose of dumping ground refuse the Minister for Industry and Commerce asked to be furnished with the recommendations of the Corporation on the objections raised. These objections were read by the Town Clerk and copies of the reports of the Borough Surveyor and Chief Medical Officer had already been furnished to members for their observations.

After considering the matter it was unanimously decided that generally the Corporation had no observations to make on the objections but that they upheld the views expressed by the Chief Medical Officer and Borough Surveyor.

In the case of an objection by Mr. Seamus Galvin, Park, it was decided to inform the Minister that some years ago Mr. Galvin had rented to the Corporation a piece of marshy land adjoining the present dumping ground for the same purpose at a rent of £10. per annum.

INCREASE FOR LABOURERS.

There was laid before the meeting an application from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union for an increase of 6/6d. per week in the Wages of Labourers employed by the Corporation. The meeting was informed that the Manager had this day made an Order granting the increase subject to the necessary funds being made available by the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that a sum of £250. be made available in the current year for this purpose.

WIRING OF CORPORATION HOUSES.

Three tenders were received for the wiring of Corporation Housing Schemes. The tenders were from Mr. D. L. Willis, Thomas W. Quigley and Francis Quigley.

For the 22 houses at Waterloo Road Mr. Willis quoted	£275.
T. Quigley	£356.10.
F. Quigley	£325.10.

For 4 Bungalows at Distillery Rd.

D. L. Willis.	£48.10.
T. Quigley	£47.
F. Quigley	£43.

For 3 Houses at Distillery Rd.

D. L. Willis.	£42.18.
T. Quigley	£50. 0.
F. Quigley	£45.

These tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer for the necessary action.

WHITE WASHING OF GRAVEYARDS.

As requested at a previous meeting the Borough Surveyor gave previous costs of white washing of the graveyards.

In 1949 it cost £10. 16. 8., carried out by a man with a brush.

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In 1950 it cost £4. 13. 0. carried out by two men and a sprayer showing a saving of £6. 3. 8.. Councillor Sinnott and other members took strong objection to this work being carried out by a spray and held that it was not a success. They believed that James Moore who had carried out this work for a number of years should have been employed again this year. This contention was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillors O'Flaherty, Byrne and Gaul, but as the work had now been completed until it was being carried out again next year it was decided to leave the matter so.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Gaul it was unanimously agreed that the consent of the Minister for Local Government should be sought to Overdraft accommodation on the Capital Account in connection with Housing Work for the Sum of £55,000 to cover the period 1st April, 1949 to 31st March, 1951.

The meeting then terminated.

John Buckland

4th August, 1950.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half-past eight o'clock p.m. to consider a motion by the Mayor that the Corporation purchase the building known as the TATE SCHOOL for the sum of £5,000. for conversion into Municipal Offices.

In moving the motion standing in his name the Mayor stated that in his capacity as Mayor he had recently attended a meeting of the Governors of the Tate School at which it had been agreed ~~with~~ the consent of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests to dispose of the building to the Wexford Corporation for the sum of £5,000.

He now formally moved that the Corporation acquire the property for this sum and convert it into Municipal Offices which was a long felt need in Wexford. Councillor James Sinnott seconded the proposal which was whole-heartedly supported by Councillors Byrne, O'Flaherty, Alderman Corish, and Councillor James Morris, and unanimously agreed to.

In this connection the Mayor also suggested that the Committee appointed to decide on a Site for the Commodore Barry Memorial should be asked to examine the Tate School as a site for this monument.

The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland

14th August, 1950.

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 Thomas Buckland
(in the Chair).

Aldermen: George Hadden and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Patrick Bierney,
James Sinnott, John O'Flaherty, James Morris.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott, and
Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes (copies of which had been furnished to the members prior to the meeting) were submitted for ratification and signature, namely, minutes of Corporation on 3rd and 17th ultimo and 4th instant and minutes of the General Purposes Committee on 17th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor after Councillor Bierney had drawn attention to an omission in the minutes of the 17th ultimo when he had raised a question regarding reconstruction of a house at Cornmarket.

CONGRATULATIONS OF CORPORATION

Councillor Gaul moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Messrs. Norton, DeValera and McEntee on the firm stand they had taken at Strasbourg on the question of partition. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and unanimously adopted.

Alderman Corish proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Minor Football Team on winning the Leinster Championship as well as to the various handballers in the County who had recently brought championships home. He also congratulated the Senior Football and Hurling Teams on their gallant attempts to win Leinster Honours. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and unanimously agreed to and arising out of this Councillor Sinnott again made an appeal for the provision of Handball alleys in the North, centre and South of the Town.

SICKNESS OF SCAVENGER

Councillor Gaul referred to the case of Garrett Doyle, a Corporation Employee, who had been sick for one day during the previous week and whose wages had been stopped, and proposed that the Corporation recommend to the Manager that Doyle should be paid. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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The report of the Waterworks showed that the position continued to remain satisfactory but not to such an extent

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as would warrant an extension of the hours of supply.

This was considered satisfactory and Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the position of the John Street water which had recently been turned off to enable the basin to be cleaned and requested that if at all possible it should be in use immediately.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the pumping out of the sumps at Edenvale and was informed by the Town Clerk that this operation was regularly carried out.

ERECTION OF HOUSES IN NORTH END OF TOWN

In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation proceed to acquire by Compulsory Purchase Order or otherwise an extensive site for the erection of houses in the north and north-west portion of the Town. In moving this motion Councillor O'Flaherty pointed out that all the building work of the Corporation was being carried out on the opposite side of the Town and he considered that approximately one hundred houses should be erected in the area mentioned by him. He suggested that a large field, the property of the St. John of God Nuns should be acquired and that the Officials of the Corporation approach the nuns with a view to its acquisition. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by the other members and unanimously adopted. In this connection reference was also made to a Committee report over 12 months ago when a recommendation was made that a preliminary survey of the area should be carried out and it was now thought that the time for carrying out this survey had arrived.

In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation are of opinion that a small proportion of all new houses should be let by draw or raffie to young married couples.

Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Sinnott, Byrne, Alderman Corish and Councillor James Morris and while Dr. Hadden had a certain amount of sympathy with the principle involved in the motion he felt that until people with large families living under difficult conditions were rehoused that the motion should not be adopted.

Both the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk pointed out that it was open to the Corporation, as a matter of policy, to direct the erection of dwellings to be known as reserved houses. These could not exceed 550 sq. feet. and married couples would only be allowed to occupy them for a maximum period of five years.

The occupants of reserved houses, however, would have first preference for larger dwellings as they became vacant. It was also pointed out that Plans were in course of preparation for the provision of a block of flats between Mary Street and Rowe Street which it was intended should be used as reserved houses for the accommodation of old people and young married couples.

Following a lengthy discussion Councillor O'Flaherty intimated he was satisfied having regard to the explanation given by Officials and did not press the motion to a division.

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The next business was a motion in the name of Alderman Corish that the rents of the houses at St. Aidan's Crescent be reduced immediately. Some members considered that this motion was entirely out of order as the final figures for the erection of these dwellings had not yet come before the Corporation and the rent of 12/6d., at present charged, had not received the formal approval of the Minister for Local Government.

It was explained that the Minister had approved a rent of 12/6d. for the 16 houses erected there and this rent had been adopted for the 72 pending final figures of the cost of erection. After some further discussion the Mayor ruled the motion out of order.

A Resolution from the Tralee U.D. C. calling for the amendment of the Local Government (County Administration) Bill, 1950, so as to provide for Town Clerks of the larger Urban Areas carrying out the functions reserved in the Bill for discharge by the County Managers or County Secretaries was next before the meeting.

The Mayor intimated that unless the members had an opportunity of studying the Bill very carefully he did not see that they could pass judgment on it and it was eventually decided that the Resolution be marked "read."

The following matters arising out of the minutes of the previous meetings were raised:

the provision of a wall at the back of the houses at Menapia Ave., and the Town Clerk was asked to instruct the Borough Surveyor to expedite a report on the case.

OPENING OF LAVATORIES ON QUAYS

The opening of the public lavatory at Selskar was referred to, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had interviewed the Contractor who informed him that he was held up for the necessary slot locks, for the building and as soon as these could be procured they would be handed over to the Corporation.

Complaint was also made that persons of the Tinker class were parking in the square around the public lavatory at Selskar and the attention of the Garda was now to be called to this nuisance.

THREE BANDS

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to the three Bands regarding the provision of Band performances and had only received a reply from one, and it was decided to consider this matter at the next meeting.

WALL AT ST. MAGDALEN'S

Complaint was also made regarding the provision of a wall at St. Magdalen's Terrace and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked when it was proposed to carry out this work.

REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE

In reply to a query by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that the remuneration of the Chief and Deputy Officers of the Fire Brigade was still under consideration.

GULLY TRAP AT JUNCTION OF ROWE ST./JOHN ST.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to the condition of a gully trap at the junction of Rowe St. and John St.

FULL-TIME HEALTH INSPECTOR

A suggestion by Councillor Byrne that a full-time Health Inspector be appointed for the Town was deferred for attention by the new Corporation, it being pointed out that this was entirely a matter for the County Council.

16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

With reference to the provision of W.C.'s for 16 houses at Trinity St. the Town Clerk intimated that he had now received the report of the Borough Surveyor with a revised estimate showing that his estimate was now £1933. as against £1233. in 1949. The Contractor's estimate for portion of the work was £1,670, as against £1,613, for the same work by the Borough Surveyor.

In observation of the Borough Surveyor's estimates the County Manager intimated "it would appear that the Engineer's original estimate was made without more than a cursory examination and was much too low. The explanation given does not appear satisfactory and the estimate now submitted appears to cover the work to be done."

It was again pointed out to the meeting that while the Corporation had built up an Organisation for a Direct Labour System of erecting Artizans' Dwellings they had no such Organisation for work of this type and it would appear that it could be better done by Contract so it was unanimously decided to forward the revised estimates to the Minister for Local Government and express the view that as the Corporation had not a Direct Labour Organisation for work of this type that in this case the work should be carried out by Contract and the Tender of Mr. Tobin for the sum of £1670, accepted.

