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A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to elect a Mayor in room of the late Councillor Thomas Buckland. The members present being:-

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, Frank Cullimore, Dr. George Hadden, James Morris, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris and John Howlin.

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

By mutual agreement Councillor Flusk presided.

The Chairman intimated that the meeting was now open to receive nominations for the Office of Mayor, and Alderman Gaul proposed the election of Alderman Sinnott.

Alderman Byrne seconded.

Councillor Kevin Morris proposed the election of Councillor Michael Flusk and Councillor Frank Cullimore seconded.

These were the only two members nominated for the Office.

Before a Poll was taken Councillor Hadden said he was committed to the principle of rotation of the Office of Mayor and whoever he supported at the present meeting he would not support at the June Election. He pointed out that he had had conversations with representatives of the two Parties but could not obtain an unequivocal guarantee from the Labour Party that they would not put forward a Labour Candidate at the co-option for the seat of the late Councillor Buckland. He had received such a guarantee from Councillor Flusk on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party and consequently he intended to vote to-night for the election of Councillor Flusk.

Councillor Howlin pointed out that the members of the Labour Party in the Corporation were directed by the Committee of the Party and Alderman Sinnott stated that at the last meeting of the Committee the question of co-option had not even been discussed nor was there any truth in the remour referred to by Dr. Hadden that the Labour Party were carrying out a Drive to secure the late Councillor Buckland's Seat.

A Poll was thereupon taken when there voted for:

Councillor Flusk: Councillors Kevin Morris, Broaders, James Morris, Hadden, Cullimore and Flusk.....(6).

Alderman Sinnott: Aldermen Gaul, Byrne, Sinnott, Corish and Councillor Howlin.....(5).

Councillor Flusk was thereupon elected as Mayor to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1951 and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of acceptance of Office.

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Councillor Flusk thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 and was invested with the robes and chain of Office by the Town Clerk.

In returning thanks for his election Councillor Flusk assured all those who voted for and against him that he would carry out the duties of Mayor to the best of his ability and would not be guilty of conduct that would bring the fair name of the Mayoralty and his predecessors into disrepute.

He asked all the members for their full co-operation and to work as a team in carrying out the programme they knew was in front of the present Corporation.

He thanked the Lord Bishop of Ferns for the tribute he had paid to the memory of the late Councillor Buckland at High Mass on the previous day and assured him of the loyalty of the Corporation to himself and the Catholic Church during the coming year.

Aldermen Sinnott, Byrne, Corish, Councillors: Howlin and James Morris also congratulated the Mayor on his election.

Alderman Corish then proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy on the sudden demise of the Very Rev. Richard Doyle, P.P., Ramsgrange.

This was seconded by Councillor Howlin and adopted in respectful silence, all those present including the general public standing for a minute's silence in memory of the late Mayor, Councillor Thomas Buckland.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flusk*



5th January, 1951.

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

His worship, The Mayor, (Councillor Michael Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott, Gaul, Byrne.

Councillors: Hadden, James Morris, Broaders and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of meetings on 4th, 18th and 26th ultimo and 2nd instant.

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 Mayor.

#### SHOPS ACT, 1938.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that he had received some reports from the Health Inspector under the Shops Act, 1938, and all the reports submitted to him showed that the premises inspected were complying with the provisions of the Statute.

#### RANGE AT FARRELL'S WOLFE TONE VILLAS

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk read a report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the provision of a range at Farrell's of Wolfe Tone Villas and it was decided to await the attendance of the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

#### TENDERS FOR GYPLATH

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris regarding the acceptance of tenders for gyplath plaster the County Manager stated that it was a fact that the tender of an outside firm had originally been accepted. It was found however, on subsequent examination that an error had been made in calculating the price per square yard quoted by a local firm and this had now been rectified and the order placed locally.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the general question of tenders and it was unanimously agreed that for the future all tenders should be opened at meetings of the Corporation only, and when they had been dealt with a list of the prices quoted should be laid before the Corporation meeting as soon as possible. As well it was decided that unsuccessful tenderers should be so informed.

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ANNE ST. FOOTPATH -

In reply to Councillor Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received a report from the Borough Surveyor on the Anne St. footpath.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Rock, an employee of the Corporation on the death of his son. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Sean Browne, U.D.C., Enniscorthy and Chairman of the County Board G.A.A. on the death of his wife.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Gaul, supported by the other members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

STRIKES

Alderman Gaul proposed that the Corporation ask the Government to intervene in the transport and Bank strikes with a view to the early termination of these disputes as they had now commenced to cause unemployment locally. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Corporation appoint a small Committee to meet the Local Strike Committee with a view to having essential food stuffs permitted to be brought into Wexford by road. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this and it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor with Alderman Gaul and Councillor Kevin Morris should meet the Strike Committee on the following evening. Reference was also made to the telegram received by the Mayor to attend a meeting in Dublin on the 11th instant convened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin in an effort to settle the Transport strike and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Bennett, that the expenses of the Mayor, in attending this meeting should be paid by the Corporation.

HOUSES

With reference to a resolution calling on the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation with a view to having the valuation of houses provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts confined to a maximum of £6. a letter was read from the Minister pointing out that he had no functions in this matter which was entirely one for the Commissioner of Valuation and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was agreed to request the Commissioner of Valuation to implement the previous resolution of the Corporation.



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PROVISION OF EXTRA TELEPHONE  
FACILITIES.

A letter was read from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs regarding the provision of additional telephone kiosk facilities in Wexford stating that the use likely to be made of a kiosk at the junction of Talbot St. and Green Street would not be sufficient to warrant this provision. The question of providing a kiosk at Monument Place had also been reconsidered and it was regretted that the decision already conveyed could not be modified.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to refer this matter back to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for reconsideration.

DEPUTATION FROM RELIEF GRANT  
WORKERS

A Deputation from some of the Relief Grant workers engaged on completion of a road from Summerhill to Whitmill was next received. The spokesman from the Deputation, Mr. Mark Kearns stated that the men he represented had been employed on the Park road for two months work but in actual fact only received 13 days in five weeks. Mr. Kearns complained that a six-ton lorry was engaged drawing clay from this road to St. John's Road and was only half loaded. He further stated that eight men had been retained on this job who were friends of the Officials. The men dismissed were as good as workmen as the men retained and some of them were in much worse circumstances. He made a general complaint regarding supervision and stated the Deputation understood that a further Grant would be sanctioned during the present week to complete this road and asked that they be reinstated.

The Mayor intimated that it was the wish of the entire Corporation that as many men as possible be employed and suggested that the Borough Surveyor be recommended to re-employ these men and if there was not sufficient work for all that six of those who had been retained from the commencement should be dismissed.

Alderman Sinnott thought that all men should receive equal treatment on work that was provided for the relief of unemployment and thought that such jobs should be so organised as to provide for all to receive an equal share.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister for Social Welfare be asked to amend the Cheap Fuel Scheme so as to permit persons in receipt of National Health Insurance Benefit to participate. Alderman Gerish seconded this motion which was agreed to..

VACANT SEAT

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hadden moved that the Seat on the Corporation formerly held by the late Thomas Buckland be declared vacant. The motion was seconded by Clr..

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Broaders and the following Declaration unanimously made.

"WHEREAS on the 20th day of September, 1950, Thomas Buckland was elected a member of the Wexford Corporation; AND WHEREAS the said Thomas Buckland died on the 24th December, 1950;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the said Thomas Buckland to be vacant; AND WE FURTHER DIRECT that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes."

#### ROAD FROM DEVITT ROAD TO WATERLOO

With reference to the proposal to provide a road from Devitt Road South, to Waterloo Road it was agreed that this matter should come up for further discussion at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

#### CONDITION OF ST. JOHN'S RD.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to put St. John's Road into a proper condition immediately by the removal of the yellow marl which had been placed on the outer footpath. In his opinion the Road should be widened by the removal of the outer footpaths and he intended to propose a motion to that effect when the allocation of the next Relief Grants was being considered.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion that the marl should be removed but did not think that a wider road was necessary.

The County Manager intimated that when he considered the original proposal of the Borough Surveyor to deal with this footpath at St. John's Road which had been the cause of a considerable amount of complaint from members of the Corporation from time to time he considered that the Scheme put forward by the Borough Surveyor was an ideal one. The intention was to plant grass seed in the early Spring and he thought that a grass verge on each side of the road with trees planted at regular intervals would look very well.

Councillor Hadden, however, asked the County Manager to consult with the Horticultural Experts as to whether or not grass would grow on this soil and the County Manager intimated that he had already made an appointment with the Horticultural Experts for the coming week so further consideration of the matter was adjourned pending a report from the County Manager.

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In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that



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that crash barriers be erected outside the schools in the Town, Secondary schools excepted, with particular reference to the Presentation Convent School. Councillor Madden seconded this motion which was agreed to and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for an estimate of the cost.

#### RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The next business was to consider whether reconstruction Grants for houses in the Borough should be made available, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was agreed that this course should be adopted.

The question of whether Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950 should be adopted was adjourned until the next meeting.

#### DERELICT SITE - CORNMARKEIT

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor it was agreed to accept the view of the Department of Local Government that two flats should not be provided on the Derelict Site at Cornmarket but that in due course the building should be removed for the purpose of Street widening.

#### CROSS ON NATIONAL FLAG

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne a Resolution from the Sligo Corporation calling on the Government to have a Cross of Celtic or other design inserted on the National Flag was marked "read."

#### RESOLUTION FROM BIRR U.D.C.

No action was taken on a Resolution from the Birr U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation whereby tenants of houses in Urban Districts may be enabled to purchase them as it was pointed out that there was no necessity for this legislation as Power already existed for this purpose.

#### RESOLUTION TRALEE U.D.C.

A Resolution from the Tralee U.D.C. supporting the claim of the pro 1950 pensioned national teachers to the retiring gratuity paid to all other Government Pensioners was adopted on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish.

#### BONUS TO FOREMEN

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the Bonus allowed to the Foremen on the Housing Site and the matter was left for the Mayor to discuss the amount with the County Manager.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flannery*

15th January, 1951.

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:-

Aldermen: Gaul, Sinnott & Corish.

Councillors: Howlin, Hadden, Kevin Morris and James Morris.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Hadden proposed that Alderman Sinnott take the Chair. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

#### SYMPATHY

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Frank Cullimore and family on the death of their mother, and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory.

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

The Town Clerk also intimated that he had been asked by his Worship, The Mayor, who was ill, to associate his name with the vote of sympathy to the Cullimore family.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Daniel Thomas, an old employee of the Corporation on the death of his brother.

Alderman Gaul seconded the motion.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Gerry Forde, a former Engineer of the Corporation on the death of his father.

This motion was seconded by the Chairman, supported by all the members and adopted in respectful silence.

*Yvonne Plunkett*



22nd January, 1951.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (Councillor M. Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Byrne, and Gaul.

Councillors: Howlin, K. Morris and J. Morris.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor F. Cullinane on the death of his cousin, Mrs. Furlong. Alderman Gaul seconded. The motion was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Joseph Gough, an employee of the Corporation on the death of his brother. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by the members and also adopted in respectful silence.

#### FOREIGN POWER ON IRISH NATIONAL TERRITORY

The special meeting had been convened, at the request of His Worship, The Mayor, for the purpose of proposing the following Resolution which he now formally moved.

"That the Mayor, Corporation and citizens of Wexford register their unanimous and indignant protest against the action of the British Government in inviting War planes of a foreign power to occupy Irish national territory, in flagrant and shameless breach of principles which they daily purport to defend, and that the Mayor, Corporation, and citizens of Wexford protest in the strongest terms against the action of the Netherlands Government, to whom this nation has on more than one occasion shown active friendship and given help in allowing themselves to be used as a pawn in the British game of maintaining the compulsory partition of our national territory. That the Mayor, Corporation, and citizens of Wexford further resolve to send a copy of this resolution to The Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs of the Irish Government, and to the representatives of the British and Netherlands Governments in this country for transmission to their respective Governments."

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Corporation present during which Alderman Sinnott requested the Mayor to reform the Local Branch of the Anti-partition League.

#### SAND AND GRAVEL

The question by Councillor Howlin regarding the drawing of sand and gravel by Mr. F. M. Brady was left over for the attendance of the Co. Manager who was unable to be present at this meeting.

ST. JOHN'S ROAD

Alderman Corish again referred to the condition of St. John's Road and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Manager had been assured by the Horticultural Experts that grass would grow and it was agreed that Mr. McNally's Scheme should be given an opportunity of developing.

TREES AT REDMOND RD.

Alderman Corish raised the question of the proposed provision of trees at Fendend Road and considered that the provision of such would be an obstruction but this matter was also adjourned for the attendance of the County Manager.

NO. 3, O'CONNELL AVE.

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on the condition of No. 3, O'Connell Avenue.

PALINGS

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had not yet received the paling for Menapia Avenue and St. Magdalen's Terrace.

BUILDING OF HOUSE AT FAYTHE

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that if Mr. Murphy to whom he referred, produced a sketch plan of the site on which he proposed to build a house at the Faythe a decision would be given, without delay, as to whether or not permission would be granted for this erection and if Mr. Murphy saw the Borough Surveyor he would expedite the matter for him.

FIRE PLACES AT ROCHE'S TERRACE

In reply to Councillor K. Morris the Borough Surveyor promised to make a report on the provision of fire places for at least one bed room of the Roche's Terrace houses.

BONUS TO FOREMEN

Councillor K. Morris again raised the question of the payment of a bonus to the two foremen on the Corporation Direct Labour Housing Scheme and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to request sanction to the payment of a bonus of £25. each.

FOOTPATH AT GROGAN'S RD.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the condition of the footpath at Grogan's Road by Alderman Sinnott, who also proposed that James Moore be employed in the coming year to white-wash the graveyards. This was seconded by Alderman Corish and agreed to.



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The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn by Councillor K. Morris to the condition of the steps at St. Mary's Church Yard and by Councillor Howlin to the condition of the house at Hill St. occupied by Dan Thomas.

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO BRIDGE  
ORDER

The Town Clerk intimated that a public local inquiry would be held on the following morning into the application of the Wexford County Council for a Bridge Order and gave a summary of the evidence he would give on behalf of the Corporation and it was agreed that the Mayor should attend at the Inquiry with the Town Clerk and Corporation Solicitor.

NEW FIRE ENGINE

Tenders were submitted for the provision of a new fire engine and were opened by His Worship, The Mayor.

Councillor K. Morris intimated that during the past week he had observed on some of the pillar boxes in the Town the British Crown seal and thought that it was time that this symbol should be removed.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Russell*

12th February, 1951.

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

His Worship, The Mayor Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Sinnott, Corish and Byrne.

Councillors: Howlin, Hadden, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders and James Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

At the outset Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Philip Lacey, an employee, on the death of his sister-in-law.

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

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be also extended to Councillor Kevin Morris who was bereaved by the death of the above-mentioned.

Alderman Sinnott seconded this motion which was seconded by all the members and adopted in respectful silence..

#### TENDERS

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk supplied details of the tenders received for glass for the Bishopswater Housing Scheme.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin 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.

#### ROCHE'S TERRACE HOUSES

Arising out of the minutes Alderman Corish asked if a report had yet been received from the Borough Surveyor on the complaint at a previous meeting regarding the provision of fire places in the houses at Roche's Terrace, and as no report was available it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to have such a report available for the next meeting.