REPAIR OF HOUSES AT FAYTHE

At the request of Councillor Sinnott the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite an Estimate for repairing two houses at the Faythe which it was suggested should be acquired from Mrs. Cullimore, Talbot St. The Borough Surveyor was also asked to report on the condition of houses at Talbot St. owned by Miss Hopkins. The Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to have a pot-hole in the concrete at the Bullring filled in.

Complaint was made regarding the parking of cars on the Main St. and it was agreed that the formal reports made on this matter should be again circulated to the members for consideration.

BOAT TRAIN.

At the request of Councillor Sinnott it was decided to ask C.I. E. to stop the Wexford/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train each night at the South station for the convenience of passengers from the South end of the Town.

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BURNING OF SAW DUST.

Complaint was made of a nuisance at Distillery Road arising out of burning of saw dust by Messrs. Pierce & Co. and it was decided to request them to abate this nuisance as soon as possible.

OVERHANGING TREE

Councillor O'Flaherty complained that a tree from the property of Mr. Patrick Meyler, Springfield, was resting on the roof of the house at Hill St. occupied by William Furlong and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report if this was causing damage to the roof with a view to necessary action.

The meeting then terminated.

Thos Buckland

4th September, 1950.

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 Thomas Buckland, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Nicholas Corish.

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

MINUTES.

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

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Burke, an employee of the Corporation on the death of his wife and with the Town Clerk, who was a cousin of the late Mrs. Burke. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

The Town Clerk returned thanks on behalf of Mr. Burke and himself for the vote of sympathy.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Stephen McMahon, an ex member of the Corporation on the death of his brother. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which, was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

DAY'S PAY FOR WORKMAN

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to pay Garret Doyle, one of the Corporation permanent employees, one days pay, while he was absent through illness.

TRAIN & BUSES

Councillor Sinnott asked the Town Clerk to request C.I.E. to stop the Wexford Roslare Harbour Boat Train at the South Station and Councillor Cullimore asked that the Company be requested to stop the buses on the South Wexford Routes at the junction of King Street and the Quays.

The motion of Councillor Flaherty seconded by Councillor James Morris congratulations of the Corporation were extended to the bands, who played on the Quay on the previous few Sundays.

ERECTION OF WALL

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Flaherty it was unanimously decided to erect a wall at the rear of the Menapia Ave. Houses at a cost of £150 and that this excess expenditure in the estimates of 1950-51 be approved and that the actual cost be included in the estimates for 1951-52.

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DISMISSAL OF SEVEN MEN

At this stage a deputation was received from the I.T. & G.W.U. regarding the dismissal of seven men from the Waterloo Road Housing Scheme. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Howlin, Hess, Goodison and McGrath.

Mr. Howlin pointed out that the seven men had been dismissed a few days after the holiday resumption and asked that these men be employed for the next few weeks, as if work was not available for them they should have been discharged before the holiday period, when they would have been able to sign on the Labour Exchange. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion and various suggestions were made, as to how the men could be re-employed, the Housing Engineer having informed the County Manager that he had no work for them and it was eventually agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Mayor, the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk with a view to seeing if any work could be made available for these men for the next few weeks.

TOWN HALL CHARGE

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously decided to request the County Manager to reduce the charge for the use of the Town Hall.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris asked the County Manager to make a statement on policy with regard to the re-valuation of the town. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion. Once again the County Manager pointed out that the question of re-valuation was not one for him and he did not make any policy on the matter and again pointed out the law on this question.

RENTS OF HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the rents of the houses at Croin Naomh Maoldah be reduced as soon as possible. This motion was seconded by Councillor Flaherty and agreed.

WAGES: CARETAKER OF BATHING PLACE

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place and stated that he did not receive the increase of 6/6 granted to the General Labourers and the Manager intimated that he would look into this matter.

BRAVERY

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by the Mayor, it was decided to recommend the Irish Organisation established in lieu of the Royal Humane Society, the action of Patrick Roche of Maudlintown in rescuing two boys from drowning at the Quays.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

Councillor Flaherty moved that representation should be made to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for the erection of a Telephone Kiosk at Monument Place and this was agreed to.

MAYOR'S SALARY

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the salary of the Mayor for the year ended June 1951 be increased by £75 to £225.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk was authorised to apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to Overdraft Accommodation on Capital Account in the sum of £43,000 for the period 1st April 1949 to 31st March 1950, and £75,000 from 1st April 1950 - 31st March 1951 in connection with the Council's Housing programme.

FINAL MEETING

At this stage the Mayor intimated that this was the final meeting of the Corporation and a new Corporation would be elected before the next meeting. The Mayor stated that they had been a happy family and hoped that those who were seeking re-election would be returned. He thanked the County Manager, the Town Clerk and other officials for their courtesy during the life-time of the Corporation and the Press for the accurate manner in which they had reported their proceedings. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members and both the County Manager and Town Clerk returned thanks for the compliments which had been paid to them.

John Buckland

30th September, 1950.

The first Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Corporation Elected on the 20th instant was held this day at the Town Hall, Wexford at 12-0 noon.

Those of the Newly-elected members, who answered the roll call, were

ALDERMEN: James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and James Gaul.

COUNCILLORS: John Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris, Thomas Buckland Michael Broaders, Michael Flusk, and Frank Cullimore.

Councillor Dr. George Hadden did not answer the Roll Call.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland presided.

The members present having made and Subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporation (Ireland) Act, 1840, the business of the Meeting was proceeded with.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first Item on the Agenda was the Election of a Mayor to hold Office until the Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July 1950, and until his successor had been appointed and made the declaration accepting office.

Councillor James Morris proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland be re-elected. Councillor Broaders seconded.

Alderman Gaul proposed the Election of Alderman James Sinnott and Alderman Byrne seconded. This proposal was supported by Alderman Corish. On a poll being taken, there voted for:-

Councillor Buckland; Alderman James Morris, Kevin Morris, Buckland Broaders, Flusk, Cullimore. (6)

Alderman Sinnott:- Aldermen, Sinnott, Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Councillor Howlin. (5)

Councillor Thomas Buckland was accordingly Elected and having made and subscribed the Declaration Of Acceptance of Office congratulated the newly elected Members and returned thanks for his re-election as Mayor.

Aldermen Sinnott, Byrne, Corish, Councillors James Morris, Howlin and

Flusk congratulated the Mayor on his re-election and promised him full support in the Administration of the Affairs of the Borough, for which the Mayor returned thanks.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the Motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was agreed to hold three Quarterly Meetings at 7-30 p.m. on October 9th 1950, January 8th 1951, and April 3rd 1951.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(see also Minutes of 13/10/50)

The next business was to appoint a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to consist of fourteen members of whom not less than five nor more than eight would be members of the Council.

At the outset it was unanimously agreed on the Motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Council should be represented by eight Members on this Committee, and thereupon proceeded to elect such eight from amongst the members.

Councillor James Morris proposed Councillor Broaders, seconded by the Mayor. Councillor Kevin Morris proposed Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Flusk. Alderman Sinnott proposed Ald. Gaul, seconded by Ald. Byrne. Councillor Broaders proposed Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Cullimore. Councillor Howlin proposed Ald. Sinnott seconded by Ald. Corish. Ald. Sinnott proposed Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Gaul. Councillor Kevin Morris proposed Councillor James Morris seconded by Councillor Broaders. Alderman Corish proposed Ald. Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin. Councillor James Morris proposed the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Broaders. Councillor James Morris proposed Councillor Dr. Hadden, seconded by the Mayor. Councillor Cullimore proposed Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Broaders.

A ballot was then taken on the Eleven Members nominated, the result of which was checked by the Corporation Solicitor and Town Clerk and was as follows:-

Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, James Morris, Buckland (Mayor) Hadden and Kevin Morris, six votes each, and Gaul, Sinnott, Howlin, and Byrne five votes each.

As the first seven had six votes each they were declared elected, but when the eighth member was about to be elected from the four with five votes each, Aldermen Sinnott, Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Councillor Howlin intimated that they did not propose to draw among them for one seat on the Committee and withdrew from the meeting. As the other seven members of the Council had already been elected to this Committee it was seen that the eighth member of the Corporation could not be appointed and in view of the original resolution to appoint eight, an extern person could not be elected until this resolution was rescinded which rescission could not take place at the present meeting.

The meeting then proceeded to elect six extern members and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. P. Doyle, Adm., and Chancellor Haxley be appointed. This left four extern vacancies and the following were nominated:-

Mr; John Flaherty, Junr., Hill Street on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullinor.

Mr. Thomas Roche, St. John's Road, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Morris.

Mr. Moses O'Leary, Maudlintown, on the motion of Councillor Flusk seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

Mrs. May Malone, Davitt Road North, on the Motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded By Councillor Cullimore.

At this stage Councillor Broaders suggested the appointment of Mr. Edward Hall, Carrigeen Street, who was defeated for the last seat at the Corporation election and Councillor Kevin Morris intimated that he was prepared to withdraw the nomination of Mrs. Malone in favour of Mr. Hall, but Mr. Hall who was present at the time refused to allow his name to go forward and the nomination as set out above were unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flusk it was agreed that the Old Age Pensions Committee and General Purposes Committee should be composed of the entire Corporation.

The final business was to appoint two delegates to Association of Irish

Municipal Authorities and Councillor James Morris proposed Councillor Broaders which was seconded by the Mayor, and Councillor Kevin Morris proposed Councillor Cullimore which was seconded by Councillor Fluck. As there were no other nominations Councillors Broaders and Cullimore were appointed.

The meeting then terminated.

Michael Fluck

9th October, 1950.

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

The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Flusk, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- James Byrne, Nicholas Corish, James Sinnott and James Gaul.

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders, John Howlin and James Morris.

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

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

At the outset Councillor Morris referred to the Election of a Vocational Education Committee on the 30th September last and asked to be informed, what constituted a quorum of the Corporation and the Town Clerk replied that one third of the Members constituted a quorum. He then asked to have the minutes of the first Quarterly Meeting, held in the election year of 1945, read, when the Vocational Education Committee was formed.

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the particular meeting referred to indicating the names of the persons elected.

The Councillor then asked, why the meeting of the Vocational Education Committee had not been held and the Town Clerk replied that, following the first Quarterly Meeting held on the 30th ult. he had transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee the names and addresses of those appointed at that meeting, as members of the Vocational Education Committee, also explaining to the Chief Executive Officer that, one seat remained to be filled.