Reference was made to the public lighting conditions at Roche's Terrace and the Town Clerk was asked to see if it was possible to arrange to have one of the lights at Roche's Road fixed opposite the steps at the North end of the Terrace.

#### SAND AND GRAVEL

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a question raised at a previous meeting by Councillor Howlin on the subject of

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the purchase of sand and gravel from Mr. F. M. Brady and the Town Clerk read the entire correspondence which had taken place between the County Manager and Borough Surveyor regarding the purchase of this material at a price in excess of the Contract price as well as the payment of Corporation workmen to load it. It was pointed out that the extra cost of approximately 39/- had been charged by the Manager against the Borough Surveyor as he was not satisfied with the action Mr. McNally took in this case.

The members felt that Mr. McNally should have taken steps to see that sand and gravel was made available by the Contractors whose tender had been accepted for the supply of this material to the Housing Sites and whilst they were not anxious to see the Borough charged with any loss they considered that it was only right to expect that he would have made arrangements to purchase what material he required at the lowest available price.

#### PATH AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD

A memorial was read from a number of residents of St. John's Road and the Avenues leading therefrom requesting the removal of the marle which had been placed on the outer footpath there pending the sowing of grass thereon in the early Spring.

It was again explained to the meeting that this work was not completed and could not be until the sowing season commenced in the next month or so and the County Manager informed the members that he had been assured by the Horticultural Experts that grass would grow there.

Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin, however, insisted that grass would not grow and that the marle should be removed and the Alderman thought that the road should be widened by the complete removal of the outer footpaths.

The County Manager, however, considered that no case had been made for the widening of the road which contained a carriage-way of the same width as the concrete road from Enniscorthy to Wexford. Despite appeals by the members that the residents be asked to allow this work to be completed and that the proposals of the Borough Surveyor be given a chance to come to fruition Councillor Howlin proposed that the County Manager be asked to have the marle removed immediately. Alderman Corish seconded this motion and on a Vote being insisted, Three voted for and eight against. The motion was, accordingly, declared lost.

#### VACANCY

The next business was to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor Buckland.

Councillor James Morris proposed that Mr. Kevin Stafford of John St., Wexford be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Councillor Dr. Hadden seconded.

Councillor John Howlin proposed that Mr. John Kinsella, King St. who was a candidate for the recent local Elections be appointed to fill the vacancy and Alderman Byrne seconded.

On a vote being taken there voted for Stafford:-

Councillors James Morris, Broaders, Cullimore, K. Morris, Hadden and the Mayor.....(6).

For Kinsella: Councillors Howlin, Alderman Byrne, Councillors Sinnott and Gaul.....(5).

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Mr. Stafford was accordingly declared elected.

#### WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

For the vacancy on the Wexford Harbour Commissioners caused by the death of the late Councillor Buckland: Councillor James Morris proposed Councillor Michael Brouders and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed Councillor Howlin and Alderman Byrne seconded.

Councillor Howlin, however, withdrew his name and Alderman Sinnott intimated that he thought the Seat should be filled by His Worship, The Mayor, but the Mayor also declined nomination and Councillor Brouders was declared elected to fill the vacancy on the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for which he returned thanks.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

For the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of Councillor Buckland Councillor James Morris proposed that Alderman Thomas Byrne be elected.

Alderman Sinnott seconded this motion and as there was no other nomination Alderman Byrne was declared elected and duly returned thanks.

#### CONNRADH NA GAEILGE

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the Corporation call on the Government to implement the proposals of Connradh na Gaeilge for the restoration of the national language. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Gaul, Byrne and Corish; the latter suggesting that the members of the Corporation should attend Irish Classes so that possibly in twelve months hence they would be in a position to conduct the business of the Corporation for at least a half-hour in the National language.

Councillors Cullimore and James Morris also supported the motion as did the Mayor who urged the use of small Irish phrases in everyday life. The motion was unanimously agreed.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Howlin and supported by all the other members a Resolution of congratulation was adopted with the Archbishop of Dublin on his successful intervention in the recent Transport Strike.

#### CONTRATULATIONS TO AN TAOISEACH AND ARBITRATORS.

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Sinnott a resolution of congratulation to An Taoiseach and the Arbitrators was also adopted on their successful settlement of the Bank Strike.

#### COST OF 7 HOUSES AT DISTILLERY

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was agreed that when detailed particulars of the cost of 7 houses at Distillery were available that they should be circulated amongst the members for consideration by the Corporation.



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#### CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

A Resolution from the Arklow U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to permit British Old Age Pensioners to participate in the Cheap Fuel Schemes was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

#### WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gorish a Resolution was adopted from the Wicklow County Council calling on the general Council of County Councils and the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to examine the entire question of Interest charged to Local Authorities with a view to securing a redemption from the very heavy commitments which have to be met from rates in respect of borrowed monies.

#### SINN FEIN

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul a letter from the Sinn Fein was marked "read."

#### HOUSING AMENDMENT ACT, 1950.

At the request of Councillor Byrne it was agreed that a Scheme should be prepared under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950 for consideration by the Corporation.

#### LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA.

Application was read from the Abbey Cinema for a renewal of their Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1901 and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin to renew the Licence and to delete the Clause therein prohibiting the opening of the Cinemas before half-past eight on Sunday nights.

It was further agreed that the Cinemas should be requested to have suitable films for childrens' matinees.

#### TREES FOR IRELAND ASSOCIATION

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Dr. Madden, that the Corporation at their next meeting form a Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTS

Alderman Byrne referred to the breakage of public lights in the Town and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the number of breakages was abnormal, but that proceedings for damage to public lights was a matter for the Electricity Supply Board.

#### ANTI-PARTITION LEAGUE

Alderman Sinnott suggested to his Worship, the Mayor, that he should consider the possibility of reforming the Local Branch of the Anti-Partition League.

#### ISSUE OF FUEL VOUCHERS

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the issue of Fuel Vouchers at the Town Hall on the previous Friday morning and the Town Clerk promised to try and make satisfactory arrangements for the future.

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BOOTS FOR CARETAKER OF COOLREE

Councillor Howlin referred to the provision of boots for the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir and the County Manager agreed that they should be provided with same.

CARETAKERS OF PUBLIC LAVATORY

Reference was made by Councillor Howlin to the decision to appoint two Caretakers for the public lavatory at Selshar who considered that neither man would now receive a living wage, but the County Manager pointed out that it was his intention to have the square around the public lavatory lined as a Car Park and to appoint these two men as Car Park attendants as well as Caretakers of the lavatory.

Councillor Hadden referred to the signs on the public lavatory and suggested that these should also be clearly marked under the lights inside of each door-way.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flinn*



19th February, 1951.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, (Councillor M. Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Sinnott and Corish.

Councillors: James Morris, Kevin Morris, Kevin Stafford,  
Michael Broaders, Dr. Hadden and John Howlin.

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

#### TREES FOR IRELAND ASSOCIATION

As decided at last meeting a number of persons had been invited to the present meeting with a view to forming a Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association.

The persons present who were not members of the Corporation were:-

Mr. Thomas Kehoe, County Secretary, G.A.A.

Pierce Foley, representing Catholic Boy Scouts.

Mr. Patrick Walsh, representing County Committee of Trees for Ireland Association.

Mr. J. Daly, Horticultural Instructor.

The Very Rev. Chancellor Hazley.

Mr. P. Hickey, C.E.O., Town of Wexford Vocational Education Cotteo..

Two representatives of the Christian Brothers.

Dr. Hadden, the Chairman of the County Committee, addressed the meeting on the above objects of the Association as did Mr. P. Walsh and Mr. J. Daly.

After a lengthy discussion Alderman James Sinnott proposed that all the people present form a general Committee and from same a small working Committee be established to deal with ways and means. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to and the following Working Committee was appointed:-

Representing Corporation:- The Mayor and Alderman Sinnott.

Representing outside Bodies:- Mr. P. Foley, Catholic Boy Scouts.

Mr. T. Kehoe, Secretary, G.A.A. and a representative of the Christian Brothers to be nominated by the Superior.

Councillor Hadden moved that this Working Committee be vested with Power to co-opt persons who would be of help to them and this was seconded by Alderman Corish and agreed.

The Mayor proposed that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the non-members who had attended the present meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Howlin.

The visitors then left the meeting and the normal business of the Corporation was proceeded with.

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### SYMPATHY

At the outset Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Alderman Thomas Rossiter on the death of his son, Paddy, and to Mr. John Rossiter, an old employee of the Corporation on the death of his nephew.

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

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

The Mayor extended a hearty welcome to Councillor Kevin Stafford on his first attendance as a member of the Corporation and this motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and unanimously adopted for which Councillor Stafford returned thanks.

### TREES

Arising out of the meeting at which a Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association was formed Alderman Sinnott moved that the Corporation as a token commencement in this project should recommend the County Manager to plant beech trees on both sides of the Avenue leading to St. Ibar's Cemetery. Councillor James Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager and himself were anxious that a small Committee of the Corporation should be formed to consider what steps should be taken to deal with the general lay-out of the new Municipal building, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to form a Committee of four members with the Mayor as Ex-officio to consult with the County Manager and Town Clerk, and any other experts who might be deemed necessary to formulate proposals for submission to the Corporation.

The following were selected to act on the Committee with His Worship, the Mayor.

Councillor Dr. Hadden, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

Alderman Sinnott, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by the Mayor.

Councillor Kevin Morris, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

Councillor James Morris, on the motion of Councillor Broaders, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris.

### GUARD RAILS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

The Borough Surveyor submitted to the meeting an estimate of the cost of providing guard rails outside the schools. This amounted to £6. for 12 units at each School and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was agreed that these should be provided at the Presentation Convent School, Catterick Road, and at the other 11 schools.



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George St., Paythe School, Sisters of Mercy, St. John's Road, St. Brigid's National School, and the Christian Brothers' Primary School at Thomas St.

It was also agreed that Traffic signs should be provided near these schools and that the principals should be asked to change the lunch hour of the children either to 12.15. or 12.45 p.m. so as to avoid having a rush of children on the streets when the workmen from the Local Foundries were coming to their lunch at 12.30.

#### FOOTPATH AT ANNE ST.

A lengthy report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of portion of the footpath at Anne St. and Mr. McKilly was asked to examine the possibility of providing a handrail to assist pedestrians on the steep slope.

#### ROCHE'S TERRACE

A report was also read from the Borough Surveyor on the provision of fire places in the bed rooms of houses at Roche's Terrace and this showed that to provide a fire place would cost £45. per house and to alter the existing cave-gutters which, in his opinion, was the cause of dampness would cost the sum of £30. and, on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was agreed that the cave gutters should be altered and a bogey stove provided in the dwelling house of a man named Lewis as an experiment.

#### MILL ROAD

As requested by Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor reported on portion of a footpath at Mill Road and promised to have repairs carried out in the Spring.

#### RANGES

Alderman Hadden referred to the question of ranges for which a number of people had agreed to pay extra rent and the Borough Surveyor stated supplies were very slow from the Manufacturers but as fast as they were received they were being put into the houses.

At the request of Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor promised to examine the condition of the range at Farrell's, Wolfe Tone Villas.

#### OIL SKINS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk was directed to request the consent of the Minister for Local Government to the purchase of oil skins locally in lieu of the supplies which had been returned to the Combined Purchasing Contractors as unsuitable.

#### ERECTION OF HOUSE AT PAYTHE

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor stated that he would be prepared to discuss at any time with Mr. Murphy who proposed to erect a house at the Paythe as to the suitability or otherwise of the site.

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LACK OF SANITARY CONVENIENCE

The attention of the Health Inspector was to be drawn to the lack of sanitary convenience in the house at Mary St. occupied by John Foley.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT TALBOT ST.

The Town Clerk intimated that he would have for the next meeting a report on the proposal to acquire houses at Talbot St. owned by Mr. John Byrne.

REPAIRS TO ROADS

The Borough Surveyor undertook to repair breaks in the road-way at the end of Gibson St. and, on the Main St. as soon as weather conditions permitted.

CASSIDY'S, MONCK ST.

A lengthy discussion took place on the condition of the house at Monck St. occupied by Mrs. Cassidy where the Borough Surveyor had erected a barrier and as there appeared to be some doubt as to ownership it was decided to serve a fresh notice on the person who was in receipt of the rent.

HOUSE AT CARRIGEEN ST.

At the request of a number of members it was decided to have a house at Carrigeen St. owned by Miss Garty of St. John's Rd. examined with a view to purchase by the Corporation.

PRUNING OF TREES

Alderman Corish drew attention to the need for pruning trees at St. John's Road and to the condition of a watermain store at the old Town Hall Site at Redmond Monument.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flanagan*



12th March, 1951.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (Councillor M. Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Gaul and Byrne.

Councillors: Howlin, Hadden, Kevin Morris, Broaders, James Morris and Kevin Stafford.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the 12th and 19th February, copies of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Arising out of the Minutes the following questions were asked:-

Alderman Byrne inquired as to when the detailed costs of the 7 houses at Distillery Road would be available and the Town Clerk informed him that the Housing Engineer was working on this and promised to request him to expedite the report.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that a letter had been received from the Official Contractors that day to the effect that the oil skin clothing for the workmen which had been rejected some months ago was being replaced.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that in connection with a suggestion that steps should be taken to have a sanitary convenience provided for a house at Mary St., that he had examined the report on this house in the Housing Survey of a few years ago when it was considered as unfit for human habitation. Councillor Kevin Morris, however, intimated that he understood certain repairs had been carried out to the house recently and the Town Clerk undertook to instruct the Borough Surveyor to again examine the house with a view to ascertaining if the provision of a sanitary convenience at the present time would render the house fit.

Reference was made to the fact that a house at Barrack St. in respect of which notice of condemnation had been served had been sold, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to inform the Agent that it was the intention of the Corporation to proceed with the demolition of this property.

In connection with the Trees for Ireland Campaign it was agreed to instruct the Borough Surveyor that the shrubs on the walk at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, where it was intended to plant a number of beech trees, should not be removed.

At the request of Alderman Corish it was agreed to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees at St. John's Road pruned immediately.

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In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris a report was read from the



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from the Borough Surveyor regarding a suggestion that houses at Talbot St. owned by a man named Byrne should be acquired by the Corporation and it was agreed, on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne to inquire from the owner how the property was held and at what price he was prepared to sell.

At the request of Alderman Gaul a report was read from the Borough Surveyor on three houses at Talbot St. owned by Miss Hopkins and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to supply an estimate of the cost of repairing them.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that application had been made to the Minister for Local Government to the payment of a bonus of £25. to each of the foremen on the House-scheme at Croin Naomh Maodhoig.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to amend the Rate Book for 1950/51 by substituting the names

in Monck Street of Margaret Doyle in lieu of John Doyle and Mary Cassidy in lieu of James Kelly.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he understood from the Borough Surveyor that work on the fence at Maudlintown had commenced and was instructed to ask the Borough Surveyor to commence the work at Monapia Avenue forthwith.

At the request of Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk was asked to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to remove the British Crown Seal from the letter boxes in the Town and also to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to reconsider his decision to provide telephone kiosks at Monument Place and Greán Strámh.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES BILL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Sinnott moved "that the Corporation welcomes the Social Services Schemes and congratulates the Minister on the granting of a further allowance of 2/6d. per week to Old Age Pensioners and at the same time deeming that relief by Charitable Bodies no longer be reckoned as income to recipients."

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Ald. Corish, Councillors. Howlin and Broaders.