The Chief Executive Officer subsequently called his (Town Clerk's) attention to Section 14(3) of the Vocational Education Act of 1930 which, stated that the day for the holding of a Triennial Meeting of a Vocational Education Committee should be the 7th day after the completion of the elections in such year of the members of such Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer held that the election of the members of his Committee had not been completed, as only 13 out of 14 had been appointed.

He (Town Clerk) agreed ^{with} the Chief Executive Officer's interpretation of the section and after consultation with His Worship the Mayor, the Mayor had agreed to give notice of motion and to convene a special meeting of the Corporation on the 15th inst. to rescind the resolution of the Corporation on the 30th ult. fixing the number of Corporate members at 8, so that an extra extern member could be appointed, thus completing the election of the Vocational Education Committee.

This discussion then terminated.

Michael Flusk
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SYMPATHY

Alderman Corish proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Nicholas J. Frizelle, a former Secretary of the Wexford County Council who, had recently died. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which, was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on the 30th Ult., a copy of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting were taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An acknowledgement was read from the Rev. Brother Aidan, O.S.F. New York, acknowledging the congratulations of the Corporation on his efforts to have a memorial erected in Wexford to the memory of Commodore John Barry, Father of the American Navy.

RENTS ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The first business on the Agenda was a motion by Alderman Corish that, the rents of the Houses at Saint Aidan's Crescent be revised immediately and a full statement of costs, together with the method of arriving at a basic rent be given.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the Housing Engineer had not yet been able to dispose of disputes with contractors regarding outstanding accounts and consequently he (Town Clerk) was not in a position to give accurate figures or to arrive at what the rents should be.

Accordingly Alderman Corish agreed to defer his motion until the next meeting, when the Town Clerk hoped to be in a position to supply the information required.

RANGES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Rule governing the putting in of ranges into Corporation houses be revised and that, where it is the opinion of the Borough Surveyor a range is worn out through long service a new range be provided free.

The Town Clerk intimated that to rescind the resolution of 20th March last, deciding that new ranges should be paid for by an addition of 1/- per week to the weekly rents, would require notice of motion and special notice to the members, and the meeting decided to regard Alderman Corish's present proposal as a notice of motion for the next meeting of the Corporation.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the preparation of the Building site at Nowtown (adjoining Wexford Park) be proceeded with immediately. Alderman Sinnott seconded the proposal and suggested that, the site should be developed under a relief grant. Alderman Byrne agreed and the Chairman said he thought every member of the Corporation wished to provide continuity of employment on their direct labour schemes. In this connection the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government under the date of 5th ult, No. NI578/4/50 intimating that the lay-out plan for 22 houses under this

scheme had been approved, provided that the Borough Surveyor was satisfied the houses could be properly sewered and that the plan of the scheme would be discussed with the Surveyor by the Department's inspector on his next visit to Wexford.

In reply the Borough Surveyor stated that the lay-out of the complete scheme in that area was dependent on the provision of a proper sewerage but at the request of the members, agreed to provide a lay-out and sewerage for 22 houses suggested in the Minister's communication with a request that sanction be expedited.

SANITATION - TRINITY ST. HOUSES

The next business was a motion by Councillor Howlin that, the decision to install, by contract, sanitary conveniences and to carry out other necessary repairs to houses at Trinity Street be rescinded and the work done by direct labour:

In this connection the Town Clerk again pointed out that it would require seven days notice to rescind this resolution and the decision could not legally be carried out at the present meeting, it was pointed out that the Corporation had not an organisation capable of carrying out this work, 90 per cent of which was plumbing and Councillor Howlin thereupon withdrew his motion and agreed that the present work should be done by contract, but reserved the right to insist that all future work of this nature be carried out by direct labour, even if the Corporation had to recruit and train a special staff for maintenance and repair work.

It was then unanimously agreed on the motion of the Chairman that the Town Clerk should communicate by telephone with the Department on the following morning and request immediate sanction to the proposal of the Corporation to accept the tender of Mr. P. Tobin, Edermine, and a memorial was also read from the occupants of the houses requesting the Corporation to have the sanitary conveniences provided without delay.

In this connection the attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to a dangerous chimney in one of those houses, occupied by a man named Furlong and Mr McNally promised to have the matter attended to immediately. Alderman Corish asked that the repairs to the houses, which were not included in Mr. Tobin's contract, should be carried out by the Borough Surveyor without delay and Mr. McNally undertook to do this.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of a house at Hill Street occupied by Mrs. Burke and the condition of a house at Temper-Row, occupied by Daniel Meyler and the Borough Surveyor was asked to carry out necessary immediate repairs.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

In accordance with notice given Councillor James Morris proposed that the Traffic Lights at North Main Street and the Stone-Bridge be removed as they served no useful purpose. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, however, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a small committee be set up to discuss the entire Traffic problem in the Town with the Inspector of the Garda and Councillor James Morris, Howlin and the Chairman, Councillor Flusk, were appointed to act as such a committee.

WALL AT WATERLOO ROAD

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that a wall be erected between the Waterloo Road Housing Site and the adjoining grounds of the Presentation Convent at a cost of £315, so as to afford the Sisters the same privacy as they enjoyed prior to the Corporation commencing building operations there.

TRAVELLING SHOPS

A resolution from the Bray U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce, to establish a tribunal to inquire into the problem of Travelling Shops, to recommend measures to deal with it was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris and supported by Alderman Sinnott, Corish, Councillors Howlin and James Morris.

SALARIES - TOWN CLERKS

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a resolution from the Carlow U.D.C. that the revised basic salaries and scales for positions as Town Clerks, drawn up on the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was adopted.

RECKLESS DRIVING

A resolution from the Dublin County Council calling on the Minister for Justice to establish a special commission to examine and report on the question of reckless and careless driving of mechanically propelled vehicles was marked "red".

GATES & RAILINGS - WATERLOO ROAD.

Councillor Kevin Morris complained that the order for gates and railings for the houses at Waterloo Road had been given to a Dublin firm instead of to a local firm. He complained that some 12 months after tenders had been invited, the local contractor had been asked if he was still in a position to supply the gates at the original price, but was subsequently informed that his tender was £40 too high. The Councillor also complained that the gates supplied to the houses at St. Aidan's Crescent were not in accordance with the specification issued.

As regards the complaint that the gates and railings were not given to a local firm, the County Manager intimated he had to accept the tender and did so on the recommendation of the Housing Engineer and he felt, that he had not accepted a tender which, was higher than that of a local contractor as he was personally acquainted with the local contractor referred to and would be only too happy to give him the order if his tender was the lowest. As regards the report that the gates supplied to St. Aidan's Crescent were not in accordance with the specification, he felt that the Councillor Morris was long enough new in public life to realise that a few days notice should be given to the Town Clerk or himself of his intention to raise matters of such importance as this, as it was most unfair to the Housing Engineer who, was not present to defend himself, that such matters should be raised without notice. The report made by the Councillor would appear in the public press and even if the Housing Engineer had a perfect answer to it, his reply would not appear for 2 or 3 weeks, whereas if notice of the question had been given the reply would be available at the present meeting.

Councillor Morris also complained of the quality of the Letter Plates supplied to the 72 house scheme and to the fact that rain water was flowing in the doors, flooding some of the halls.

After a short discussion the Chairman moved on the motion of

Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott to adjourn consideration of these matters for reports from the Housing Engineer.

E.S.B. CONNECTIONS

Alderman Corish complained of the delay by the E.S.B. in connecting certain houses which, had been wired by the Corporation and the Town Clerk explained that he had been in touch with the E.S.B. both in Wexford and Waterford on numerous occasions about this matter and he understood from his latest conversation with the E.S.B. in Wexford that the houses in Maudlintown were being connected at the present day.

WALL AT EMMET PLACE

At the request of Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor undertook to have the wall facing Emmet Place lime-washed and to have a name plate provided.

At the request of Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine property in Barrack Street at the Military Barracks on the opposite side of the street.

Alderman Byrne complained of the condition of the houses 68 & 70 The Faythe and the Borough Surveyor undertook to examine and report on them.

Alderman Byrne requested that the extra allowance paid to men engaged on sewerage work be paid to the men at present employed at the Distillery Road, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that there was no sewerage where the men were at present engaged, and that it might be necessary to suspend this work owing to heavy flood water, as it was impossible to carry out concrete work at the present time.

At the request of Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor was asked to expedite the report on repairs to two houses at the Faythe, owned by Mrs. Cullimore of Talbot St.

Alderman Corish again raised the question of a days pay for Garrot Doyle who was out sick and the County Manager intimated unless there was a doctor's certificate he was precluded from making his payment and the Borough Surveyor stated that Doyle did not report to the Foreman the evening before that he was not well although Alderman Corish stated the Foreman admitted receiving such report. Alderman Sinnott proposed that the man be paid the days pay and Alderman Byrne seconded and it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to make such a payment.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that the necessary wire for the erection of a wall at Maudlintown was on order.

The meeting then terminated.

Michael Phelan

13th October, 1950.

A special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m., to consider a motion which His Worship the Mayor had intimated he would move or cause to be moved, that the resolution adopted at the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation held on the 30th Ultimo deciding to appoint eight members of the Council to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee be rescinded, and that the number of Corporate members be confined to the seven appointed on the 30th Ultimo.

His Worship had also intimated that he would move or cause to be moved, that the number of extern members on the said Vocational Education Committee be increased to seven and an appointment of an extern person be made to complete the election of the said Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The members present were:-

Councillor Michael Flusk, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- N.P. Corish, James Gaul, Thomas Byrne and James Sinnott.

Councillors:- John Howlin, James Morris, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Michael Broaders.

At the outset Aldermen Corish, Sinnott, Gaul, Byrne and Councillor Howlin intimated that they did not intend to oppose the rescission of the Resolution which opposition would only result in preventing the Vocational Education Committee Meeting.

Councillor Kevin Morris thereupon proposed the rescission of the Resolution of 20th Ultimo that 8 Corporate Members be appointed to this Committee and Councillor James Morris seconded.

The proposal was unanimously agreed to and the Resolution rescinded.

On the suggestion of Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris that the number of Corporate Members on the Vocational Education Committee be fixed at not less than five nor more than eight, as this would provide for more elasticity in dealing with casual vacancies which might arise during the term of office of the Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to appoint the fourteenth member of the Committee and on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore Mr. Laurence Cowman, N.T., Lower John Street was unanimously appointed, thus completing the election of the Committee.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the Press report of the Meeting of the 20th ultimo and asked the Chairman if the statement he was reported as having made on that occasion "that now they were in a Majority they would act as a Majority" meant that he spoke for the independent members as well as for his own party members.

The Chairman stated he had not read the report and had no recollection of making the statement and the matter dropped.

REGRET

Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation express regret with Councillor Dr. Hadden on the catastrophe which had befallen him through the partial loss of his sight and their earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the proposal which was supported by all the

members and unanimously adopted.

HOUSES FOR FACTORY WORKERS

The Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager and he had an interview that morning with three of the Directors of Fine Woollen Fabrics Ltd., who were opening a factory at Kerlogue for the manufacture of Fine Woollen Goods, with a Capital of £400,000 and would give employment in the early stages to 150 workers, which number it was anticipated would progressively increase.

The Directors required about 10 houses for key workers who would have to be recruited in England. Two of these houses would be required by Christmas and the remainder in about six months. Having discussed every aspect of the Directors' request the Manager and Town Clerk were now recommending the Corporation to agree to the reservation of two of the Waterloo Road houses for Employees of the Firm until a scheme of houses for the exclusive use of their key-workers was completed, and that immediate steps be taken to acquire a site and prepare plans for the erection of ten or twelve dwellings to be sold to the company on the Tenant-Purchase System at the cost to the Corporation of providing them,

As it was seen that the establishment of this Factory would be of inestimable value to the Town it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris that the recommendation of the Officials be adopted and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the selection of a site and the Design of the Dwellings was left to the Directors of the Firm and the Corporation Officials.

The meeting then terminated.

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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 7-30 p.m. The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Flusk, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul.

Councillors: John Howlin, Michael Broadors and James Morris. The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

ALL-IN-COST OF HOUSES.

The first business was to consider a report from the County Manager on the all-in-cost of the two housing schemes at Slipperry Green, namely, 16-house scheme partially erected by Contract and finished by Direct Labour and the 72-house Scheme carried out in its entirety by Direct Labour. The following is a copy of the report:-

"I am directed by the Wexford County Manager to give you hereunder particulars of the all-in-cost of the 16 and 72-house Schemes completed at Slipperry Green:-

The building cost of the 16-house-Scheme was £17,845. 4. 4. or £1,115.6.6. per house and the building cost of the 72-house Scheme £76,087.12.1. or £1,056.15.6. per house. The total building cost of the 88 dwellings was. £93,932.16. 5.

The cost of land, Site Development and preliminary expenses was 13,200. 0. 0.

The bonus proposed for the Housing Engineer is.

360. 0. 0.
£107,492.16. 5.

Or an average all-in-cost of £1,221.10. 2.
To which must be added, in accordance with established retention practice, to cover any defects, a sum of 18. 9.10.
Making the total all-in-cost per house £1,240. 0. 0.

Deduct Transitional Development Grant. 400. 0. 0.
£840. 0. 0.
Repayment of £840 @ 3½% in 50 years. 34. 2. 2.
Less subsidy of 2/3 Loan Charges on £350. 9. 9. 6.
£24.12. 8.

Add for Administration Expenses @ 1% on building costs of, say, £1,067.8.4. 10.13. 6.
£35. 6. 2.
A rent of 11/6 per week will produce 29.18. 0.
Leaving to be provided by the Corporation £5. 8. 2.

On the basis of this rent the annual charge is apportioned as follows:-

	Yearly	Weekly
Repayment of Total Cost of	£50. 7. 0.	19. 4½
£1240 @ 3½% in 50 years	34. 2. 2.	
Administration Expenses	10.13. 6.	4. 1½
	£61. 0. 6.	£1.3. 6.

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This sum is met as follows:-

	Yearly	Weekly
State	£25.14. 4.	9.11.
Tenant	29.18. 0.	11. 6.
Corporation	5. 8. 2.	2. 1.
	£61. 0. 6.	£1. 3. 6.

The percentage of the different contributions are:-

The State	42.141
The Tenant	48.996
The Corporation.	8.860
	100.000

Alderman Corish thought that the report fully justified the action of the Corporation in erecting the houses by Direct Labour as it showed a considerable saving on price as against the tender received to have the work carried out by Contract. He congratulated the Housing Engineer and all the workmen on their splendid achievement.

Alderman Byrne also congratulated the Housing Engineer and employees as did Councillor Howlin who proposed that in addition to the Bonus set out in the report for the Housing Engineer, in accordance with the terms of his appointment, that a Bonus be granted of £1. per man to each man who worked at least six months on the 72-House Scheme. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion and on the suggestion of the Chairman the motion was amended to provide for a Bonus of £5. to each of the foremen. This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

To meet this suggested bonus to the workmen it was also agreed that the sum of £18.9.10. per house, included in the Manager's report, to cover defects, be reduced to £17. Alderman Sinnott and Councillor James Morris and the Chairman also extended congratulations to the Housing Engineer and workmen on the success of the Direct Labour Scheme.

FIXING OF RENTS.

As regards the fixing of rents Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation be recommended to fix a rent of 11/- per week with effect as from Monday, November, 6th, 1950. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

Members referred to a memorial which had been circulated from 11 of the tenants of these houses who, at the time they were allocated dwellings, were not regarded as coming from Slum Clearance areas and consequently they had been allocated a rent based on the receipt of 2/3rd subsidy only, which meant that they were paying an extra 2/- per week. The Town Clerk pointed out that neither the Corporation, County Manager nor himself could alter this as it was a Regulation made by the Minister for Local Government under Statute setting out the various classes of persons who could be rehoused and at the same time receive 2/3rds subsidy. He suggested the signatories to this memorial should communicate direct with the Minister for Local Government on their complaint.

Alderman Byrne,  Wexford Borough Council at the next Statutory meeting a Resolution calling on the Minister

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for Local Government to amend these Regulations.

SITE DEVELOPMENT.

Alderman Sinnott again referred to the question of Site Development and pointed out that when the Site for these houses was originally being developed they were led to believe that it would be done by means of a Grant, but immediately they started to build houses the Grant was withdrawn. He thought this most unfair as the amount of the Grant would have made a considerable difference in the rents of the dwellings.

The position therefore was that the report as submitted by the County Manager was unanimously adopted as a recommendation to the Corporation with the following amendments:-

- (1) That the amount allowed to cover defects be reduced by an amount sufficient to pay a bonus of £5. to each of the Foremen and £1. to each of the workmen engaged on the Scheme for a period of not less than six months.

WATERLOO ROAD HOUSES.

A further report was submitted by the County Manager on the estimated cost and disposal of the 22 houses at Waterloo Rd. It was stated that the all-in-cost was estimated at £1,600. less a State Grant of £275. per house, making the net cost to the Corporation £1,325. per house. To repay this sum in 35 years at 3½% would amount to £63.13.0. while Insurance, Rent Collection and Administration Expenses were estimated at £7.17.0. making the total all-in-cost £71.10. or £1.7.6. per week.

The Manager suggested that the houses be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System with a deposit sufficient to cover the legal costs of the Transfer and he proposed to ask the Corporation Solicitor, in view of the fact that 22 of these houses would be conveyed at the one time and that the Corporation would pay him the costs of each conveyance, to reduce the fee for conveyance by a considerable amount.

It was unanimously decided to recommend this Scheme to the Corporation for adoption.

COMPLAINTS BY COUNCILLOR K. MORRIS.

Reports from the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer on complaints made by Councillor Kevin Morris at a recent meeting regarding gates and railings for the Slippery Green houses were adjourned for the attendance of the Councillor who was absent through illness, as was a letter from the Commissioner of Valuation setting out the number of cases listed for revision in the 15 years 1933 to 1948.

HOUSES AT FAYTHE.

A report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor on the cost of repairing two houses at the Faythe owned by a Mrs. Cullimore, Tabot Street who was not in a position to carry out the necessary repairs.

The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of repairing the houses at £314. and it was thought that they could be acquired for approximately £250. making the total cost to the Corporation £564. but after some discussion it was considered advisable that new roofs should be put on these houses which would give them a considerable life and the total all-in-cost was then estimated at £700., and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to acquire the two houses in question and repair them.

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HOUSES AT TALBOT ST. OWNED BY
MISS SALLY HOPKINS.

A report was also submitted on the condition of three houses at Talbot Street owned by Miss Sally Hopkins but it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne to adjourn consideration of this matter until it could be ascertained if the owner was willing to sell them and if so at what price.

OFFICIAL POUND FOR WEXFORD

It was brought to the notice of the Corporation that for some years past the Minister of Justice, the County Registrar and the Garda were pressing the Corporation to provide an official pound at Wexford, but on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne this matter was adjourned pending the finding of a suitable site therefor.

OFFICIAL GUIDE OF WEXFORD

A letter from the Irish and Overseas Publishing Company requesting permission to publish a Guide to Wexford was marked "read" on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott,

ADVERTISEMENT OF WATERFORD

Alderman Byrne stated that recently Waterford Corporation and Chamber of Commerce had been advertising Waterford in the Welsh Papers as a result of which a considerable number of people were taking advantage of day excursions to visit Waterford City on shopping expeditions and suggested that the Deputy Mayor should arrange a Conference between the Corporation and representative of the traders with a view to similar advertising of Wexford. The suggestion did not meet with very much favour as most of the members considered that the initiative in this matter should come from the Chamber of Commerce or some Traders' Organisation, and eventually it was agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin, that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Federated Union of Employers, Chamber of Commerce and Drapers and Boot Merchants' Association with a view to ascertaining if they would be interested in such a project.

SEWERAGE IN CARRIGEEN ST.

Complaint was made by Alderman Sinnott regarding the sewerage in Carrigeen Street and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report.

PROVISION OF W.C.'S FOR HOUSE AT
TRINITY STREET

The Town Clerk intimated that he had now received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the provision of W.C.'S for 16 houses at Trinity St. by contract and stated that he had had an interview with the Contractor and urged on him the necessity of commencing the work as soon as possible, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that the difficulty in starting immediately was the lack of 3" Watermain which was very difficult to procure but he had already written to the Manufacturers trying to procure sufficient pipes with the least possible delay and the Contractor's time limit of six months would start as soon as these pipes were available.