Councillor Kevin Morris however, whilst he welcomed the increase to Old Age Pensioners did not think it was sufficient but it was a step in the right direction.

The motion was agreed to with Councillor Kevin Morris dissenting.

#### DISTILLERY LANE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that steps be taken to provide a right-of-way from Distillery Lane to Distillery Road. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish and other members.

The County Manager explained, that as requested some time ago by the Corporation he had approached the owner of the property in question, Mr. Philip D. [unclear] who informed him that he was not prepared to transfer the property to the Corporation for the



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for the purpose of a road-way and intended to build a wall there to protect his property from trespass.

The Mayor, however, proposed and Alderman Sinnott seconded a Resolution which was adopted that a Deputation be appointed to meet Mr. Pierce to discuss this matter with him. The Deputation was to consist of His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Stafford and the County Manager.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that steps be taken to commence immediately the development of a Housing Site between Summerhill and Whitemill..Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion.

Before a decision was taken on this motion the County Manager pointed out that at the present time it was extremely difficult to procure materials for the completion of the houses which the Corporation had in course of construction.

It was becoming a daily occurrence to receive letters from the Firms of Builders Providers whose tenders had been accepted for the supply of materials to the effect that they were unable to complete their contracts or that prices had increased.

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The position had now reached a stage that he had been obliged to request the Minister for Local Government to sanction the purchase of house materials as when and where they could be obtained at as reasonable a price as possible. In view of this situation and the fact that the Corporation would have to meet from the rates the Loan charges on the Site development without any assistance whatever he thought that it was only right he should point out these difficulties to the members before they made a decision.

After some discussion, however, Councillor Howlin amended his motion to ask the Minister for Local Government to arrange for the payment of interim instalments from the Transitional Development Fund towards the cost of developing Housing Sites prior to actual building taking place and this amended motion was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that immediate steps be taken to acquire and develop the remaining land at Whitemill, etc. earmarked and surveyed for housing purposes some time ago. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### COMPLETION OF WATERLOO RD. HOUSES

Councillor Kevin Morris asked the County Manager to give a definite date for the completion of the houses at Corry's Villas and the Manager replied that it was impossible in view of the present position regarding supplies to give a definite date but that everything possible was being done to secure outstanding articles and as soon as these could be procured the houses would be completed and handed over to the tenant purchasers.

In reply to Alderman Corish the County Manager stated that it was the intention to repair the present fence at Paradise Row to provide protection for the occupants of the Waterloo Road houses.

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#### UNPLEASANT ODOUR FROM GAS FITTINGS

Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation investigate the cause of the unpleasant odour coming from gas fittings. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion and it was referred to the Borough Surveyor and Chief Medical Officer for investigation.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION

Two invitations were received to attend Religious Ceremonies in connection with the Easter Commemoration. They were from the Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee and the Old I.R.A. Easter Commemoration Committee and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Gaul to attend the 11 O'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe St. arranged by the Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee as in recent years.

#### SUGGESTED FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH CORPORATIONS

His Worship, The Mayor, submitted a letter received by him from the Mayor of Clonmel suggesting the formation of an Association of Borough Corporations but it was thought that having regard to the very small number of Borough Corporations in Eire that their interests could just as well be left in the hands of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, Alderman Gaul was appointed to represent the Corporation at the annual meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

#### 21 HOUSES AT CARCUR

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Gaul, a request from the Wexford County Council was agreed to that the Corporation supply water to 21 houses at Carcur on condition that the County Council provide the necessary extension of the Corporation main and pay the Corporation an agreed sum per house per annum.

#### REQUEST FROM GARDA RE PROVISION OF POUND

A request from the Superintendent of the Garda that the Corporation provide a Pound in the Town was marked "read" on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

#### MAINTENANCE OF HARBOUR STREETS

A request was submitted from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners that the outstanding debt for the lighting and maintenance of the Harbour Streets be written off. Whilst the members were very sympathetic with the Harbour Commissioners they did not feel justified in agreeing to the course suggested but unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne to place the sum due in a suspense Account to be collected if and when the Harbour Revenues justified such action.



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#### TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to cure the traffic congestion in Wexford.

Alderman Sinnott seconded.

In this case the Town Clerk intimated that he had had several discussions with the Inspector of the Garda on this matter but this man was now doing duty in New Ross and their discussions had been held up, and as well, he was aware that the Superintendent was at the moment out of Town, but intimated that at the first opportunity he would take up this matter again with the Garda Authorities with a view to having a set of Regulations provided to deal with this problem.

#### NEW FIRE ENGINE

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a recommendation of the County Manager that the tender of Messrs. Denis Bros. be accepted for a new fire engine at £5,065. was unanimously adopted.

#### RESURFACING OF WATERLOO ROAD

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul a recommendation from the County Manager that a sum of £250. be made available to resurface part of Waterloo Road was also unanimously adopted.

#### PLANTING OF TREES AT CROSSTOWN

It was agreed as most of the members would not be available on the 15th inst. to attend the planting of trees at St. Ibar's, Cemetery, that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out this work without delay.

#### DERELICT SITES AT FAYTHE

Alderman Sinnott drew attention to the condition of a couple of Derelict Sites in the Faythe and the Health Inspector was to be asked to examine and report on them.

#### CONDITION OF BATT ST.

Councillor Broaders complained of the condition of Batt St. after recent resurfacing and the attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to this matter.

#### ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the annual Estimates meeting of the Corporation be held on the 27th inst. at 8.30 p.m. and a preliminary meeting on the 19th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

#### HOUSE OF DANIEL THOMAS, HILL ST.

Councillor Howlin again drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the house at Hill St. occupied by Daniel Thomas and requested that immediate steps be taken to have the necessary repairs carried out.

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LIGHTING

Councillor Howlin drew attention to the need for an extra light at St. Aidan's Crescent and Dovercraux Villas.

RANGES

Attention was also called to defective ranges in the new houses at St. Aidan's Crescent and the Town Clerk replied he was aware such complaints had been received at the Store and was having the list referred to the Housing Engineer.

16-HOUSE SCHEME

Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government re Mr. Carson's Contract for 16 houses at St. Aidan's Crescent was referred to the County Manager and the Town Clerk to examine and report.

The meeting then terminated.

*Official Minute*



19th March, 1951.

A special meeting of the Corporation (in Committee) to make a preliminary examination of the County Manager's Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1952, was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne and Corish.

Councillors: Hadden, Kevin Morris, Broaders, Cullimore, and James Morris.

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

#### ESTIMATES

The Meeting considered the Estimates seriatim and having examined each item of proposed expenditure and receipt, decided to reduce the following amounts of expenditure:-

- (1) Repairs to Artizans' Dwellings.....£350.
- (2) Arrears due to County Council.....£725.
- (3) Contribution to Unemployment Assistance..... £25.
- (4) Repairs to Corporate Property..... £75.
- (5) Fire Brigade..... £50.
- (6) Air Raid Precautions..... £40.
- (7) Contingencies (General Purposes Account)..... £50.

TOTAL Reductions in Expenditure suggested  
by the Corporation.....£1315.

In addition the members suggested that a further sum of £50. should be claimed from the Wexford County Council for the scavenging of main roads, making the total alterations in the estimate £1365.

Following a general discussion it was the apparent desire of the members that the rate for 1951/52 should not exceed 32/6d. in the £ and the County Manager promised to again examine the Estimates with a view to reducing the rate to the figure above mentioned.

During the course of the discussion the County Manager pointed out that in the Rates Estimate he proposed to suggest the borrowing of approximately £3,000. to resurface Belvedere and Summerhill Roads, if the Corporation agreed to this suggestion the Loan Charges of approximately £300-£400. could be met in the coming year from the amount allocated for the maintenance of roads which normally would be expended on carrying out minor repairs such as patching.

As regards the Estimate for Sanitary Services Alderman Corish asked that in his final report the Manager would provide details of the expenditure for the maintenance of graveyards during the coming year.

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As regards the Housing Services, Various views were expressed on the sum allowed for the maintenance of Artizans' Dwellings and Alderman Byrne moved that the estimate be reduced by £350. and this proposal was carried by seven votes for to two against.

As regards the County Council Demand it was agreed, on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Gaul to reduce the sum to be paid on foot of arrears by £725.

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris seconded by Councillor Stafford it was decided to reduce the sum allowed for the repairs of Corporate property by £75, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul seconded by Alderman Corish to reduce the sum allowed for the Fire Brigade by £50.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed to reduce the contribution towards unemployment assistance by £25., and on the Estimate for Air Raid Precautions it was thought that as the offices of the Corporation had been removed from the Town Hall that the equipment now stored at John St. should be removed to the old Town Hall at a saving of £40. per annum.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, the amount allowed for contingencies in the General Purposes Account was reduced by £50. and the estimated Receipts from Scavenging of Main Roads increased by £50.

After the various items above mentioned had been carefully examined and each item of the Estimated Expenditure and Receipts scrutinised Alderman Gaul proposed that the Committee recommend the Corporation to agree on a rate of 32/6d. in the pound to include the remaking of Belvedere and Summerhill Roads.

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to but with Councillors: K. Morris and Cullimore reserving the right to again question the Estimates at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 27th inst.

The meeting then terminated.



27th March, 1951.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8 O'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: Corish, Gaul and Byrne.

Councillors: James Morris, Kevin Morris, Broaders, Stafford, Cullimore, Hadden and Howlin.

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

#### SYMPATHY

In the absence, through illness, of His Worship, The Mayor, it was agreed that Alderman Gaul should preside.

At the outset Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman James Sinnott on the death of his mother, an old and respected citizen of the Town.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

It was also agreed, as a further mark of respect that the meeting should adjourn in respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Sinnott.

*Michael F. Luce*

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27th March, 1951.

The Estimates meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, Belvedere Road, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne and Corish.

Councillors: James Morris, Kevin Stafford, George Hadden, John Howlin, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Michael Broaders.

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

In the absence, through illness, of His Worship, The Mayor, it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor James Morris that Alderman Gaul should preside.

Prior to the meeting the members had been supplied with,

- (1) Copy of the County Manager's report on the estimates for the current and ensuing financial years.
- (2) Copy of the Estimates of expenditure and receipts for 1951/2.
- (3) Supplementary report from the County Manager following a discussion on the Estimates with members on the 19th inst.

The meeting of the members on the 19th instant had recommended a rate of 32/6d. in the £. and Alderman Byrne now proposed the adoption of such a rate.

Alderman Corish seconded the motion and congratulated the County Manager and Town Clerk on the very satisfactory manner in which the Estimates had been presented.

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to increases in valuations as did Councillor Michael Broaders and thought that the rate should have been reduced having regard to the increased valuations.

Eventually the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish that a rate of 32/6d. in the £. be agreed, was adopted.

It was further agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that Table A, setting out the estimated expenditure be adopted; On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Table B. setting out receipts was adopted, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne Table C. setting out the rate in the £. for the financial year 1951/52 was also agreed.

Copies of Tables A, B, and C referred to above are attached to these minutes.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction Overdraft Accommodation on the Revenue Account for the financial year 1951/52 in the sum of £12,500.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction Overdraft accommodation on the Capital account of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1952 in the sum of £125,000. pending the raising of Loans to finance the Corporation's housing activities.



ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE  
RATES IN THE POUND  
BY  
AN URBAN AUTHORITY

- W E X F O R D   C O R P O R A T I O N -

Estimate of expenses and determination of the rates in the Pound for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1952.

TABLE A  
EXPENDITURE

Service	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		£	£
<u>Urban Roads</u>	Ordinary Road Works	1,460.	1,460.
	Special Grant Works	7,000.	7,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>		8,460.	8,460.
<u>Sanitary</u>	Sanitary	12,854.	12,854.
<u>TOTAL</u>		12,854.	12,854.
<u>Housing</u>	Housing of the Working Classes	20,955.	20,605.
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	580.	580.
<u>TOTAL</u>		21,535.	21,185.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	1,266.	1,212.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	7,649.	7,325.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3,780.	3,619.
Health (County)	Health (County)	1,394.	1,339.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	3,049.	2,918.
Unemployment Asst.	Unemployment Asst.	1,000.	975.
Other Urban Purposes:	Tourist Development	20.	20.
	Vocational Education	1,821.	1,821.
	Other Purposes	13,595.	13,380.
	Materials, Machinery and Stores	600.	600.
<u>TOTAL</u>		34,174.	33,209.

TABLE B.  
RECEIPTS

Service	Nature of Receipts	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council. (4)
Urban Roads	State Grants	£. 6480.	£. 6480.
	TOTAL	6480.	6480.
Sanitary	Sanitary Receipts	1500.	1550.
	TOTAL	1500	1550
Housing:	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents	11720.	11720.
	State Grants	6040.	6040.
	Other Receipts:		
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.	500.
	TOTAL	18260.	18260.
General Urban Purposes:	State Grants	5835.	5835.
	Other Receipts	680.	680.
	TOTAL	6515.	6515.



TABLE C.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

NATURE OF SERVICE  (1)	ESTIMATED GROSS EXPENDITURE (TABLE A)  (2) £	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (TABLE B)  (3) £	NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE  (4) £	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND ON THE VALUATION OF AREA (£26,400).  (8) Pence
				ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)  (5) £	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY)  (6) £	AMOUNT LEVIABLE  (7) £	
URBAN ROADS	8460.	6480.	1980.	Nil.	Nil.	1980.	18.00.
SANITARY SERVICES	12854.	1550.	11304.	Nil.	Nil.	11304.	102.76.
HOUSING	21185.	18260.	2925.	Nil.	Nil.	2925.	26.60.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
ROADS	1212.	-	1212.	Nil.	Nil.	1212.	11.00.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	7325.	-	7325.	Nil.	Nil.	7325.	66.60.
MENTAL HOSPITAL	3619.	-	3619.	Nil.	Nil.	3619.	32.90.
HEALTH (COUNTY)	1339.	-	1339.	Nil.	Nil.	1339.	12.16.
GENERAL PURPOSES	2918.	-	2918.			2918.	26.52.
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	975.	<del>8515.</del>	<del>975.</del>	Nil.	Nil.	975.	8.86.
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	15821.	6515.	9306.	Nil.	Nil.	9306.	84.60.

TOTAL GENERAL RATE

390.00.CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment) of the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 27th day of March, 1951, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A.B. & C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1952.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1951.

Countersigned

(Town Clerk).

(Signed)

(Chairman).

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2nd April, 1951.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Corish, Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: James Morris, Kevin Morris, Broaders, Cullimore, Howlin, and Hadden.

#### SYMPATHY

At the outset, His Worship, The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended with Mrs. Sinnott and the County Manager on the death of her sister-in-law.

Byrne

The motion was seconded by Alderman/ supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in silence.

Alderman ~~Byrne~~ proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Sinnott on the death of his cousin, Miss ~~Meyler~~.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by all the members and Town Clerk, and Alderman Sinnott returned thanks for this vote as well as the vote passed at the previous meeting on the death of his mother.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meetings (copies of which had been furnished to the members) with the Agenda for the present meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

#### QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Arising out of the minutes the following questions were raised by members:-

Alderman Byrne asked when the figures showing the all-in-cost of the Distillery Road houses would be available for the members and the Town Clerk replied that the Housing Engineer was at present engaged on their preparation and that they would be available within the coming two weeks.

In reply to Alderman Gaul the Town Clerk intimated that he would have a report on houses at Talbot St. owned by Miss Hopkins available for the next meeting.