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The County Manager informed the meeting that in connection with

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the Bishopswater Housing Scheme it would be necessary to lay a 9" sewer at Distillery Road. He also intimated that the main sewer-age plan for the Town provided for an 18" sewer in this road and he considered it would be a pure waste of money to lay a 9" sewer now and a further sewer later on when the main drainage scheme would be inaugurated to deal with the general drainage of the whole area surrounding Bishopswater. He had therefore asked the Minister for Local Government to agree to the provision of an 18" sewer at the present time and to charge the cost of a 9" sewer to the Housing Scheme. Councillor Howlin intimated his intention to move at the next Statutory meeting that for the future only local labour be employed by Contractors carrying out work for the Corporation.

WINTER RELIEF SCHEME

Alderman Byrne asked if word had yet been received of the Winter Relief Grants and was informed that no notification had yet been received and on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin it was agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Department on the following morning.

REMUNERATION OF FIRE MEN

In reply to Alderman Corish the County Manager intimated that he would deal with the question of the remuneration of the Fire Brigade Officers on the following day.

PROPERTY AT BARRACK ST.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor stated that he had served notice on the agent of property at Barrack Street where the roofs were dangerous.

The meeting then terminated.

W. J. Phelan

November, 6th, 1950.

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 Michael Flusk, (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, James Sinnott, James Gaul, and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Howlin, James Morris, Frank Cullimore and Michael Broaders.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Community of the Christian Brothers on the death of their Superior-General, Rev. Brother Noonan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Corporation on the 9th, and 13th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 23rd ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature.

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

WEXFORD AND WALES

Arising out of the minutes letters were read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, Federated Union of Employers and the Drapers and Bootmerchants' Association, intimating that they would be pleased to co-operate with the Corporation in advertising Wexford in Wales with the object of encouraging Welsh people to take advantage of the day excursions from Fishguard for shopping purposes.

On the motion of Alderman, Byrne, seconded by Councillor Broaders it was unanimously agreed that a Conference be called with representatives of the various interested Bodies for Monday, 13th instant at 7.30 p.m. and the following were appointed to represent the Corporation:-

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Byrne: Councillors Broaders and Kevin Morris.

16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the pipes had now been purchased for the provision of sanitary conveniences for 16 houses at Trinity St. and the work would be done very shortly.

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TRAVELLING SHOPS

Councillor Kevin Morris raised the question of Travelling shops and suggested that Local Traders should park their cars in the Bullring to prevent these itinerants from setting up "shops" there on market days, but it was pointed out that this suggestion was not one to which the Corporation could give its benediction.

STREET TRADING.

The Town Clerk also read a letter from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce inquiring what was the position regarding the alteration of Bye-Laws to prohibit Street Trading and the Town Clerk replied that the draft advertisement was at present under consideration by the Corporation Solicitor and would probably appear in this week's issue of the Local Press.

THANKS OF COUNCILLOR HADDEN

Councillor Hadden returned thanks to the Corporation for their recent expression of regret with him on the partial loss of his sight.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR K. MORRIS.

Councillor Gaul proposed that the Corporation extend a hearty welcome to Councillor Kevin Morris on his return after his recent illness. Councillor Morris returned thanks.

RELIEF GRANTS

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerks stated that he had not yet received Official word of approval for Relief Grants and promised to again get in touch with the Department on the following morning.

STOPPING OF TRAIN AT WEXFORD SOUTH.

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann regretting that they could not provide a stop at Wexford South on the Boat Train from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour, and it was decided to again communicate with the Company requesting reconsideration of this matter and suggesting that consideration might be given to a reduction in the time allowed for stopping at Wexford North Station.

NEW BRIDGE

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce inquiring the position regarding the provision of a new Bridge over the Slaney and in this connection a letter was submitted to the meeting from the Minister for Local Government enclosing copy of a letter which had been addressed to the County Secretary on this matter.

The County Manager explained that the queries contained in this letter would be answered by the Officials of the County Council during the present week and when these had been considered the Corporation thought there

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would be no further delay in holding the necessary Inquiry into the application for a Bridge Order.

ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A letter was read from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs intimating that it was not possible to comply with the Corporation's request to have a telephone kiosk erected at Monument Place and as there was a motion on the Order paper requesting the provision of a similar kiosk at the junction of Green St./Talbot St. it was decided to deal with the two matters when the latter motion was reached.

RENTS OF HOUSES

The Corporation then proceeded to take up Committee recommendations, the first of which was that the rents of the 88 houses at Slippery Green be fixed at a basic figure of 11/- per week with effect as from this date, and the houses let on the basis of 1/3rd subsidy at a basic rent of 13/- per week.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

HOUSING BONUSES

The second recommendation was that the Housing Engineer be paid a bonus of £5. per house on the 72 house-scheme accordance with the terms of his appointment, this recommendation was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish.

The third recommendation was that a Bonus of £1. be paid to each workman employed on the Scheme for not less than 6 months and a Bonus of £5. to each of the two foremen.

This recommendation was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott with an addendum proposed by Councillor Morris and seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Timekeeper be classed as a foreman for the purpose of this recommendation.

The following is a revised statement of costs and rent collection issued by the Town Clerk to the members after taking into consideration the above recommendations:-

ALL-IN COST OF TWO HOUSING SCHEMES AT SLIPPERY GREEN, WEXFORD, 16-PARTLY ERECTED BY CONTRACT AND PARTLY BY DIRECT LABOUR: 72- BY DIRECT LABOUR ENTIRELY.

	Sixteen houses	Seventy-two Houses
	£.	
1. Cost of land	585. 0. 0.	2635. 0. 0.
2. Cost of Development (including roads and sewers).	1805.13.10.	8123. 0. 0.
3. Cost of erection (including Foundations).	17114. 1. 3.	70728.15. 6.
	20500. 14. 13.	81466.15. 6.

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	Sixteen Houses	Seventy-two Houses.
	£	£
4. Cost of fencing		3468. 15. 6.
5. Quantity Surveyor.		507. 0. 4.
6. Clerk of Works £301.7.0.		
Engineer-in-charge £323.8.0.	624. 15. 0.	1016. 13. 8.
7. Legal expenses	70. 6. 8.	318. 0. 0.
8. Other expenses	57. 4. 4.	81. 14. 0.
X	£20257. 1. 1.	£86878. 19. 0.
Average cost per house	1266. 1. 4.	1206. 13. 0.
X Total costs as above	20257. 1. 1.	86878. 19. 0.
Add for Bonuses proposed on 72 houses		
(a) Housing Engineer.		360. 0. 0.
(b) Workmen @ £1. each & £10. for 2 foremen		120. 0. 0.
	20257. 1. 1.	87358. 19. 0.
Average all-in-cost per house	1266. 1. 4.	1213. 6. 5.
As all the 88 houses are on the one site both schemes are taken together for the purpose of rent calculation which is as follows:-		
Total cost of 16 houses	20,257. 1. 1.	
Total cost of 72 houses	86,878. 19. 0.	107616. 0. 1.
Average all-in-cost per house		1222. 18. 2.
Add in accordance with established retention practice to cover any defects		17. 1. 10.
		1240. 0. 0.
Less Transitional Development Fund Grant		400. 0. 0.
		£840. 0. 0.
Repay £840. @ 3½% in 50 years	34. 2. 2.	
Less 2/3rd Subsidy of Loan Charges up to £350.	9. 9. 6.	24. 12. 8.
Add for Administrative Expenses at 1% on Building Costs of £1066.6.4.		10. 13. 3.
		35. 5. 11.
A rent of 11/- per week will produce.		28. 12. 0.
Leaving a subsidy to be provided by the Corporation of		6. 13. 11.
On the basis of this rent the annual charge is apportioned as follows:-		
	Yearly	Weekly
Repayment of Total Cost of £1240.	£50.7.0.	19. 4. 1½
Administration expenses	£10.13.3.	4. 1. 1½
	£61. 0. 3.	£1.3.6.
The above sum is met as follows:-		
State	£25.14.4.	9.11.

	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Weekly.</u>
Brought Forward	£25.14.4.	9.11.
Tenant	£28.12.0.	11.0.
Corporation	<u>£6.13.11.</u>	<u>2.7.</u>
	<u>£61. 0. 3.</u>	<u>£1.3.6.</u>

The precentage of the different contributions are:-

The State.....	42.2.
The Tenant.....	46.8.
The Corporation....	<u>11.0.</u>
	100.0.

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WATERLOO HOUSES

The fourth Committee recommendation was that the houses at present in course of construction at Waterloo Road be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System at a rent-charge of 27/6d. per week plus a deposit covering the legal costs of Transfer.

Councillor Howlin proposed, however, that consideration of this recommendation be deferred so as to enable the Town Clerk to calculate what the rents would be if these houses were let as ordinary tenancies. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to. In this connection Councillor Cullimore asked that the tenants of these houses be selected as soon as possible as he understood that some of them did not require ranges and if such were the case it would mean a saving on the costs. It was decided that this matter should be considered at a special meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 20th instant.

N A M I N G O F H O U S E S A T W A T E R L O O R O A D .

Councillor Kevin Morris proposed and Alderman Gaul seconded the motion that at the next meeting of the Corporation the houses be named "CARRY'S VILLAS" in Gaelic.

A C Q U I S I T I O N O F H O U S E S F R O M M R S . C U L L I M O R E .

The fifth Committee recommendation was that two houses at the Faythe be acquired from Mrs. Cullimore, Talbot St. for the sum of £250. and repaired at an approximate cost of £450. This recommendation was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

N E W R A N G E S

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved the rescission of the Resolution of the 20th March last governing the provision of new ranges for Corporation houses.

Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by Aldermen Sinnott and Byrne and Councillor Howlin.

In moving the motion Alderman Corish pointed out that if it

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was rescinded he proposed to move a Resolution in lieu thereof that where the Borough Surveyor is of opinion a range is worn out through long service a new range be provided without charge. He thought that this would prevent an undue demand for ranges as the Borough Surveyor would only recommend in cases where the range had been worn out through long service and not through misuse. The Alderman pointed out that where a new tenant was allocated a house and the range was useless he thought it was the duty of the Corporation to provide a range but under the present Regulation this was not possible.