Councillor Howlin again raised the question regarding the repairs to the house at Hill St. occupied by Daniel Thomas and stated that unless repairs were carried out by next meeting he would move the suspension of the Borough Surveyor as Mr. McNally promised on several occasions to have the necessary repairs carried out.

In reply to a query by Councillor Morris the Town Clerk reported that he had asked the Borough Surveyor for a report on the house at Mary St. occupied by a man named Foley and as the Borough Surveyor would be present at the next meeting they expected that he would be in a position to deal with the question.

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The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit a report on the recent resurfacing of Batt St. about which complaints were made that the tar had flowed off the road-way.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish a Deed of Mortgage was executed whereby security was given to the Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a loan of £205,000. for the erection of 128 houses at Bishopswater.

On the motion of Councillor Nowlin, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to request C.I.E. to have the Dublin/Wexford Bus services travel to the former Wexford South Station for the convenience of passengers from the Southern end of the Town.

Arising out of this reference was also made to the recent decision of C.I.E. to stop the local South Wexford Buses at King St. and complaint was made that the stop was so short as to be of little practical value. This complaint was also to be referred to C.I.E. and a suggestion was to be made to the Chairman that if necessary he should request his Public Relations Officer to meet the Corporation.

#### PARKING PLACES FOR MOTOR CARS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that parking places for motor cars be marked out at Redmond Monument, Well Lane, Cornmarket, St. Peter's Square, Patrick Square and Swan View with appropriate signs erected.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Gaul and unanimously agreed to.

This motion gave rise to a general discussion on Traffic problems when it was decided that the Commissioner of the Garda be requested to instruct a Traffic Expert to meet the Corporation and when such a meeting was agreed to that representatives of the various trading Organisations in the Town be invited to send representatives to such a meeting.

#### RESOLUTION FROM KINSALE U.D.C.

A resolution from the Kinsale U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Local Government to make available for the upkeep of main roads grants similar to those made for the upkeep of County Roads was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul.

#### RESOLUTION FROM KILKENNY CORPORATION

A resolution from the Kilkenny Corporation on the subject of the County Administration Bill was marked "read" on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris.

#### COAST EROSION

At the request of the Rosslare Development Association it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor K. Morris to appoint two delegates to attend a meeting convened by that Body to consider the question of coast erosion and it was eventually decided that Councillor Dr. Hadden and the Mayor be appointed as delegates to represent the Corporation.

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DEFECTIVE RAILINGS

At the request of Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on defective railings at No. 31, Gulbar Road.

HOUSE AT OYSTER LANE  
AND DUMPING AT BRIDE STREET & EMMET PLACE

At the request of Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk was asked to have the house at Oyster Lane occupied by Daniel Kelly examined and also to have the Health Inspector report on dumping at Emmet Place.

Councillor Kevin Morris complained of dumping at Bride Street and the Town Clerk was asked to have this examined as well as a complaint from Councillor Broaders regarding dumping at St. Aidan's Crescent. Complaint was made by Councillor James Morris regarding trespass on the old Town Hall Site At Redmond Road and it was decided to ask the Garda to keep an eye on this property with a view to detecting trespassers and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to have a "No Trespass" sign erected.

SMOKE NUISANCE AT ABBEY ST.

Alderman Corish complained of a smoke nuisance between the houses of Murphy and Howlin of Abbey St. and this matter was to be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

The meeting then terminated.

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16th April, 1951.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Kevin Stafford, Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore, James Morris, Dr. George Hadden and John Howlin.

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

#### AGENDA

At the outset Councillor Dr. Hadden suggested that an Agenda be supplied for all future meetings of the General Purposes Committee. In this connection there appeared to be a divergence of opinion but the Town Clerk intimated that he would be prepared to provide an agenda of matters which members gave him notice of their intention to raise. If this was done it would obviate the necessity of adjourning for supplying of information various matters raised from time to time by the members as he (Town Clerk) would have an opportunity beforehand of having replies available at the meeting on such matters as he had received notice of.

After a lengthy discussion Alderman Sinnott seconded Councillor Hadden's proposal and it was agreed unanimously as this would not prevent members raising matters which did not appear on the Agenda.

#### SYMPATHY

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Hohn Hayes, the Corporation plumber and turncock on the death of his mother, who was widow of the late Alderman Hayes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

#### PIERCES HOUSES

The members had been supplied with a written report from the Housing Engineer on the cost of the Distillery Road Houses but as the County Manager was ill it was decided to adjourn consideration of the report to a future meeting and Councillor Howlin congratulated the Housing Engineer on the manner in which the report was prepared.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

It was agreed that a meeting of the Corporation as a Old Age Pensions Committee would be held in the Town Hall, Cornmarket, on the 23rd instant.

#### MUINNTEIR NA TIRE

An invitation to attend a meeting of Muinntir na Tire in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday night, the 17th instant was read and the members decided to attend.



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#### NEW ROAD

On the motion of Councillor Hadden seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to adopt the proposal to make a new road from Davitt Road, South, to Summerhill.

#### MARKET BYE-LAWS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne it was decided to recommend the Corporation to repeal Article 5(2) of the Market Bye-Laws of October, 1878.

A Circular letter from the Department of Local Government No. 4/51 under date of 28th March, intimating an alteration in the method of state assistance for sanitary services Works was noted.

#### FENCING

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the fencing of No. 31, Antelope Road.

This report gave rise to a general discussion on the question of the supervision of artisans' dwellings and Councillor Howlin gave notice of his intention to move at the next Statutory meeting that the County Council be requested to allocate a Health Inspector for whole time duties in the Borough which would include the inspection of Artisan's Dwellings.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Referring to previous discussions on Traffic Regulations in the Borough a letter was read from the Superintendent of the Garda intimating that they had adequate power to deal with Traffic problems under the Road Traffic Act and it was decided to request the Commissioner of the Garda to send a representative to discuss this entire matter with the Corporation.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the house at Hill St. occupied by Daniel Thomas intimating that the occupier had informed him that no repairs were necessary. After some discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Mayor, that the Borough Surveyor should examine the house on the next wet day.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a complaint on the surfacing of Batt St. in which he intimated that it was his intention at a future date when he got delivery of the necessary materials to do a further job on this street.

Complaint was also read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a smoke nuisance at Abbey St. in which he intimated that he would have repairs carried out at an early date.

A report was also read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the provision of a sanitary convenience in house at Mary St. occupied by Foley and it was decided to recommend the County Manager to serve a notice on the owner requiring the provision of a sanitary convenience.

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The Health Inspector was to be asked to report on the house at No. 53, Maudlintown occupied by James McGuire.

Letters were read from the Housing Engineer showing that following recent increases in the cost of labour and materials the total cost of the 128 houses at Bishopswater would be increased by £8,500. In this connection Alderman Byrne referred to the question of providing stocks of materials for future housing schemes and was informed by the Deputy County Manager that this matter was being actively pursued by the Officials of the Corporation, and County Manager.

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was decided to recommend the County Manager to purchase two houses at Talbot St. from Mr. John P. Byrne.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the question of a broken footpath at South Main St. and the Borough Surveyor replied that this matter would be attended to without delay.

Alderman Corish referred to derelict sites at the Faythe and William St. and the Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Health Inspector to examine and report on these sites with a view to making an Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act.

Alderman Sinnott also asked the Borough Surveyor to replace two broken trees in Swan View.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor intimated that he intended to have the footpath at the Folly reconstructed in the near future.

At the request of Councillor K. Morris the Town Clerk promised to make representations to the Electricity Supply Board to permit the provision of electric cookers at Corry's Villas.

Alderman Byrne asked for a report from the Housing Engineer on the dismissal of Richard Delaney, Plumber.

Councillor K. Stafford raised the question of the provision of a new fire engine for the Borough and thought that the engine proposed to be purchased was unsuitable for the needs of the Corporation and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter so that the points raised by the Councillor should be examined by the County Manager and Officials.

A lengthy discussion arose on the proposed settlement of the Contract between Mr. P. V. Carson and the Corporation for the erection of 16 houses at St. Aidan's Crescent. Some time ago the Corporation had agreed to take over these houses at a valuation of £1200. This now appeared, however, that having regard to the costs of the 72 house-scheme contiguous to Mr. Carson's scheme that a valuation of £1150. would be more appropriate. A number of the members, however, with the exception of Cllr. Cullimore thought that the Corporation should stand over their original decision to take over the houses at £1200. but it was eventually decided, to leave the matter in the hands of the Deputy Co. Manager, Town Clerk and Engineers to decide what was the best course to adopt in the matter and report back to the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

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7th May, 1951.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Gaul, Nicholas Corish, Thomas Byrne and James Sinnott.

Councillors: John Howlin, Dr. Hadden, Frank Cullimore, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris and James Morris.

At the outset the Town Clerk asked the members if in view of the forthcoming general election it would be advisable to hold meetings until the campaign was over as a considerable number of members would be engaged on election work, and it was unanimously agreed that no meeting of the Corporation was to be held until after the General election.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris the minutes of the previous meetings were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

In reply to a question by Alderman Byrne the Deputy County Manager intimated that stock piling of materials for Housing work was being carried out all over the country including the Corporation, in so far as it was possible to procure such materials.

#### DISMISSAL OF PLUMBER

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk stated that he had been informed by the Housing Engineer that the dismissal of Richard Dolaney, plumber was due to shortage of work.

#### FOLEY'S HOUSE, MARY ST.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that notice would be served in the near future on the owner of the house at Mary St. occupied by a man named Foley, requiring the provision of a W.C.

#### HOUSE OF DANIEL THOMAS

With reference to previous discussions regarding repairs to house at Hill St. occupied by Daniel Thomas Councillor Howlin stated that he had been informed by Thomas that he had made no report whatever to the Borough Surveyor on this matter.

#### C.I.E.

A letter was read from C.I.E. intimating that they had arranged to have the Dublin/Wexford buses proceed to the South Station but that it was undesirable that the present stop at King St. of the Local Services should be prolonged.

It was decided to request C.I.E. to arrange to have the Local Services also stop at the South Station.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that a Civic Welcome should be extended to the Cork Archaeological Society, on the occasion of their visit to Wexford on the 13th instant.

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On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that Article 5(2) of the Market Bye Laws of 12th October, 1878 be repealed.

#### NEW ROAD FROM DAVITT TO WATERLOO RD.

A Committee recommendation that a new road be constructed from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road, was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

#### PURCHASE OF HOUSES AT TALBOT STREET

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed that the County Manager be recommended to purchase 2 houses at Talbot St. from Mr. John P. Byrne for the sum of £600.

#### FULL TIME HEALTH INSPECTOR

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to allocate a Health Inspector for full time duties in the Borough of Wexford.

#### HOUSING

A motion in the names of Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin that the Housing Advisory Council be reconvened was proposed by Councillor Howlin and seconded by Alderman Corish.

In this connection a suggestion was made that a Deputation from the Corporation should visit Waterford to see a Local Direct Labour Scheme in operation there, but a decision on this was deferred to the next meeting.

Some members of the Corporation, however, considered that the constitution of the Housing Advisory Council should be enlarged so as to include members of the Corporation, but it was eventually decided that the Minutes of this Committee should be circulated amongst the members of the Corporation instead of having them members of that Body.

#### TENDERS

A large number of tenders were received for various materials required for the Corporation Housing Schemes and these were opened, and initialled by the Mayor, and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for a decision.

#### INCREASE FOR OFFICIALS

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government approving, subject to the consent of the Corporation, a bonus of 12½ % to Officials with effect as from 1st November, 1950 and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish that this Bonus should be granted and the necessary financial provision required to meet the extra cost be made available.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne a Quarterly meeting of the Corporation was fixed for Monday, June, 25th at 7.30 p.m.

#### FORMATION OF ASSOC. OF BOROUGH COUNCILS.

No action was taken on a letter which had been received by His Worship, The Mayor from the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the question of the formation of an Association of Borough Councils.

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On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul the following Over-Expenditure and the Accounts for 1948/49 and 1949/50 were unanimously approved, namely:-

1948/49.....£3,000.2  
1949/50..... £420.2

#### OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris Overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £7,500. up to 31st March, 1952 was approved, and by the same motion Overdraft accommodation on Capital Account in the sum of £90,000. was also approved for the same period, if necessary.

#### PROPOSED PURCHASE OF HOUSES AT FAYTHE

Reports from the Borough Surveyor and County Medical Officer of Health on two houses at Faythe which it was proposed to acquire from Mrs. Cullimore, were read, and it was decided to forward them to the Department of Local Government as requested.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An acknowledgement was read from Mr. Hayes, Plumber, on the vote of sympathy passed with him recently on the death of his mother.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In reply to a query by Councillor Hadden on the question of Traffic Regulations the Town Clerk stated that he had received a formal acknowledgement from the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana that they were regarding the Corporation's request that a Traffic Expert should be sent to consult with the Corporation on the question of the control of Traffic in the Town and it was agreed to await the Commissioners final decision on the matter.

#### DANGEROUS ARCH-WAY

Attention was to be called to the dangerous condition of an arch-way at the entrance to Boyle's field in John Street.

#### FENCE AT BISHOPSWATER

At the Request of Councillor Cullimore the Deputy County Manager agreed to inspect the condition of the fence between Mr. Colfer's land and the Corporation Housing Site at Bishopswater.

#### PAYMENT TO WATCHMEN

In reply to Alderman Gaul the Town Clerk intimated that watchmen were granted payment in lieu of public holidays when their period of employment expired.

#### REMOVAL OF SEAT AT LAMBERT PLACE

A question was raised regarding the removal of a seat at Lambert Place and the Town Clerk promised to issue a public notice intimating the conditions under which the Corporation remove house refuse.

#### CARNIVAL

Councillor Broadbent asked if it would be possible to permit the use of the Children's playground at Maudlintown for a Carnival and the Town Clerk promised to examine the matter to see if it would be possible for this to be done.



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POST BOXES

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the post boxes at Wolfe Tone Villas and the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs was to be asked to remove it to the junction of Talbot St. and Green St.

Alderman Corish asked that the Borough Surveyor submit a report on the garage and gate-way at Kielty's, No. 10, Green Street.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the condition of Redmond Road and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report as to when he intended to carry out repairs.

The meeting then terminated.

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7th June, 1961.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk  
(in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Hadden, Broaders, Cullimore, Stafford,  
Kevin Morris, John Howlin and James Morris.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris the minutes of the 7th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be conveyed to the Very Rev. P. Doyle on his appointment as Parish Priest of Kilmore, the Rev. John Butler on his appointment as Adm., Wexford and the Rev. M. J. O'Neill as R.C.A. of Wexford.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

#### V. E. COMMITTEE -

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. John Butler, Adm., or his nominee, be appointed as a representative on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee in lieu of the Very Rev. P. Doyle, recently transferred to Kilmore.

Alderman Byrne also seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

#### SYMPATHY

His Worship, The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of the Very Rev. Matthew Wickham, Parish Priest, Oylegate who had for a number of years laboured in the Town. Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.



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### TELEPHONE KIOSKS

With reference to previous discussions on the question of the provision of two additional telephone kiosks the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs intimated that in view of the present facilities in Wexford he could not see his way to accede to the Corporation's request.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, that the five T.D.'s for the County be asked to intervene in this matter with a view to having the kiosks provided.

### BRITISH INSIGNIA

A further letter was read from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs regarding the removal of the British insignia from letter boxes intimating that when such letter boxes were recovered for repairs or any other purpose it was the practice to remove the insignia before reissue.

The members, however, considered that as these might not be removed for repairs etc. for a number of years that some steps should be taken to have the insignia removed without delay and it was also decided, on the motion of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish that the five T.D.'s for the County be also asked to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to have this carried out.

### MUNICIPAL RATE

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 32/6d. (Thirty-Two Shillings and Sixpence in the £ 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, 1952 as considered and adopted on the 27th March, 1951.

### LICENCE FOR CINEMA PALACE

Application was read from the Manager, Palace Cinema for a renewal of a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 for the current year and on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to grant this Licence and to delete the Clause previously embodied that the Cinema should not open for Sunday Matinees.

### DERELICT SITES

The next business was to decide to what use a Derelict Site at Mann's Lane, which had become vested in the Corporation was to be put, and, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to prepare Plans for the provision of a Public Lavatory there.

On the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed that steps should be taken to make Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 in respect of various derelict sites at the Faythe and William Street.



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In this connection Councillor Hadden referred to a Site between William Street and the Faythe adjacent to Upper Batt including Batt St. and Alderman Corish considered that certain derelict Sites in John Street should be dealt with when the erection of houses at Monument Place and Hill Street was being undertaken.

### TENDERS

A number of tenders for various materials required in connection with Housing were submitted, opened and initialled by the Mayor and referred to the Engineers for reports.

In connection with the Committee appointed to examine the present Municipal Offices at Tate School with a view to deciding what alterations, if any, were necessary and to recommend on the future user of the offices at the Town Hall at Cornmarket it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk consult with the Mayor and fix a date for a meeting with this Committee.

### FASCIA BOARD AT MESSRS. BURTONS

Councillor Hadden questioned the design of the fascia board being erected on the new premises of Messrs. Burtons at North Main St. and pointed out that the present design was covering the second floor windows which, in his opinion, affect the general character of the Town.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, during which, several members considered that as the premises were only being reconstructed no attempt should be made to interfere with the design, particularly as Plans had already been passed by the Corporation, but it was eventually agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate with Messrs. Burtons asking them if it was possible to adjust the design by the fascia board so as to preserve the existing character of the building.

### DUST BINS

Alderman Byrne referred to a recent discussion regarding the emptying of dust bins as a result of which the Town Clerk issued a Notice in the Press setting out the Conditions under which dust bins would be removed by the Scavenging Staff. The Alderman complained that certain dust bins had not been removed within the last couple of weeks and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should be asked for a report on the reasons why the bins had not been emptied.

### HOUSING CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

At the request of Councillor Howlin it was agreed that himself and the Town Clerk should agree on a date for the next meeting of the Housing Consultative Council.

### FOLEY'S HOUSE, MARY ST.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that notice had been served on the owner of the house at Mary Street occupied by a Man named Foley, requiring the provision of a W.C.

### NAME PLATES

Complaint was made regarding the lack of name plates on Fisher's Row, Emmet Place and St. Brendan's Road and the Town Clerk promised to have the Borough Surveyor erect these as soon as possible.

### A.A. SIGN AT WYGRAM

Complaint was also made that an Automobile Association Direction Sign at Wygram had been removed during the emergency and had not been replaced, and it was decided to write to the Co. Engineer asking



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him to have it replaced.

#### PAINTING OF ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

It was also decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit his programme for the painting of Artizans' Dwellings for the coming year, to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee with particular reference to O'Connell Avenue where it was stated no painting had been carried out for the past ten years.

#### EMPTY WAGONS ON QUAYS &C.

At the request of Councillor Cullimore it was agreed to write to Coras Iompair Eireann regarding the practice of leaving empty wagaons on the Quays during the week-end.

Councillor Bærdors asked that the County Engineer be requested to provide a seat at the South end of the Quays.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the public conveniences on the Quays and it was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate of putting proper floors in them.

#### WHITE-WASHING OF GRAVEYARDS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to employ James Moore to whitewash the graveyards in the coming season, and Councillor Kevin Morris asked that steps leading to St. Mary's Church Yard should be repaired before white-washing was carried out as he considered them to be dangerous.

#### FENCING OF WILLIAM ST. HOUSES

On the suggestion of Councillor James Morris it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should make a report on the fencing of the William St. houses where the Corporation tenants were exposed to trespass as a result of the Demolition of buildings at Fisher's Row.

#### VISIT TO WATERFORD HOUSING SITE

With reference to minutes of last meeting a discussion arose regarding a visit to Waterford of members of the Corporation to inspect a Housing Site there and it was eventually decided that the members should visit the Scheme on the 29th June next if this date was suitable for the Waterford City Manager.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In reply to Councillor Hadden the Town Clerk intimated that the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána had directed the Local Superintendent to meet the Corporation to discuss the question of Traffic Regulations for the Borough but as the Superintendent was at present absent on leave he (Town Clerk) had not been able to make any arrangements in the matter.

#### CHOKED DRAIN

Alderman Corish referred to the condition of the house at Talbot St. occupied by a man named Sutton where he stated a lean-to had been erected over a drain which was now choked and the Town Clerk promised to have the Health Inspector visit the premises and submit a report.

The meeting then terminated.

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18th June, 1951.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish,

Councillors: Howlin, James Morris, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Kevin Stafford.

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

The first business was to fix the venue for a Quarterly meeting of the Council due to be held on the 25th instant, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to hold this meeting at the Town Hall (Cornmarket).

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT QUAY

Arising out of a report from the Borough Surveyor on the public convenience at Crescent Quay it was stated that it would cost £12. to provide a new floor with urinal channel, and to repair the plaster on the wall.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Deputy County Manager had had this report under consideration and had directed the work to be done at an estimated cost of £12.

In this connection it was agreed that the man employed sweeping the Quays should visit this convenience at least twice a day, his second visit to take place in the evening before he finished his work and that the man employed to sweep the Streets on a Saturday night should also be instructed to clean out the convenience for Sunday.

#### PAINTING OF HOUSES

A report from the Borough Surveyor showed that he intended to paint ~~thirty~~ twenty-six houses during the present season at an estimated cost of £300. and that ~~that~~ next year it was his intention to paint Wolfe Tone Villas at an approximate cost of £380.

The Surveyor pointed out that unless the amount allowed for painting ~~was~~ increased to at least £500. there was very little chance of reaching any houses for five-yearly periods.

After a lengthy discussion it was seen that nothing further could be done until the Estimates for 1952/3 were being considered when it was decided that a further allocation for this work should be considered.

Arising out of this question of Artizans' dwellings Councillor Howlin referred to the case of Farrell, 80, Wolfe Tone Villas. This man, he stated, had been promised by the Borough Surveyor some four months ago that the ceiling of his living room would be plastered but as this had not yet been done, Farrell had been obliged, in order to make his livingroom habitable, to employ a plasterer himself to do the work at a cost of £2. 10. 0., and Councillor Howlin now proposed that the County Manager be recommended to recompense Farrell this sum. Alderman Corish seconded. Whilst most members were agreed that in this particular circumstance a refund of the actual cost was justified, thought that it would be a dangerous precedent to establish, but it was eventually unanimously agreed on the understanding that this particular case was not to be taken as a precedent to recommend the County Manager to implement Councillor Howlin's proposal.



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~~Councillor~~ Howlin also referred to the question of a range for this house and the Borough Surveyor intimated that there were already nine people on a waiting list for ranges which he was unable to procure and as soon as he received these ranges they would be installed in the order that he had received instructions.

#### PAINTING OF HOUSES

Ald. Corish asked that information be supplied by the Borough Surveyor to the next meeting as to what houses have not been painted in the last 8-10 years.

#### TRESPASS

With reference to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding trespass on the gardens of Corporation houses at William St. the Borough Surveyor pointed out in a report that the trespass was taking place from a Derelict Site further up Fisher's Row and was through land <sup>not</sup> under the control of the Corporation.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the Borough Surveyor had been asked by the Manager to report on the possibility of a general fencing scheme for road frontage for all sites in this area, which subsequently could be continued as one outline as houses became demolished or further sited derelict.

Arising out of this it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Stafford that preliminary Orders be made in respect of all derelict sites in this area with a view to their acquisition but in the meantime the person responsible for the site from which the trespass was arising should be asked to fence it.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES

With reference to a previous discussion on development of housing sites at Trinity St./Fisher's Row and Tuskar View/Maudlintown, the Borough Surveyor pointed out that this would entail a considerable amount of field work and subsequent office work before Plans could be carried out and that he could not possibly find time to carry out the work. He suggested that an assistant Borough Engineer should be appointed as in other places. He also ~~and~~ referred to the fact that there was no allowance for the use of a car in the course of his normal inspections as Borough Surveyor, he had to walk. For 3-4 months of the year the Corporation had to pay hire for daily inspection of the waterworks at £5. per week. He further stated that all Borough Engineers of comparable areas received a permanent allowance and had a permanent assistant together with Clerical Staff.

It was decided to defer consideration of this communication pending information being obtained as to the procedure in other towns of a comparable size to Wexford.

#### WATERWORKS

Arising out of this matter the County Manager pointed out that the Corporation would have to ~~face~~ a further extension of the waterworks system and it was unanimously agreed that an informal discussion in Committee should be held on the whole question of waterworks on a date arranged between the Mayor and Town Clerk.

No action was taken on a report from the Borough Surveyor regarding complaints at last meeting about the dust bin services but Councillor Morris stated that he had been asked by several people to compliment the men on their courtesy while emptying the refuse.



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Dr. Hadden raised the question of the treatment of the Cornmarket area and having gone into the information expressed to him by a couple of architects and other officials agreed that he could not see a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Reference was also made to the provision of flats in the Mary St. and Duke St. area and it was eventually agreed to ask the County Manager to take whatever steps he considered to deal with the three areas in question.

#### HOUSE AT CARRIGEEN ST.

A letter was read from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty and Sons, Solicitors Enniscorthy asking the Corporation if they would be prepared to make an offer for the house at Carrigeen St. owned by Miss Carty, St. John's Road, but it was decided to ask Messrs. O'Flaherty to state what their client expected for the dwelling.

It was also agreed to have an inspection made of three houses at the Faythe owned by Mrs. O'Rourke, Stonebridge and house at the Faythe owned by Mrs. J. Murphy.

#### PROVISION OF SEAT ON QUAY

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that as the Co. Council had no control over the margin between the roadway and railway track at Paul Quay the County Council could not provide a seat there so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Clr. Broaders, seconded by Ald. Byrne that a seat be provided opposite Custom House, and any broken seats removed from the Quay for repairs be replaced.

#### GRAVEYARDS

Councillor Howlin asked if it was the intention of the County Manager to implement the decision of the Corporation at a recent meeting to have the graveyards limewashed by hand and to employ a man named James Moore for this work, and the Manager intimated that in arriving at a decision to have the work done by means of a pump he was influenced by the fact that the cost was a little over 1/3rd of hand work. After some discussion, however, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish that the County Manager be recommended to have the work done by hand and to employ James Moore to carry it out.

It was also agreed that an estimate should be obtained for having the wall of St. John's graveyard dashed.

#### ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

Complaint was made by Alderman Corish regarding the piece of ground in front of St. Aidan's Crescent which he stated was being used as a dump and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he included this in the 1951/2 Relief Grant for clearance.

At the request of Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor promised to have the Horse River cleaned.

Councillor Morris complained of a dump at Roche's Road between the house occupied by O'Brien and the Town Clerk promised to ask the Sanitary Officer to deal with the complaint.

Councillor K. Morris complained of the Condition of St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk intimated that he would give instructions to the Caretaker to have the grass cut.

Arising out of this matter the Mayor intimated that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that a Pattern Day be fixed for the Cemetery on or near the Feast of St. John.



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Councillor K. Morris complained of the lack of fencing at the old Fever Hospital site which had been used as a turf dump during the emergency and the County Manager promised to have this matter taken up with the County Engineer and as well, at the request of the same Councillor, promised to have the County Engineer remove the grass at John St.

In reply to Councillor Gaul the Borough Surveyor intimated that he hoped to finish the repairs to surface of Batt St. in a few days.

Complaint was made regarding a large hole on the railway bank below Maudlintown Housing Scheme which contained a pool of stagnant water and the Town Clerk promised to write to the Railway Co. regarding the matter.

At the request of Councillor Howlin the Mayor promised to inspect the house at Hill St. occupied by Dan Thomas in company with the Borough Surveyor.

Ald. Corish drew attention to the condition of a sewer inside the house of Suttons', Talbot St. and the Town Clerk promised to ask the Health Inspector to examine it.

Complaint was made by Alderman Corish regarding the manner in which milk was handled by a number of vendors in the Town, and the attention of the Health Inspector was also to be drawn to this.

Alderman Corish asked the County Manager to submit a report to the next meeting on the method adopted in the employment of casual workers in the Corporation.

At the request of Councillor James Morris permission was given to the Irish Red Cross Society for the use of the Bathing Place during Safety week commencing on 16th July for demonstrations in life-saving.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael F. Lynch*

25th June, 1951.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall, Cornmarket at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish, James Gaul.

Councillors: James Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Kevin Morris, Howlin and Stafford.

The Corporation Solicitor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

At the outset the Town Clerk read a letter of apology from Councillor Hadden regretting his absence from the meeting owing to a prior engagement on that night.

The business of the meeting was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until the Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1952 and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of acceptance of Office.

Councillor Kevin Morris proposed the re-election of the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk.

Councillor Cullimore seconded, and the proposal was supported by Councillors: Stafford, Broaders and James Morris.

Alderman Corish proposed the election of Alderman Thomas Byrne and Councillor Howlin seconded.

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

Councillors: Stafford, Kevin Morris, Broaders, James Morris, Cullimore and Flusk. ....(6)

For Alderman Byrne:- Councillors: Howlin, Alderman Gaul, Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.....(5)

Councillor Flusk was accordingly declared elected, and having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, prescribed by the Municipal Corporation (Ireland) Act, 1840 returned thanks for his election and stated he stood by the principle of the rotation of Office of Mayor and intimated that if he was alive at the next election of Mayor he would not be a candidate.

Alderman Byrne congratulated the Mayor on his re-election as did Councillor Howlin on behalf of the Labour Party.

Councillors: James Morris also congratulated the new Mayor and stated that he, too, stood by the principle of the rotation of the Office and would not vote for the same party at the next election.

The meeting then terminated.

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16th July, 1951.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor Councillor Michael Flusk in the Chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, James Sinnott & James Gaul.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, James Morris, Dr. Hadden, and John Howlin.

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

#### MINUTES

The following minutes, copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the Meeting were submitted for ratification and signature, namely minutes of the Corporation on the 17th and 25th Ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 18th Ultimo.

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

Arising from the minutes Councillor Howlin referred to the visit of the Mayor, other members and officials to Waterford on the 29th Ultimo to inspect Housing Schemes there and proposed that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the Mayor, members and officials of the Waterford Corporation for the magnificent way in which they had been received and entertained on the occasion of their visit. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by the other members and by His Worship the Mayor, who intimated that he had extended an invitation to His Worship, the Mayor of Waterford, members and officials of the Corporation to visit Wexford on a convenient occasion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

#### TRESPASS WILLIAM STREET

Alderman Sinnott referred to a complaint at a previous meeting regarding trespass on the William Street Houses of the Corporation and after some discussion, during which it appeared that a misunderstanding had arisen regarding the previous decision of the Corporation, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager take steps to fence the William Street property of the Corporation. Arising out of this a general discussion took place on the survey and development of the Trinity Street, William Street and Faythe Areas during which the Deputy County Manager pointed out that he intended to appoint a trainee to assist the Borough Surveyor in this survey but that whilst a General Survey of the area should take place a survey and development of the West side of the Faythe should have a little priority as it was thought that this side could be developed more rapidly than the other areas.