The motion was opposed by Councillors Cullimore and Kevin Morris and the meeting proceeded to take a Poll on the proposal to rescind the Resolution, but before doing so the Town Clerk pointed out that as 11 members were present at the meeting of the Corporation on the 20th March last when the original resolution was adopted and as only 10 were in attendance at the present meeting it would require a 2/3rds majority of those now in attendance to rescind the Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 44 of the Commissioners Clause Act, 1847. This meant that at least seven votes should be cast in favour of rescission before it could be carried. A Poll was thereupon taken when there voted for rescission:-

Councillors: James Morris, Howlin, Aldermen Byrne, Gaul, Sinnott and Corish.

Against: Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Kevin Morris and the Chairman.

As the requisite number of members present did not vote for rescission the motion was declared lost.

ELECTIONS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to arrange that returning Officers for both Dail and Local Elections notify Electors of their number of the Register and Polling Places prior to elections.

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

ERECTION OF HOUSES ON DERELICT SITES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation take steps to have houses erected on all suitable derelict sites in the Town so as to conform with the general layout of each area. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and unanimously agreed to, and the Town Clerk was requested to consult with the Corporation Solicitor regarding the completion of the acquisition of Sites acquired in 1943.

DIRECT LABOUR

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that for the future all construction and repair work under the Corporation be carried out by Direct Labour; but if Contract was necessary that a stipulation be inserted in each Contract that only local labour (essential key men excepted) be employed.

In moving this motion Councillor Howlin referred to the extensive property owned by the Corporation and thought that a

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a gang of men should be organised to carry out all necessary repairs. Alderman Corish seconded the motion. Councillor Kevin Morris, however, opposed, on the grounds that small jobs were dearer by Direct Labour than by Contract. He proceeded to quote the example of the Parliamentary Secretary erecting a house for himself by Contract when Councillor Howlin rose to a point of Order but the Chairman ruled that Councillor Morris was in possession and allowed him to continue speaking. When replying to the debate Councillor Howlin intimated that the point of order he proposed to raise when ruled against by the Chairman was that the business of a private individual should not be raised at a Corporation meeting when that person was not present to defend his action.

On a Poll being taken there voted for the motion:

Councillors Howlin, Alderman Lyrne, Alderman Gaul, Sinnott and Corish.....(5).

Against:

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, K. Morris, J. Morris and the Chairman.....(5).

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the Resolution which was declared lost.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to permit of Employment Grants being used for the development of housing sites; such Grants not to affect the State Subvention from the Transitional Development Fund towards the cost of building.

Councillor Lyrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a public telephone kiosk at the junction of Talbot St. and Slippery Green and coupled with this motion the provision of a telephone kiosk at Monument Place referred to at the opening of this meeting.

In moving the motion Alderman Sinnott referred to the considerable number of houses in Talbot St./Green St., Devereaux Villas, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View, and pointed out that no telephone was available in this area. As regards the John St. area he referred to the number of houses in John St., Hill St. and Wygram, where only two private telephones existed. Councillor James Morris seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

HOUSING SUBSIDIES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Lyrne moved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations so as to permit any persons recommended by the Chief Medical Officer as being in need of a house to be allocated a dwelling in respect of which 2/3rds subsidy is paid. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Lyrne, Morris, Gaul, Sinnott, Broaders, Cullimore, K. Morris, J. Morris, Alderman Gaul and unanimously adopted.

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RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW U.D.C.

The following Resolution submitted from the Arklow U.D.C. was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris:-

"That we consider that Local Authorities should have powers to control the erection of advertisement hoardings or advertisements adjoining public roads and to request their removal or prohibit their erection where, in the opinion of a local authority such hoardings, or advertisements, injuriously affect the amenities of a district or, are likely to render roads dangerous to road users and in this connection we desire to indicate to the Minister for Local Government that in our view the powers given under the Advertisement Regulations Act, 1909, are nowadays inadequate."

OVERDRAFT AND LOANS MUNICIPAL
OFFICES.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, Overdraft accommodation on Capital Account in the sum of £7,500. was authorised for the purchase of the Tate School for conversion into Municipal Offices; to carry out essential repairs and decoration; and the provision of furniture pending completion of the necessary Loan to defray these expenses.

PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS.

On the motion of Ald. Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise the raising of a loan of £1,100. from the Treasurer for a period of 10 years in connection with the provision of footpaths to certain houses at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.

128 HOUSE SCHEME -

On the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed to raise a Loan of £204,800. for the Acquisition, development and erection of 128 houses on land at Bishopswater.

PUBLIC LAVATORY-SELSKAR

It was reported that the cost of the public convenience at Selskar had amounted to £1,787. 4. 6. or £138. 9. 6. in excess of the Estimate. Advertising, law costs and mortgage &c. were estimated at £32. 15. 6. making the all-in cost £1,820. and on the motion of Ald. Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the overexpenditure was approved and the raising of a Loan of £1,820. to defray the cost approved.

WAGES OF CARETAKER -PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Councillor Howl in referred to an advertisement which appeared in the Local press for a Caretaker for the public convenience at a wage of £2. per week and moved that before an appointment was made that the County Manager be recommended to fix the wage for this job at not less than that paid to a watchman namely 1/- per hour.

Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was agreed to.

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PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT TEMPERANCE
ROW.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor James Morris, approval was granted to the provision of two extra lights at Temperance Row and Well Lane at an approximate capital cost of £14.

LIGHTS ON QUAY

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to have four of the public lights on the Quay converted into pilot lights.

DERELICT HOUSES AT FAYTHE

Attention was called to the condition of the site of two derelict houses at the Faythe and the owner was to be requested to have the site cleaned without further delay.

Original Inuse

20th November, 1950.

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

Councillor Michael Flusk, (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish, Thomas Byrne;

Councillors: John Howlin, Frank Cullimore, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris and James Morris.

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

WATERLOO ROAD HOUSING

With reference to minutes of 6th instant when the question of the Waterloo Road Houses was under consideration, a report from the Town Clerk was now considered showing that if these houses were let on the basis of ordinary weekly tenancies the annual outgoings on the assumption that a Grant of £400. per house would be received from the Transitional Development Fund would be £59. 19. 9., which would require a rent of 23/- per week.

Councillor Howlin, who had originally asked for this calculation, favoured this system of letting and asked if the Corporation would be prepared to subsidize the dwellings but this suggestion did not meet with any degree of favour. The question of disposing of the dwellings on the Tenant-Purchase System was also considered and the Town Clerk read a letter from the Corporation Solicitor intimating that the total costs of transferring each house would be £67.15.3. but if the Legal costs were included in the purchase price and the Corporation undertook to pay his fees he would be willing to agree to an all-in figure of £55. per house.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the houses should be advertised for disposal on the Tenant-Purchase System at a rent charge based on the addition of the legal Expenses to the purchase price less a deposit of £25. and when the applications were received the Corporation would then consider the matter further.

GATES AND RAILINGS

The meeting then took up complaints made by Councillor Kevin Morris some time ago regarding gates and railings for the houses at Croin Naomh Maodhoig.

The first complaint was in regard to the 16 houses originally commenced by Mr. Carson by Contract and subsequently finished by Direct Labour. Councillor Morris complained that Mr. Thomas Malone of Newtown, the local Contractor for these gates did not get a fair show but it was pointed out that Mr. Malone was originally given this Contract by Mr. Carson and when the Corporation took over the Contract for completion by Direct Labour Mr. Malone was supplied with the gates and railings he had

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that if he had the gates and fittings the Corporation would take them from him at Mr. Carson's price, namely £4. per gate. Following this conversation the Borough Surveyor wrote to Mr. Malone on the 6th July, 1948, and under date 9th idem Mr. Malone intimated that he would deliver the gates and fittings in two to three weeks. Despite subsequent reminders Mr. Malone did not deliver the gates and on December, 18th, 1948, the Housing Engineer asked permission of the County Manager to purchase the gates elsewhere. This permission was granted but it was not until January, 1949, that the gates were purchased from Messrs. Smith and Pearsons for the sum of £2. each as against Mr. Malone's £4.. As regards the gates for the 72 houses the meeting was informed that Mr. Malone's tender amounted to £895. 10. while the lowest tender, Messrs. Smith and Pearson's was £620. 16. 0. or £274. 14. 0. less than Mr. Malone's.

The meeting considered that Mr. Malone had been very fairly treated in all these matters and had no reason for complaint. As regards the railings and gates for the Waterloo Road Houses, the Housing Engineer emphatically stated that he had purchased the gates and railings some 12 months after tenders were received at the original tendered price.

Councillor Morris then enumerated a number of minor defects in the 72 house Scheme which the Engineer intimated he was well aware of and intended to rectify in due course.

In reply to the Chairman it was stated by the Officials that these houses had been inspected and passed by Engineering Inspectors of the Department of Local Government and no complaint had been made by the Inspectors on the matters now raised by Councillor Morris.

The Chairman then ruled that this matter had been sufficiently discussed and the meeting proceeded to the next business.

LETTER FROM RENTS AND LEASEHOLD COMMISSION

A letter was read from the Rents and Leasehold Commission inquiring if the Corporation wished to give evidence on the matters under inquiry by them. Councillor Howlin, however, proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Irish Association of Municipal Authorities and the Chairman seconded.

Alderman Byrne, however, proposed the establishment of a small Committee to consider the matter and Alderman Sinnott seconded.

On a show of hands being taken only two members voted for the amendment and accordingly the original motion by Cllr. Howlin was declared carried.

DISMISSAL OF MEN

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the dismissal of seven men on the Waterloo Road Housing Scheme some time ago and stated that only four of these were now out of work and asked the Engineer if he would take them back.

Mr. Millar stated that he gave no undertaking to reinstate these men at any time and did not think he had any work for them at present.

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Several members then asked the Officials to try and have these four men employed before Christmas.

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin regarding the development of a Housing Site at Summerhill the Town Clerk promised to get in touch with the Department of Local Government the following day on this matter.