Alderman Sinnott again referred to the question of the development of Housing Sites by way of relief grants and proposed that the Minister for Local Government be again asked to permit of Relief Grants being used for the development with any effect on the Transitional Development Fund Grants.

Councillor Kevin Morris again referred to the trespass from the Old Fever Hospital Site to the Corporation property at Grogan's Road and Grogan's Road. The Councillor pointed out that at the end of the



current week a Carnival would commence in the neighbourhood and unless something was done in the meantime to fence off this property considerable trespass would occur. The Deputy County Manager intimated that he was aware that this complaint had already been inspected by the County Council Engineers and he will examine their report the following day and take what action was deemed necessary.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris it was stated that the resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the corporation and sent to the 5 T.D's for the county asking the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to remove the British Insignia from the Post Office Pillar Boxes in the town had resulted in a question in Dail Eireann by Deputy Brondan Corish and from the Minister's reply as well as from a letter from the Minister for Health it appeared that as soon as these boxes were recovered for repairs or other purposes the Insignia was removed.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that notice had been served on the agent for the owner of property at Mary Street, requiring the provision of a sanitary convenience in a house occupied by a man named Foley. The time limit in the notice had expired a few days ago and the file had been referred to the Health Inspector to state whether or not the nuisance had been abated. If the nuisance had not been abated action would be taken to compel compliance with the terms of the notice.

Complaint was also made by His Worship the Mayor regarding the failure of this agent to have a water supply to a house at John Street repaired owing to, the charge by the Corporation of 5/- for the service of the turncock and it was unanimously decided that unless the water supply was provided without further delay that steps be taken to condemn the building as unfit for human habitation or such other steps as were deemed advisable in the circumstances of the case.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the dangerous condition of the roof of a house at Barrack Street in respect of which he had drawn the attention of the Borough Surveyor sometime ago and it was unanimously agreed to again refer this matter to the Surveyor with a view to him taking steps to see that no accident would occur to passers-by or the occupiers of neighbouring property.

Arising out of this complaint on the Barrack Street houses further complaint was made that the agent of this property had recently sold a house which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to examine this specific case and to see what steps the Corporation could take to deal with the matter. Councillor Howlin asked His Worship the Mayor if he had had the opportunity of inspecting the house at Hill Street occupied by Daniel Thomas with the Borough Surveyor and the Mayor replied that he had not but now requested the Town Clerk to instruct the Borough Surveyor to make an appointment to do so.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk read a report from the Borough Surveyor on the method employed in recruiting casual labour and after some discussion it was agreed that a scheme should be prepared for submission to the Council at an early date.

Alderman Byrne stated that sometime ago the Borough Surveyor had promised to employ a painter named Edmonds and the Surveyor was to be asked when he proposed employing this man.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Rev. J. M. Butler, Adm., the Rev. M. J. O'Neill R.C.A. and the Very Rev. P. Doyle, P.P. Kilmore and it was ordered that these acknowledgements be recorded in the minutes.

A letter was read from C.I.E. acknowledging recent resolution of the Corporation protesting against the stabling of wagons on the Quays over the week-ends and the Board intimated that they would take steps to see that this would not happen in the future unless the use of the quays could not possibly be avoided due to excursion trains or the loading of goods.

Arising out of this Alderman Sinnott moved that C.I.E. be requested to stop the Morning Boat Train at Wexford South Station and Councillor Howlin seconded this motion. Alderman Byrne moved that C.I.E. be requested to stop the Boat Train at Rosslare Strand to facilitate workers wishing to travel to town. This motion was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James Morris complained that no dining car was provided on the Rosslare Harbour Dublin Boat Train on Sunday Mornings and moved that C.I.E. be requested to have a dining car service on this train for the seven days of the week. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

The Corporation now proceeded to deal with the agenda for the meeting and the first motion was one by His Worship the Mayor that a Pattern Day be fixed for St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, on April 23rd (Feast of St. Ibar) or on the next following Sunday. Alderman Sinnott seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. Alderman Sinnott also proposed that a Crucifix be erected in the centre of St. Ibar's Cemetery and Alderman Corish seconded.

As some doubt existed regarding the legal authority of the Corporation to provide the Crucifix from Public Funds the proposal was agreed in principle and the Town Clerk was asked to ascertain if the Corporation had any legal authority to provide a Crucifix out of Public Funds and if so steps should be taken to provide such as soon as possible.

It was also agreed on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Corish that the existing grave cover at St. Ibar's Cemetery which was much appreciated by the general public, be made more ornamental.

DANCE TAX

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that strong representations be made to the Minister for Finance to abolish the tax on dancing.



### FISHERIE'S

A resolution from Arklow U.D.C. protesting against the purchase of 500 boxes of fish during the month of June from two Spanish trawlers and putting them on the market was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Broaders seconded by Alderman Sinnott, but at the same time it was thought that some special reason may have necessitated the Sea Fisherie's Association taking this action and it was agreed, that in writing to the appropriate Minister the Town Clerk should ask him to see that such a practice was not allowed to develop generally.

### BUILDING COSTS

The next business was a report from the Deputy County Manager on the recent increases in the cost of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme. It was reported that in February last the increase in the price of cement was estimated to cost £1,400, during the months of February and March increases in the price of timber were estimated to cost £4,600. In the month of April an interim increase of 5/- per week granted to unskilled labourers on the site was estimated to cost £2,000 and in June last an increase of 4½d. per hour to all workers on the scheme was estimated to cost £8,000 making the total increase £16,000, £10,000 in respect of wages and £6,000 in respect of materials.

It was pointed out to the members that this report was brought to their notice so that they would be aware of the increasing costs of labour and materials on the Corporation Housing Schemes and when the final costing figures were submitted these increased would reflect therein.

Arising out of this report Alderman Sinnott referred to the fact that fire places were not provided in all of the bed-rooms in these houses and suggested that fire plugs should be installed so as to enable the tenants to use electric fire if the necessity arose. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which it was decided to refer to the Housing Engineer for a report.

### TENDERS ACCEPTED

It was reported that the following tenders had been accepted by the County Manager during the Month of June, Mr. James Kehoe, Nth. Main St. for the provision of Electric Lights etc. for 128 houses at Bishopswater, in the sum of £1,152. The other tenders were, Mr. Thomas Quigley £1,725, Mr. L. Willis £1,499. 15. and the E.S.B. £1,470.

For the provision of Lignatex Wallboard the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty had been accepted in the sum of £28.16.0. and the other tenders received were from Messrs. Graves & Co. £28. 17.8., Dockrell's £30.8., C. P. Glorney £32. and Brooks Thomas £36. 11. Arising out of these tenders Councillor Kevin Morris questioned if the Electricity tenders had been submitted to the Corporation and insisted that for the future all tenders for materials or works for the Corporation should be opened by the Mayor in accordance with the regulation.

### VALUATION REVISION

The Town Clerk submitted to the Meeting the lists of premises which had been submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for re-valuation in the current year, and set out under the various heads the premises which had been listed by the Rate Collectors, the Commissioner of Valuation, the Revenue Commissioners and individual owners. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which Councillor Kevin Morris again protested strongly against the method of revaluation.



During the discussion the Town Clerk pointed out the legal position in so far as the listing of premises for revaluation was concerned and the Deputy County Manager intimated that it was a matter on which the Corporation could express an opinion as to policy but such opinion would not effect any decision which might be made by the Commissioner.

Accordingly Councillor Kevin Morris gave notice of motion that he would move at the next statutory meeting that the Corporation decide its policy as regards the revision of valuations.

#### SEWERAGE SCHEME

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to expedite approval to the proposals submitted by the Corporation for the improvement of the sewerage system of the Town. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Corish approval was unanimously agreed to the proposal of the Consulting Engineer to lay a 21" sewer at Distillery Road at the estimated cost of £3,872.5.

#### I "DIRTY MONEY"

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the allowance known as "Dirty Money" for men employed on sewerage work be increased from 1d. to 3d. per hour. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this motion and it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to implement it.

#### WAGES OF GENERAL LABOURERS

At this stage Councillor Howlin requested permission of the Mayor to raise a matter of urgent importance which did not appear on the agenda.

The Councillor explained that as an official of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union he had recently served a demand on the Town Clerk for an increase of 12/- per week in the wages of the scavengers and casual labourers employed by the Corporation.

As a result of consultations with the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk an offer of an increase of 7/6d. per week had been made. This offer had not been accepted by the men and consequently he now moved that the Corporation recommend the County Manager to grant an increase of 12/- . The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by Councillors Kevin Morris, James Morris and Alderman Sinnott, but some of the members thought that this matter should have been decided in the first instance between the Trade Union and the Officials of the Corporation.

It was pointed out that the increase of 7/6d. per week proposed by the County Manager would cost approximately £400 in a full year and that the increase proposed by Councillor Howlin of 12/- per week would cost approximately £650.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation agree to provide the necessary monies to meet whatever increase would be granted by the Deputy County Manager following negotiations with the Trade Union concerned, and Councillor Howlin agreed as the representative of the men to again meet the Deputy County Manager on this matter.

#### CONGRATULATIONS HURLING TEAM

As it was now close on 10.30. p.m. it was decided to adjourn until the next meeting the other matters on the agenda, but before the meeting terminated the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Senior Hurling Team on winning the Leinster Championship after a lapse of a considerable number of years. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager on behalf of the Manager and on his own behalf, by the Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The Deputy County Manager then read a letter from the Department of Local Government regarding the financing of the proposed new Bridge at Wexford. The Minister pointed out in his letter that he noted from the evidence at the Inquiry it had been agreed between the Local Authorities concerned that Wexford Corporation would not be asked to pay more than 10% in all of the local contribution towards the work. This agreement presented certain legal difficulties regarding its implementation and the Manager asked that the Corporation authorise the officials to agree on some form which could be embodied in the Bridge Order to surmount the legal difficulty, provided the Corporation were not in the average asked to contribute more than 10% of the Local Contribution, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Alderman Byrne this was unanimously agreed to.

#### TRINITY ST. HOUSES

Alderman Sinnott asked for a report from the Borough Surveyor for the next meeting, on the condition of the yards of the Trinity Street Houses following the erection of W.C.'s.

#### HOUSES AT FAYTHE

The Alderman also asked the Town Clerk to again communicate with the Department of Local Government on the proposed purchase of houses in the Faythe from Mrs. Cullimore of Talbot St.

#### BAND CONCERTS.

Alderman Corish asked the Town Clerk to communicate immediately with the three local bands asking them to arrange their programme of music for the Summer Months on the Quays.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flanagan*



30th July, 1951.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor M. Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Corish, Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: James Morris and John Howlin. *Brouder*

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

#### RURAL WEEK

At the request of the Rural Week Committee the Mayor and other members appealed to the public to decorate their houses by the display of flags, etc. during Rural week which would be held in St. Peter's College from the 12-19th August.

#### NEW SEWER AT DISTILLERY ROAD

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £3,900. from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of defraying expenses of providing a new sewer at Distillery Road as part of a general scheme for the improvement of the main drainage of the Town.

#### TENDERS FOR RAINWATER GOODS

The Town Clerk laid on the table for the information of the members a schedule of tenders received for the supply of rainwater goods for 128 houses at Bishopswater. The schedule showed that the tender of the Irish Aluminium Co., Nenagh had been accepted.

#### WIRING OF 128 HOUSES

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk referred to a discussion at last meeting regarding tenders for the electric wiring of 128 house-scheme at Bishopswater when Councillor Kevin Morris had implied that the tenders had not been opened at a meeting of the Corporation. On a previous occasion he (Town Clerk) had not the tenders before the meeting and stated that he would produce them to the next meeting of the Corporation. He now submitted the tenders which showed that all of them had been initialled by His Worship, The Mayor, who also stated that he had never opened tenders except at a meeting of the Corporation or a Committee thereof.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when Alderman Sinnott raised the question regarding the heating of two of the bedrooms in the 128-house scheme at Bishopswater which were not provided with fire places the County Manager recommended that the quotation of Mr. James Kehoe, whose tender had been accepted for the wiring of these houses should also be accepted for the provision of two power-points in each house at a cost of £2. 10. 0. per house or a total of £250. for the 128 houses.

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On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to authorise the County Manager to have these plugs provided.

#### RENTS OF 128-HOUSE SCHEME

The next business was to consider a scheme of rents for the 128 house-scheme at Bishopswater, but on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this question to the Statutory meeting to be held on the 13th prox.

#### WATER SUPPLY TO TOWN.

The next business was to consider the entire question of the water supply to the Town. At the outset the Town Clerk gave figures showing the reduction in the water level in Coolree Reservoir from the 7th April last (when the reservoir was full) up to the present day when it was  $81\frac{3}{4}$ " below top water level and showed a reduction in storage capacity from 40.6 to 20.2 million gallons.

The Town Clerk further reported that since April the four hydrostats at Edenvale had been pumping an approximate average of 340,000 gallons water per day.

The consumption of water on a 24-hour service was 560,000 gallons per day. When this service had been restricted on the 5th June last to 16 hours per day, the consumption had dropped to 510,000 gallons and with a further restriction on the 28th June to 13 hours per day the consumption had fallen to 480,000 gallons.

It was pointed out that the question of the water supply had been engaging the attention of the Officials for a long time past and in their opinion the best means to improve the situation was the installation of a power pump at Edenvale which would be capable of delivering from 500 to 750,000 gallons per diem. This pump, in addition to the hydrostats would, it was felt, improve the needs of the Town for a number of years to come. It was also pointed out, however, that the present main from Edenvale to Coolree was only capable of delivering 480,000 gallons per 24 hours. It was the intention, if a power pump was installed to keep this main full and delivering of its maximum capacity at all times, and if the need should arise in the future to obtain a larger supply from the river Sow the pump proposed to be installed would be capable of providing this, if a second or a larger main was laid.

This question gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which the question of excavating the existing storage reservoir at Coolree was again raised by Alderman Sinnott, but a report of the Consulting Engineer dated January, 1950 briefly showed that to excavate would cost between £2-3000. for each million gallons of storage provided, or in other words approximately £100,000. would have to be expended to double the present storage capacity of the reservoir from 40 to 80 million gallons. Even an extension of storage to 80 million gallons was not considered a safe margin, and it was felt that even with that pumping would have to be resorted to.

It was eventually decided, however, that the Corporation await a report from the Consulting Engineer with up-to-date quotations for a pump and engine when the matter could be



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further considered in the light of installation and annual maintenance cost.

TRINITY ST. HOUSES

With reference to complaint at a previous meeting regarding the yards of the recently acquired houses at Trinity St. it was agreed to defer the matter pending an inspection of the property by the Mayor and Deputy County Manager.

ROAD DIRECTION SIGNS

The attention of the Deputy County Manager was called to the necessity for providing road direction signs at Maudlintown and Wygram and Mr. McDermot promised to take the matter up with the County Manager and County Engineer.

GRASS MARGINS AT ST. JOHN'S RD.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that the estimated and actual cost of providing grass margins, etc. at St. John's Road was £416. and £960, respectively. Several members again intimated that this was a waste of money but it was decided to defer any further consideration of the matter until the grass had been cut and given an opportunity of properly growing.

FOOTPATH AT FOLLY

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have the footpath at the Folly repaired by the 31st prox.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael P. Hughes*

13th August, 1951.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor Councillor Michael Flusk in the chair.

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Gaul.

Councillors:- Kevin Morris, James Morris, Michael Broaders and John Howlin.

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

#### MINUTES

The following minutes copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the Meeting were submitted for ratification and signature, namely minutes of the Corporation of the 16th Ultimo and General Purposes of the 30th Ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Gaul the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Councillor Broaders drew the attention of the Meeting to the fact that his name had been inadvertently omitted from the list of members attending the General Purposes Meeting on the 30th Ultimo and the Acting Town Clerk promised to have this rectified.

Arising out of the minutes the following questions were raised by members. Councillor Howlin asked when it was proposed to have the repairs done to the house at Hill Street occupied by Daniel Thomas and the Deputy County Manager promised to have this seen to immediately.

The Councillor also referred to a defective shore at No. 10 Trinity Street and it was decided to have the Borough Surveyor take the necessary steps to have this remedied.

The question of the payment of "Dirty Money" was again raised and the Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that sanction was being requested for the payment of 2d. per hour in this respect.

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the local bands with a view to starting their usual programme.

The question of repairs to a footpath at the Folly and Thomas St. was raised by Alderman Corish and the Deputy County Manager promised to have this work done.

Councillor Kevin Morris asked what was the decision regarding the installation of a sanitary convenience in a house at Mary Street occupied by a man named Foley and he was informed by the Acting Town Clerk that the owner in this case had been informed of the fact that unless this installation was completed within 21 days legal proceedings would be instituted.



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgement of a resolution passed at a previous Meeting with Councillor James Morris on the death of his step-mother was read and it was ordered that it be recorded on the minutes.

Acknowledgement was also read from the Wexford County Council on the application of the Wexford Corporation for the allocation of a Health Inspector for full time duties in the Borough, intimating that this matter had been adjourned for 12 months. The Meeting directed the Acting Town Clerk to inform the Wexford County Council of their grave dissatisfaction at this decision.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (Ficheries Branch) acknowledging a recent resolution of the Corporation protesting against the sale in the Dublin Fish Market of fish landed from a Spanish Fishing vessel, and stating that this would not happen again except under extraordinary circumstances. This reply was thought by the members to be satisfactory.

A letter was also read from the Department of Finance regarding Entertainment Tax on dancing and intimating that further communications would be addressed to the Corporation as soon as possible. It was decided to await this further consideration before discussing the matter.

### RENTS OF HOUSES AT BISHOPSWATER

A long discussion took place on the County Manager's report on the proposed rent-charge for the 128-House Scheme at Bishopswater. His proposals were:-

- (a) 44 Dwellings fronting Distillery Road 21/- per house.
- (b) 44 " in centre of Scheme 15/- per house.
- (c) 40 " at rere of Scheme 9/- per house.

Some members were of opinion that there was too much of a discrepancy between the highest and the lowest rent and suggested bringing them closer together. Others were of opinion that the vast majority of applicants would be applying for the 9/- houses and suggested, if at all possible that this rent should be further reduced. It was pointed out that to do this the other rents must, of necessity, be increased and as well, if the applicants were not displaced persons within the meaning of the Acts, these rents would have to be increased by a further 2/- plus, of course, rates.

Various suggested rents were put before the Meeting but did not find favour until eventually on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish it was decided to advertise for tenants for the scheme at the following provisional rents (a) 19/-, (b) 16/- & (c) 10/-.



BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON 24, 26 & 28 FAYTHE.

The Borough Surveyor's report on the above was read to the Meeting and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending the attendance of the Borough Surveyor. The Acting Town Clerk was directed to ask the owner the minimum price at which she would be willing to dispose of this property.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON MRS. MURPHY'S HOUSES AT FAYTHE

The Borough Surveyor's report on above was read to the Meeting when it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the Borough Surveyor was in attendance.

SANCTION OF TWO HOUSES AT FAYTHE (CULLIMORE)

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government sanctioning the proposed purchase of two houses at the Faythe owned by Mrs. Cullimore of Talbot Street for £250. The Acting Town Clerk was directed to have the Borough Surveyor carry out the necessary repairs as per his report.

E.S.E. CHARGES (CIRCULAR FROM LIMERICK CORPORATION)

The above circular was read to the Meeting and after some consideration it was adopted in principle on the motion of Alderman Gaul seconded by Alderman Byrne.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES

Three propositions for the appointment of delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities were put to the Meeting namely Councillors J. Morris, Kevin Morris and Alderman Gaul. Councillor Kevin Morris withdrew his name and the remaining two members were unanimously appointed.

REPORT ON BUNGALOWS & HOUSES AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

The Housing Engineer's report on 4 bungalows and 3 two-storey houses at Pierce's site, Distillery Road was the next item for discussion. Councillor Kevin Morris suggested that this was a very extravagant report. One item in particular - plumbing - he wished to comment on as he considered he was fully conversant with costing for this class of work. He stated he had been pricing Plumbers' Contracts for a number of years and the charge for labour per house should run only to approximately £15 per house, yet in this case they had the extraordinary figure of over £70 per house. He further suggested that the figures of this scheme be made public but on the motion of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Howlin it was decided to adjourn consideration of this report to the 27th instant for the attendance of the Housing Engineer.



RESOLUTION RE RATING SYSTEM

A resolution from the Galway Corporation requesting the appropriate Minister to set up a commission to inquire into the rating system was adopted on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne,

REPORT OF BOROUGH SURVEYOR ON 3 HOUSES AT TALBOT ST.

A detailed report from the Borough Surveyor was submitted on 3 houses at Talbot Street owned by Miss Hopkins, which estimated the cost of repairs for the 3 at approximately £1,100. It was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of this report until the return of the Borough Surveyor from annual leave.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS  
ON TENANT PURCHASE SYSTEM

Alderman Byrne moved that a scheme be prepared for the tenant purchase of all Artizan's dwellings owned by the Corporation and, having been seconded by Councillor Howlin, his motion was unanimously adopted.

WEXFORD PORT AND AMERICAN COAL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to make Wexford one of the approved dumping centres for American Coal through Rosslare Port so as to give work to dockers, who were now very casually employed. After a long discussion, this motion, having been seconded by Councillor J. Morris, was unanimously adopted and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to make the necessary representations as incorporated in the motion.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Official Minute*



27th August, 1951.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor M. Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors John Howlin, James Morris, Michael Broaders, George Hadden and Kevin Morris.

Mr. T. F. McDermott, representing the County Manager, the Housing Engineer and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the special meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and to his relatives on the death of the Very Rev. Canon Harpur, Piercestown.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Byrne on the death of his father-in-law, the late Captain Butler, and to the relatives of the late Philip Lacey, one of the oldest employees of the Corporation. Alderman Sinnott seconded the three proposals which were supported by all the members, by Mr. McDermott, the Housing Engineer, and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Byrne returned sincere thanks to the Mayor, the Corporation and Officials on his own behalf and on behalf of his family for their kind expression of sympathy.

#### COST OF SEVEN HOUSES AT DISTILLERY RD.

The meeting then proceeded to deal with the report of the Housing Engineer on the cost of seven houses at Distillery Road which was under consideration at the last meeting, and adjourned for the attendance of the Housing Engineer.

In reply to a number of queries the Housing Engineer pointed out the difficulties encountered in the completion of these houses which had been acquired, partly erected, from Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co., Wexford. He pointed out that a large quantity of work had to be removed and replaced; the site of the four bungalows had to be rafted, the two-storey houses had to be underpinned and a wall had to be erected between the bungalows and the river for safety purposes.

The Engineer also gave comparative figures of the size and costs as between the houses under discussion and those completed sometime ago at St. Aidan's Crescent which showed that having regard to the larger houses at Distillery Road the prices compared favourably.

This whole report gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, during which practically all the members with the exception of Councillors Kevin Morris and Broaders were of opinion that the houses could not have been built much cheaper than they were.

Councillor Morris further contended that the plumbing costs, of which he stated, he had some knowledge of pricing, were out of all proportion to what they should be, and he generally



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considered that the houses were much too dear.

Mr. McDermott pointed out that none of the Officials of the Corporation considered that they were cheap houses but they were built at a price of approximately £2. per square foot, and he would welcome any Contractor who was prepared to tender and erect similar houses for this or a lesser price.

At the conclusion of the discussion Councillor Howlin proposed the adoption of the report which was seconded by Alderman Corish, and agreed to with Councillor Kevin Morris and Broaders Dissenting.

#### WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The following letter addressed to the County Manager from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, was read at the meeting:-

" Further to the visit of our chairman in connection with the proposed Development Scheme for Wexford Harbour, we wish to advise you that at the recent meeting between the Deputation from the Commissioners, and the Officials of the Department of Industry and Commerce, the proposed Scheme was discussed. The Officials were very sympathetic, and after discussions there were only two points which required attention. The first was the examination of the Scheme by the technical men from the Board of Works, and the other was the question of local contributions towards the Scheme.

The Chairman handed you the draft of the Scheme. You will note that the total cost is estimated at approximately £31,000. The Officials intimated that they would expect a contribution of £7,000. from the local bodies. The purpose of the latter is to formally apply for a Grant of £6,000. from the Wexford County Council, and £1,000. from the Wexford Corporation, or at least a total contribution from the bodies of £7,000.

The actual division of this Grant, between the two bodies concerned is subject to your opinion.

We would be obliged if you would arrange to put this matter on the agenda of the next meeting of the County Council, and the Corporation.

As you will realise from examination of the Draft, that time is the main factor, you will appreciate that an early decision is essential."

It was explained to the meeting that the County Council had agreed to guarantee a loan of £6,000. for the Harbour Improvement Scheme, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was now unanimously agreed to inform the Commissioners that the Corporation would be prepared to guarantee a loan of £1,000. when the proposed Scheme was sanctioned.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the Corporation protest against the hold-up of Tourist Traffic which had taken place recently at Dunlaoghaire and Holyhead and suggested that the facilities on the Rosslare/Fishguard route for travellers should be brought to the notice of the appropriate bodies. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### CIVIC WELCOME TO BOYSCOUTS

The Mayor stated that he had been asked to extend a Civic Welcome to a troop of Welsh Boy Scouts at present in camp at Granard Villa and he requested any members who might be available to meet him there on Tuesday, 28th inst. at 8. p.m. for this reception, as a

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similar reception had been granted the Wexford Boy Scouts when they recently visited Wales.

CURTAILMENT OF WATER  
SUPPLY.

Councillor Kevin Morris asked to have the hours at which water was available extended especially on Fridays and Saturdays.

It was pointed out to the Councillor, however, that despite the rainfall the Reservoir had continued to drop until Thursday of last week when it showed an increase of 8". The position was constantly under review and if the inflow continued to increase the supply would be turned on as soon as possible.

EXPLANATION OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Howlin asked to make a personal explanation to the Mayor for his absence from St. Peter's College on the occasion of An Taoiseach's visit to Rural week.

He stated that the Civic reception to An Taoiseach had, he understood, been arranged at very short notice and he did not receive notice in time to enable him to be there. He regretted very much that he was not there with the other members to receive the Head of the State and wished to assure the Mayor that he was not aware of the Ceremony was taking place.

Alderman Corish made a similar explanation.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Flanagan*



3rd September, 1951.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Corish, Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, James Morris, Broaders, Hadden and Kevin Morris.

Mr. T. F. McDermott, representing the County Manager, and Town Clerk were also in attendance, and during the course of the meeting the County Manager personally attended and was extended a hearty Cead Mile Failte by the Mayor and other members on his first appearance since his recent illness, for which the Manager returned sincere thanks.

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of Corporation on 13th and 22nd ultimo (copies of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the meeting), and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken and having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor on the understanding that at the close of the Agenda members would be permitted to raise questions arising out of the minutes.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from: (a) The Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy on the death of the Very Rev. Canon Harpur, (b) From the Department of Finance acknowledging a resolution calling for a remission of the tax on dancing and intimating that the matter would come up for consideration when the budget proposals next were being formulated.

#### TELEPHONE KIOSKS FOR WEXFORD

Letters were also read from Deputies Brendan Corish and Anthony Esmonde enclosing copies of letters received from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in reply to representations made by them to have additional telephone kiosk facilities provided in Wexford.

#### WEXFORD AS COAL DUMPING GROUND

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that a formal acknowledgement had been received from the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding representations made to have Wexford scheduled as a dump for American Coal being imported into this country.

At the request of the Alderman the Town Clerk was asked to request a definite reply on this matter from the Department as soon as possible.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The first business was to consider a report from the Town Clerk on conversations he had recently with the Garda Síochána on the traffic conditions in Wexford.

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The Garda Authorities were prepared to recommend the Commissioner, subject to the approval of the Corporation, to make Bye-laws providing for One-Way traffic in the Main Street from South to North and the designation of parking places on the south side, only, of streets leading from the Quays with the exception of Ram Street and Charlotte St. which were considered to be too narrow to permit of any parking.

Parking would also be permitted on the sea-side of the Quays and at Selskar Avenue where there was a large open space.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that for some years past representations had been made to him by the residents of Redmond Road protesting against the speed of heavy lorries, buses, etc. which were the cause of damage to ceilings, cornices, etc. due to vibration and they suggested that a speed limit of 15-20 m.p.h. should be imposed from the New Bridge to Redmond Monument. Generally speaking the members agreed with the suggested regulations but before coming to a final decision thought it advisable to consult with the various Trading Organisations in the Town on this matter.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

A letter was read from the E.S.B. intimating that the charges for public lighting for the period 1st August, 1951 to 31st March, 1952 would be increased by £88. 7. 4.

It was explained to the meeting that this increase only referred to eight months of the year and that the increase for the full year on the same basis would amount to £132. 11. 0. which would make the normal public lighting bill £1,072. 4. 5. and the increase was approximately 14%.

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to authorise the over expenditure of £88. 7. 4. for the current financial year, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed to protest to the E.S.B. against the increased charge.

Arising out of this matter it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Broaders, seconded by Alderman Gaul to request the E.S.B. to appoint a Collector for the Borough.

#### COST OF LIVING.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to request the government to arrest the very steep increase in the cost of living.

#### COMMEMORATION - MICHAEL COLLINS

A motion in the name of Alderman Byrne asking the Council to protest against the action of the Minister for Defence in not permitting the Army to be present at the Commemoration in honour of the late General Michael Collins in Co. Cork was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

#### O. A. P. COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Corporation Old Age Pensions Committee in the Town Hall on Monday, 10th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

#### ALLOWANCE TO MAYOR

Councillor Howlin gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that the annual allowance made to the Mayor be increased and in the meantime asked the Town Clerk to inquire the salary paid to the Mayors in other comparable Boroughs.



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### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL-IRELAND TEAMS

Alderman Sinnott moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Senior Hurling Team on the magnificent fight they had put up in the All-Ireland Final.

Even though the Team did not win, he felt they were deserving of the congratulations of the Corporation and that the Victors - Tipperary, should also be congratulated.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, and on the suggestion of the Mayor it was unanimously decided to extend a Civic Welcome to the team when they arrived in Wexford that evening.

### REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS

Alderman Corish raised the question of repairs to a footpath at the Folly and Thomas St. and Mr. McDermott, on behalf of the County Manager, intimated that he had given instructions to the Borough Surveyor some time ago to have this work carried out without delay.