SITE A T TRINITY STREET

Alderman Sinnott referred to the question of building houses on a Site at Trinity St. and was informed that this Site had been turned down by an Inspector of the Department of Local Government and the Alderman gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that houses should be built on this Site, and in the meantime the Department was to be asked for a copy of the Inspector's report on the Site.

Alderman Sinnott complained of trespass on the John of God Convent Schools at the Faythe, as a result of the demolition of old houses at Fisher's Row and the Borough Surveyor was asked to inspect and report on this matter.

SURFACING OF BATT STREET

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to have some patching done to the surface of Batt Street.

STREET TRADING ON SUNDAYS

Alderman Byrne complained that on the previous day (Sunday) Street trading had taken place outside the churches and the attention of the Garda was to be drawn to this matter.

HOUSES AT TALBOT ST.

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the two houses at Talbot St. owned by Mr. John P. Byrne and asked for a report from the Borough Surveyor with a view to the Corporation considering their purchase as the Owner was unable to maintain them.

SUPPLY OF BOOTS FOR MEN

Alderman Corish asked if it would be possible for the casual men who had replaced the permanent men on the Scavenging Staff be supplied with boots and the County Manager agreed that this could be done.

FEE FOR TOWN HALL

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the fee charged for the use of the Town Hall and the County Manager intimated that he did not feel justified in reducing the charge but if the Corporation still desired to have the charge reduced they could move a Resolution under Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940 directing him to do so.

NEW FIRE ENGINE

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated that a specification for a new fire engine was in course of preparation and tenders would shortly be invited.

TRINITY ST. HOUSES

In reply to Councillor James Morris the Borough Surveyor

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intimated that work on the Trinity St. houses would start in a week or two and in reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had not yet received material to erect a railing around the houses at St. Magdalen's Terrace.

FLATS AT CORNMARKE

In reply to Councillor James Morris regarding the provision of two flats at Cornmarket the Town Clerk intimated that an Inspector of the Department of Local Government had inspected the place during the week-end and his report was now awaited. The Town Clerk, read, for the information of Councillor Morris a List setting out the number of premises submitted for revaluation in the previous 15 years.

The meeting then terminated.

Michael Flust

4th December, 1950.

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 Michael Flusk (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair,

Aldermen: James Gaul, James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish, and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders, James Morris and Dr. Hadden.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late William Boggan, Whiterock, who was for some time a member of the former Board of Guardians in Wexford, and an outstanding member of the Labour Movement. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR HADDEN

The Deputy Mayor and other members extended a hearty welcome to Councillor Dr. Hadden on his first appearance as a member of the present Corporation owing to illness, and expressed the hope that he might soon enjoy complete health, for which Dr. Hadden returned thanks.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature, namely, minutes of Corporation on 6th and 10th ultimo, and General Purposes Committee on 10th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes as submitted (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT FAYTHE

Alderman Sinnott referred to a proposal at a previous meeting to acquire two houses at the Faythe from Mrs. Cullimore of Talbot Street, and was informed that this proposal had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

DERELICT SITE AT FAYTHE

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to a derelict site at the Faythe which the Agent had been asked to have cleaned up, and complained that this had not been completed, so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that if the site was not cleaned up immediately that steps be taken to acquire it under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

LIGHTS ON QUAY.

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that an Order had been made to have four of the public lights on the Quay converted into pilot lights.

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HOUSE AT NO. 80, WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Alderman Corish referred to the house, No. 80, Wolfe Tone Villas, and stated that when the present occupant, Denis Farrell, went to reside therein the range in the house was broken, and asked that this should be provided without extra charge to the tenant. This suggestion was supported by Councillors Howlin, Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Kevin Morris, and it was unanimously agreed that if the Borough Surveyor had inspected the house at the time that Farrell became tenant and found that the range had been broken during the occupancy of the previous tenant, that a new range should be provided without extra charge. Councillor Hadden referred to the above cost, and asked if any steps were taken to recover damages to persons who wantonly damaged Corporation property during their occupancy and was informed that if there was a possibility of recovering damages, proceedings were taken and that a case under this heading would come before the Court in the next few weeks.

This reply gave rise to a further question regarding the case coming before the Courts when members asked for the true facts as the person being proceeded against had informed them that the damage occurred after he had vacated the dwelling. It was stated, however, that this was not the case but that certain damage had been done after he vacated it, and he was only being charged for damage which had been done during his tenancy.

Councillor Gaul wished to propose that a range be provided for the houses at Roche's Terrace occupied by Thomas Crosbie without extra charge, but the Chairman ruled this motion out of order.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from the Superior General of the Christian Brothers, and from Mrs. Frizelle, Farnogue.

An acknowledgment was read from the Minister for Local Government of the Resolution passed at a recent meeting regarding the making of Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote available for the development of Housing Sites.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that houses be erected on a derelict site at Trinity Street, and Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by Councillors Hadden and Howlin, but having regard to the fact that an Inspector of the Department of Local Government had inspected the site on the 2nd inst., it was decided to defer consideration of the motion until his report was available.

NAMING OF WATERLOO ROAD HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Waterloo Road Housing Scheme be named "Corry's Villas", in Gaelic. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion, but Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin thought that Housing Schemes should not be named after a living person and Alderman Byrne objected to the use of the word "Villas". The motion, however, was eventually agreed to without a division.

CHARGE FOR TOWN HALL.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris asked the Corporation to invoke Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940, in respect of the price charged for the letting of the Town Hall for dances and for a formal requisition under the Section signed by four members requesting the County Manager to consider a motion that the charge for the Town Hall be reduced to 33/- per session.

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HOLDINGS HELD BY ABSENTEE LANDLORDS.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation call on the Minister for Justice to take the necessary steps to acquire all holdings held by absentee landlords so that they might be used for the benefit of the community. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

FUEL VOUCHERS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INSCE. BENEFIT RECIPIENTS.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne asked on whose instructions recipients of National Health Insurance benefit were refused vouchers under the Cheap Fuel Scheme, and was informed that this Scheme was administered under the direction of the Minister for Social Welfare, who sent instructions twice yearly for the preparation of a Scheme that covered persons in receipt of Home Assistance, Unemployment Assistance, or Pensions under the Old Age, Widows' and Orphans and Blind Pensions Acts. Persons in receipt of National Health Insurance Benefit were not included in the Scheme, and the only way they could receive vouchers was in the exceptional circumstance that they were also in receipt of Home Assistance.

The Alderman thereupon gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that recipients of National Health Benefit be included in the Scheme.

P.L.V. FOR WORKING CLASS HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation call on the appropriate Minister of State to introduce legislation to fix a figure of £6 as the maximum Poor Law Valuation for Working Class Houses erected by a Local Authority since the year 1947. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed to.

In moving this motion Councillor Howlin stated he was prompted to do so by reason of the fact that nobody expected that the houses at present being erected by Local Authorities would be valued as low as £6., and in the present state of the Law the Local Authority could not legally collect the rates with the Rents. It was pointed out, however, that while this was the strict legal position the Officials had no intention at the moment of departing from the recognised custom of collecting the rates with the rents.

PROTECTION WALL AT WATERLOO ROAD.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish asked if a wall would be provided for protection to the Waterloo Road houses where houses were demolished in Paradise Row, and was informed that this was intended.

HOUSING REGULATIONS, 1950.

The next business was to receive the Housing (Reconstruction Grants) Regulations, 1950, and it was agreed that a synopsis of these Regulations should be sent to each member before they were considered.

TENDERS FOR MANHOLE COVERS

Tenders for the supply of manhole covers were received from the following, and initialled by the Chairman:-

Thos. Heiton & Co. Ltd., Dublin; Samuel Morris, Ltd., Waterford; Robert Scott & Co. Ltd., Cork; T. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy; The Cork Iron & Hardware Co. Ltd., Cork; Brooks Thomas & Co. Ltd., Dublin; The Wexford Timber Co. Ltd.; Baxendale & Co. Ltd., Dublin; Samuel Morris Ltd., Waterford; Thos. Dockrell Sons & Co., Dublin; Hugh McGuire & Co., Wexford; Thos. Dockrell Sons & Co., Dublin; McFerran & Guilford, Dublin; T. & C. Martin, Ltd., Dublin; C.P. Glorney, Dublin; Tonge & Taggart, Dublin.

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RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION.

The following Resolution from the Sligo Corporation was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne:

"That we the Members of Wexford Corporation regard as unjust and inequitable the condition whereby an established servant of a Local Authority should continue to pay Unemployment and National Health contribution in addition to his superannuation contribution. We are of opinion that this procedure involves considerable hardship to the employees affected as the total weekly contributions is excessive in relation of the weekly rates of wages payable. Contributions should not be required under National Health and Unemployment Acts in respect of established servants during the period of their employment but arrangements should be made by the Minister whereby the Local Authority would be at liberty to pay to the Minister for Social Welfare an amount equal to the value of the Unemployment and National Health Stamps which would put the person affected in benefit during the period that elapses between the termination and resumption of his employment. These payments by the Local Authority to be made from the funds it holds in respect of superannuation deductions and limited to the number of stamps to which the workman is entitled so as to give him the maximum benefit in accordance with Insurance Acts. The cost of these stamps to be subsequently recouped from the superannuation or gratuity payable."

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

"That we member of the Wexford Corporation, having read the Aims and Objects of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship of Ireland, deem it to be worthy of support and call on the Government to introduce legislation to assist disabled people in the several directions set out in the memorandum of this organisation. We are appalled to learn that the White Paper on the Social Welfare Bill specifically excludes remedies for the conditions of the disabled and urge all Deputies to assist in bringing the disabled within the scope of the Bill."

At the request of Councillor Hadden the County Manager intimated that he intended to discuss the provision of trees at Redmond Place with the Borough Surveyor during the next few days.

ERECTION OF 34 HOUSES AT SUMMERHILL

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Gaul, that 34 houses at Summerhill be erected by direct labour.

The site and house plans for ten houses at Hill Street and Monument Place were also approved, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE FOR HOUSE AT JOHN ST.

Councillor Morris raised the question of sanitary convenience for the house occupied by O'Keeffe, John Street, and the Town Clerk promised to deal with the matter in the course of a day or so.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to overdraft accommodation in the sum of £7,500 on the ordinary Account to 31st March, next.

WATERLOO RD. HOUSES.

The County Manager submitted a list of applications for the Waterloo Road houses and intimated the names of those to whom he proposed to allocate them, and the Manager was asked to consider the applications of Miss Gretta Darcy and Mr. Patrick Hayes, Cornwells Fort, if any of the persons to whom they were allocated did not take the dwellings.

The meeting then terminated.

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12th December, 1950.

A special meeting of the Corporation (convened in accordance with the Provisions of Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940) was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to consider the following request received by the County Manager on the 4th inst.

"That we the undersigned four members of the Wexford Corporation, an Elective Body for the purposes of the County Management Acts, 1940 and 1942 (hereinafter referred to as the "Elective Body") hereby give you notice that one of us will, at a Meeting of the said Elective Body to be held on Monday, December, 12th, 1950, at 7.30 p.m., which meeting we request you to convene, propose a resolution in the following terms:-

"That we the members of the said Elective Body hereby require the Wexford County Manager to reduce the charge for the use of the Town Hall, Wexford, for dancing to the sum of Thirty-Three shillings (inclusive of the cost of light) per session of not more than four hours."

Signed at a meeting of the said Elective Body this fourth day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

KEVIN C. MORRIS	} Four members of the said Elective Body.
NICHOLAS P. CORISH	
MICHAEL BROADERS	
FRANK CULLIMORE	

The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Flusk, (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Sinnott, James Gaul, Nicholas Corish,
Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders,
James Morris, and George Hadden.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Councillor Morris thereupon moved the following Resolution:-

"That we the members of the said Elective Body hereby require the Wexford County Manager to reduce the charge for the use of the Town Hall, Wexford, for dancing to the sum of Thirty-three shillings (inclusive of the cost of light) per session of not more than four hours."

Alderman Corish seconded and it was unanimously agreed to.

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At this stage the County Manager intimated that while it was doubtful if the Corporation had power under Section 29 (5) (a) of the County Management Act, 1940 to pass such a Resolution the matter was of so little importance and involved such a very small amount of money that he was prepared to give effect to the unanimous expressed wish of the elected representatives of the Town and would make an Order that the fee for the use of the Town Hall be fixed at 33/- (inclusive of the cost of light) with effect as from the beginning of the next Season, namely, Easter Sunday night.

OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

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

During the examination of the Old Age Pension Claims and Questions it was seen that in several cases a sum of £6. per annum received by claimants and pensioners from the Fanning Fund was taken into account by the Investigation Officers in assessing their means.

Several members again strongly protested against this practice and pointed out that this was a charity only given in cases of dire necessity and Alderman Sinnott proposed that the Minister for Social Welfare be again requested to instruct the Investigation Officers to disregard amounts received from the Fanning Fund when assessing means for the purpose of the Old Age and Blind Pensions Acts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

LIGHTS ON QUAY

The Town Clerk stated that some time ago the Corporation had agreed to convert four of the existing midnight lights on the Quays into Pilot Lights and now read a letter from the Electricity Supply Board stating that the Capital cost of making these conversions would be £34. which would have to be borne by the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously agreed to meet this charge but at the same time a strong protest was to be sent to both the E.S.B. and the Minister for Industry and Commerce against the practise of the Borad in insisting on capital charges being paid by consumers.

MMAS PAY FOR CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

Councillor Howlin referred to the fact that a number of Employees on the building Site would not have a full week's pay this week owing to the recent heavy snow fall and proposed that the men be paid four days of their annual leave with their current week's wages so as to let them have at least a full week's wages at Christmas.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and unanimously agreed to if it were possible to have it carried out.

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In reply to Alderman Gaul the Town Clerk intimated that he did not receive an invitation for the Corporation to be present at the address recently given by An Taoiseach.

QUERIES FOR BOROUGH SURVEYOR

Councillor Howlin asked that replies be obtained from the Borough Surveyor without delay to the following queries:-

- (1) If it was a fact that sand and/or gravel was purchases for the new footpaths at Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.
- (2) If tenders were invited for the supply of same.
- (3) The names of the tenderers and prices quoted.
- (4) The name of the supplier and price paid.
- (5) If Corporation employees loaded the gravel or sand, and
- (6) If so by whom they were paid.

SHOPS (CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT) Act.

In reply to a further query by Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk stated it was a function of the Corporation to administer part (VI) of the Shops (Condition of Employment) Act, 1938 and this had always been done by the Health Inspector. He further stated that he would make inquiries and find out if any reports had been made by the present Inspector.

HOUSE AT HILL ST. OCCUPIED BY
DANIEL THOMAS

Councillor Howlin also complained of the condition of the house at Hill St. occupied by Daniel Thomas where water was running down the walls of the back kitchen due to some difficulty in the roof and asked to have it seen to immediately.

PROVISION OF W.C. FOR HOUSE AT JOHN
ST. OCCUPIED BY RICHARD O'KEEFFE.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he had now dealt with the question of the provision of a W.C. for the premises at John St. occupied by Richard O'Keeffe. The estimated cost was £96. and the Manager was willing to recommend that the Corporation provide a convenience, the cost to be repaid over a period of ten years with interest at 5% with two solvent sureties to guarantee repayment to the Corporation.

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PROVISION OF W.C.'S FOR HOUSES
AT TRINITY ST.

In reply to Councillor Howlin it was stated that work had commenced on the provision of sanitary conveniences for the Trinity St. houses.

HEAVY SNOW FALL

Councillor Hadden referred to the recent heavy snow fall and complained that the hilly streets of the Town had not been attended to as a result of which they were very slippery during that period. It was stated, however, that on Friday morning last some 60 men were engaged in removing snow from the Main St. and on Saturday these men were concentrating on the Streets leading to the Churches and that over two ton of salt had been used on a number of the hills to thaw out the ice, and it was not possible to reach on all the streets at the one time.

Whilst most members agreed with Dr. Hadden that the hilly streets should be attended to they were unanimous in congratulating the Officials of the Corporation for the prompt action taken to deal with the Emergency.

It was also pointed out that this emergency cost approximately £100. and this expenditure was unanimously approved. In this connection Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the state of the Quays but was informed that this was entirely a matter for the County Council.

STIPEND FOR FIRE BRIGADE
OFFICERS.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that no sanction had yet been received to the proposal to increase the stipend of the Fire Brigade Officers and he promised to get in touch with the Department by 'phone on the following day.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY -

Alderman Corish also referred to the condition of St. Ibar's Cemetery during the recent weather and pointed out that no pump was available for pumping water from graves and neither the gravediggers nor Caretaker were supplied with rubber boots.

As regards the pump the Town Clerk intimated that a new pump was on order for some three months past and that rubber boots had been supplied to the gravediggers some years ago but at the time they complained that they were unsuitable for digging. It was only this day that they had made application to be again supplied with rubber boots and the necessary Order had been made to give effect to this request.

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Councillor Howlin complained that on Saturday evening last these men had applied to the foremen for the loan of rubber boots from the Store and had been refused. On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Ald. Sinnott it was agreed that rubber boots should be made available for the gravediggers in charge of the of the Caretaker and that inquiries should be made to see if it was possible to procure water proof knee boots with rubber soles.

EXTENSION OF DAVITT ROAD

At the request of Dr. Hadden it was agreed to place the proposal to extend Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road on the Agenda for the next Statutory meeting.

CORNER OF WYGRAM

Alderman Hadden referred to the corner at Wygram Place and the road to Summerhill and asked that the removal of this corner should be considered in the general plan for the conversion of the Tate School into Municipal Offices and that the footpath and surface of Davitt Road, North, should also be examined. The Borough Surveyor was to be asked when he proposed to erect a fence at St. Magdalen's Terrace and at the rear of Menapia Avenue.

DANGEROUS SLOPE AT ANNE ST.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to examine and report on the dangerous slope at Anne St. outside the Hall door of Messrs. Con Collin's premises.

ERECTION OF CRASH BARRIERS

Ald. Corish gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that crash barriers should be erected outside the schools and danger signs provided.

GYPTEX PLASTER BOARD

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he would obtain for him details of the tenders received for the supply of gyptex plaster board.

NO. 80, WOLFE TONE VILLAS

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor in reply to Alderman Corish regarding the house at No. 80, Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Denis Farrell. This report showed that in February of this year a

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reconditioned Pierce range was installed in this house but members insisted that this was only provided as a temporary arrangement until a new range was available and was not fit for cooking at the present time. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a further report on this matter.

POST OFFICE BOXES

Alderman Sinnott complained that the Post Office letter boxes at Wolfe Tone Villas was out of order and it was decided to draw the attention of the Postmaster to this inconvenience to the residents in the area.

REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS

Alderman Sinnott also drew attention to the delay in repairing footpaths broken by the Gas. Co. and to the condition of the footpath at the Folly entrance to the Horse River and it was decided to ~~request~~ request the Borough Surveyor for a report on these matters.

Ald. Sinnott also drew attention to the condition of the roofs of a number of houses at Barrack St. which he held were dangerous to passers-by and it was also decided to refer this matter to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

DECEMBER FAIR DAY, 1951.

On the recommendation of the County Committee of Agriculture it was unanimously decided that the December Fair for 1951 be held on the 31st of that month.

PIERCES' HOUSES

The meeting then considered a report on the cost of the seven houses at Distillery Road. The all-in-cost was £15,600. or £2.3. per square foot. At this rate the three two-storey houses cost £2,960. each and the four bungalows £1,679. each. The economic rent of the three houses was £2. 12. 4. each and the bungalows £1. 7. 7. and the Manager recommended that a rent of £2. per week plus rates be charged for the three houses and £1. per week plus rates for the four bungalows. This recommendation was also agreed to.

As this was the last meeting before Christmas the Chairman wished all the members and Officials a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past 10 o'clock a.m.

The members present being:-

Councillor Flusk, (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Sinnott, Byrne, Corish and Gaul.

Councillors: Hadden, Kevin Morris, James Morris, Broaders, Cullimore and Howlin.

The Chairman said it was a sad occasion on which they met owing to the demise on Christmas Eve of His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland.

He recalled the services Councillor Buckland had rendered to the Citizens of the Town during his membership of the Corporation and proposed that they extend their deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion and said he had known the late Councillor Buckland for a long number of years. He was an outstanding public representative and always had the welfare of the citizens at heart.

The motion was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and the meeting adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

Miss Flusk