### "DIRTY MONEY"

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that sanction had been received from the Department of Local Government to the payment of an extra ld. "dirty money" to men employed on sewerage work at the Horse River.

### FOLEY'S HOUSE, MARY STREET

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that the owner of the house at Mary Street occupied by a man named Foley was prepared to instal a W.C. there but asked for an undertaking from the Corporation that the house would not be condemned afterwards.

The County Manager had not yet had an opportunity of dealing with this matter but would do so during the coming week.

### DISTILLERY ROAD HOUSES

A request by Councillor Kevin Morris that the Manager should make a statement on the cost of the Distillery Road houses was ruled out of order by the Mayor on the grounds that the matter had been discussed by the Corporation on two previous meetings, and at the last meeting the report of the Housing Engineer had been adopted with Councillors Broaders and Morris dissenting.

### SALE OF HOUSES AT FAYTHE

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that an offer had been received from Mrs. O'Rourke regarding the sale of two houses at the Faythe but it had not been considered up to the moment.

### 128 HOUSES BISHOPSWATER

In reply to Councillor Howlin it was stated that more than sufficient applications had been received for the 128 houses at Bishopswater. The position was that it would be possible to let the 128 but it was doubtful if further houses could be let at the present rents it was necessary to charge.

### LIGHTING - ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

Alderman Sinnott raised the question of the lighting at St. Aidan's Crescent and the Town Clerk promised to look into this matter with a view to having it improved. The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present:-

His Worship, The Mayor, (Councillor Michael Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: John Howlin, George Hadden, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Stafford and James Morris.

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

#### VISITING MAYOR

The Mayor introduced to the members and officials the Mayor of Llanelli who was on a short holiday in Wexford, and on behalf of the Corporation, welcomed him to Wexford and invited him to remain during the meeting of the Committee. The Mayor of Llanelli returned sincere thanks for the reception given him and felt honoured to be invited to attend the meeting.

#### SYMPATHY

Ald. Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Cronin, Journalist, who for a long number of years had conscientiously reported the proceedings of the Corporation for the local press, on the death of his sister, Mrs. O'Shea.

Alderman Byrne seconded the proposal, which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence, the members and Officials standing.

#### VISIT OF MAYOR OF WATERFORD

The Town Clerk read a letter from the City Manager and Town Clerk of Waterford intimating that the Mayor and some of the members of the Waterford Corporation proposed to avail of the invitation of the Mayor of Wexford and visit Wexford on Saturday the 22nd inst. at 3-30 p.m. It was decided to inform the Mayor of Waterford that Saturday was the half-holiday for Corporation employees in Wexford and the men would not be working on the Housing Sites, but if he wished to come with his colleagues on that day he would be very welcome.

#### HOUSING SUBSIDIES

The Town Clerk read a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government notifying an alteration in the State subventions towards the cost of Housing Schemes and it was agreed that discussion should be postponed to the next meeting to enable a copy of the letter to be furnished to each member.

#### PURCHASE OF HOUSES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to purchase three houses at Faythe from Mrs. O'Rourke, Stonebridge, for the sum of £1,100. and to put them into habitable condition at a cost of £450. as estimated by the Borough Surveyor.

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A suggestion that houses at the Faythe should be purchased from Mrs. J. Murphy was deferred at the request of Councillors Hadden and Kevin Morris.

On the motion of Ald. Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was unanimously agreed to purchase 3 houses at Talbot Street from Miss Sally Hopkins for the sum of £750. and to put them into a habitable state at a cost of £1,110. as estimated by the Borough Surveyor.

On the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris it was agreed to purchase two houses at Talbot Street from Mr. John P. Byrne for the sum of £600. and to put them into a habitable state at a cost of £160. as estimated by the Borough Surveyor.

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At the request of the Mayor it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should examine and report on two houses at Parnell Street owned by Williams and occupied by Redmond and O'Hara.

#### LOAN DISTILLERY ROAD HOUSES

On the motion of Ald. Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £1500 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the purchase and completion of three houses and four bungalows at Distillery Road.

#### ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

In reply to Ald. Sinnott, the Town Clerk intimated that tenders would be invited for the supply of a Crucifix for the Cemetery and that a notice prohibiting dogs in the Cemetery except on leads would be renewed. The Borough Surveyor also undertook to have the grave cover embellished at an early date.

Councillor Kevin Morris raised a question regarding the trespass of cattle on the cemetery from the adjoining field owned by Mr. William Kinsella, Crosstown, and a report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that the Corporation employees had made good the fence on our side and that it was up to Mr. Kinsella to take steps to prevent his cattle from trespassing on the Cemetery.

#### FOLLY FOOTPATH

In reply to Ald. Sinnott and the Mayor, the Borough Surveyor gave an undertaking to commence repairs to the footpath at the Folly during the present week.

#### OTHER FOOTPATHS

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine and report on the condition of the following footpaths: complained of by:-  
Ald. Corish; Thomas Street and outside the Christian Bros. Primary Schools at Green Street.  
Councillor Cullimore: North side of Henrietta Street.  
Councillor Kevin Morris: North side of Charlotte St.

#### TRINITY STREET HOUSES

In reply to Ald. Byrne, the Borough Surveyor explained the steps he proposed to take to complete the back fencing of the Trinity Street houses to prevent trespass and the Mayor stated he had visited the place with the Deputy County Manager who, he understood, had given directions to the Borough Surveyor



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to have this work carried out.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to inspect and report on the drainage at the rear of these houses with particular reference to the condition of the gully trap in No. 10.

#### BATT STREET

In reply to Councillor Broaders the Borough Surveyor stated that they had done all they could with the surface of Batt Street and nothing short of complete reconstruction would make a better job of it.

#### RE-HOUSING OF HILL ST. TENANTS

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the County Manager stated that the occupants of the Hill Street houses would be given the preference of the first houses available at Distillery Road and that they would be given the option of returning to Hill Street when the new houses were erected there. The question of rent to be charged to the poorer tenants at Hill Street would have to be considered in the light of their circumstances.

#### PAUL QUAY LANE

Councillor Kevin Morris complained of the condition of the Lane leading from Paul Quay to King Street and Main Street due to pools of stagnant water and was informed that this lane was under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Commissioners and Ald. Byrne proposed that notice be served on the Commissioners to abate the nuisance. This was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris. Ald. Sinnott, however, pointed out that the Commissioners were not in a position, financially to do anything in the matter, and proposed that the Corporation, as the Sanitary Authority, do the necessary work. Ald. Corish seconded. Councillor Kevin Morris then intimated that he would support Ald. Sinnott's proposal and would not second the proposal of Ald. Byrne. On being put to the meeting Ald. Sinnott's proposal was carried with Ald. Byrne dissenting.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Councillor James Morris drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the Condition of Trimmer's Lane East. The attention of the Surveyor was also drawn to the condition of the cattle drinking trough at Trinity Street.

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk stated he was still in consultation with the Garda on the question of traffic control and as soon as a tentative scheme was drawn up he would convene a meeting of the Corporation and other interested bodies.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING.

In reply to Ald. Gaul the Town Clerk stated that it was agreed that an extra light was needed at St. Aidan's Crescent and he was arranging to visit the area with the local representative of the E.S.B. to decide the best position for an extra lamp.

#### REGISTER OF ELECTORS

On the suggestion of Ald. Corish it was agreed that the Town Clerk convene a meeting of representatives of the various parties concerned with the Register of Electors with a view to drafting a Register which would give more satisfaction to all parties at election times.

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1st October, 1951.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven O'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair,

Aldermen:-

Nicholas Corish, James Gaul, James Sinnott and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, James Morris, George Hadden, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Stafford and Kevin Morris.

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

#### LIFE-SAVING CERTIFICATES

Before the business of the Corporation commenced, the ceremony of presenting Certificates in life-saving to 13 young persons who had qualified for those in the recent examinations conducted under the auspices of the Wexford Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society took place. The Society was represented by the Wexford County Manager, Doctors Conlon, Enniscorthy; and Dunphy, Oulart; and the Very Rev, Chancellor Hazley.

The Wexford County Manager, Thomas D. O'Sionoid, Uas., Chairman of the Wexford County Committee of the Society formally requested the Right Worshipful Michael Flusk, Mayor of Wexford, to present the certificates and complimented the recipients on their success and Councillor James Morris on his indefatigable work which made the course of instruction, conducted during the summer months, a success.

His Worship, The Mayor, then presented the Certificates awarded as a result of the course to the following:-

Miss J. Howland, The Hills, Wexford,  
Miss C. Walsh, Elmfield, Spawell Road, Wexford,  
Miss B. O'Connor, Rosemount, Spawell Road, Wexford,  
Miss N. Tobin, 15, Colbert St., Wexford,  
Miss A. Stapleton, 74, North Main St., Wexford,  
Miss R. Caraher, C/o. Elmfield, Spawell Road,  
Mr. M. O'Connor, Allen St., Wexford,  
Mr. A. Ffrench, 7, Casa Rio, Wexford,  
Mr. J. Brennan, 19, Bride St., Wexford,  
Mr. R. Stapleton, 74, North Main St., Wexford,  
Mr. T. Keane, Temperance Row, Wexford,  
Mr. Sean Murphy, 10, Henrietta St., Wexford,  
Mr. James J. Roche, 13, Harbour View, Wexford,

After presenting the Certificates and congratulating each of the successful pupils individually, His Worship, in a short address complimented them collectively and urged each and all to continue their studies in this most important branch of life-saving so that in time they could become instructors and thus spread the knowledge they had gained from the course to others.

Doctors Conlon and Dunphy, and Councillor James Morris, on behalf of the Red Cross Society, returned thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for presenting the Certificates and also strenuously urged the recipients to continue their studies in life-saving (especially the land drill) during the coming season with the view of becoming instructors in the course of a few short days.

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The normal business of the Corporation then commenced.

### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, the minutes of the previous 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.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at the previous meetings were read from Mrs. Philip Lacey, John Street; Mr. William Cronin, Parnell Street; and Mr. Laurence Harpur, Glona Terrace.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation protesting against the recent increase in the cost of public lighting and regretting that the increased cost of production and distribution of electricity made this increase necessary.

The Electricity Supply Board also acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's resolution requesting the re-appointment of a collector of accounts in the Borough and stated they had no indication of any dissatisfaction with the present system.

It was agreed, however, on the motion of Ald. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, to inform the Board that this was not the experience of the members of the Corporation and to request them to re-consider this matter with the view of appointing a collector for the reasons that (1) the collection Office was closed on Saturday afternoons when most of the working classes would only be able to call there; and (2) that it was not always convenient for these people to meet the two-monthly account in one sum and that arrangements should be made to collect it by more convenient instalments.

### EXPENSES ALLOWANCE OF MAYOR

The first business was a motion in the name of Councillor Howlin that the annual expenses allowance of the Mayor be increased. Before moving the motion the Councillor asked the Town Clerk to indicate, as previously requested, the allowance paid to other Mayors in the non-County Boroughs. The Town Clerk stated that the allowances were:-

Drogheda £350: Sligo £250: Kilkenny £250 and Galway £200.

Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that the Annual Allowance of the Mayor of Wexford be increased by £100. per annum to £250. the motion was seconded by Ald. Corish, supported by Alderman Byrne, Sinnott, and Gaul, but opposed by Councillors: Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Stafford, Haddon and James Morris. On a Poll being taken, therevoted:-

For the increase: Aldermen Sinnott, Corish, Gaul, Byrne and Councillor Howlin.

Against the increase: Councillors Kevin Morris, Stafford, Cullimore, Broaders, Hadden & J. Morris.

His Worship, The Mayor, declined to exercise his right to vote and the motion to increase the allowance by £100. per annum was declared lost.

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### HOUSING SUBSIDIES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when Circular H. 13/51 of the 6th September, 1951 from the Minister for Local Government dealing with the new method of state subventions towards Housing Schemes, was read, and when it was decided that copies of this Circular should be submitted to the members for consideration at the present meeting, the Town Clerk explained the difference in the state contribution based on the costs of the Croin Naomh Maodhoig houses. From this explanation it was seen that with the exception of the allowance made to bridge a gap between the Interest Rates of 2½% and 3½% there was no difference under the new Regulations and the old in respect of houses allocated to persons displaced by the operations of the Local Authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. There would, however, be a vast difference in the case of persons who did not come within the scope of the reserve classes referred to in the Housing (letting and Management) Regulations, so on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to adjourn further consideration of this Circular until the next meeting, and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to prepare a statement on the basis of the estimated cost of the Bishopswater Scheme of 128 houses under the Old and the new system of state subventions. The Town Clerk was also to inquire from the Department of Local Government if the contribution towards the difference in Interest charges would continue to be paid.

### REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The next business was a recommendation from a meeting of interested parties regarding the preparation of the Register of Electors. The new idea was to abandon the present Ward system which was no longer necessary in view of the fact that the Borough was now one complete Unit for Local Elections. It was suggested that the Town be divided into 23 polling booths and that the Register should consist of 23 separate books instead of the present three. This would convenience the voting public to check on Registers and would also facilitate those engaged in election work.

It was explained to the meeting that representations of the various Political Parties had met during the previous week and examined the proposed scheme and with the exception of one slight alteration in a particular area they had unanimously agreed that the new scheme would be very advantageous at Election times. Councillor Kevin Morris, however, thought that the members should be given more time to examine the proposed scheme but eventually agreed that it should be adopted as proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne as a recommendation to the Wexford County Council and the County Registrar.

### DISMISSAL OF MEN ON HOUSING SCHEME

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the County Manager be instructed to institute an immediate inquiry into the dismissal of a number of unskilled workers on the Bishopswater Housing Scheme. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted.

The County Manager intimated that he would carry out such an investigation on the 31st instant and submit a report in writing to the Corporation.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that in the opinion of the Corporation the Old Age Pensions Act should be amended so as to eliminate the necessity for claimants whose schemes are contentious appearing before a Committee and this further gave rise that the Clerk of the Committee should be empowered to interview these claimants and report to the Committee.



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Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which did not appear to meet with much favour by the members and was accordingly withdrawn by the Alderman.

#### PURCHASE OF HOUSES-J. BYRNE

A motion in the name of Councillor K. Morris calling for the provision of the minutes and the Acting County Manager's recommendation regarding the purchase of two houses at Talbot Street from Mr. John P. Byrne was withdrawn as the Councillor stated he was now perfectly satisfied that the proposals of the Corporation were before the Local Government Authorities.

#### FLOODING

As requested by Councillor K. Morris the Town Clerk intimated that following the torrential rain one day during the previous week he had at the request of the County Manager asked for a report from the Borough Surveyor on the reasons for the flooding of portion of the North Main St. He now read the Surveyor's report. Mr. McNally stated that he had visited Selskar within half an hour of the flooding and pointed out that the main sewers were not highly efficient and it was quite easy to conceive the surcharging of the low level sewers in time of rain storms. He saw the rain storm in question and it would be necessary to provide the necessary storm-water drains to take such rain. On the question of the cleaning of gully traps Mr. McNally stated this was done regularly by the scavengers and periodically by a special arrangement. In his opinion, flooding did not occur through any negligence on the part of the Corporation it was simply a case where neither gullies nor sewers were able to take off the flood water quick enough. In fact, the Selskar/Slaney Street Junction sewer for a short period back flooded through the gully traps and when he visited the scene shortly after the intense rain had ceased and the flooding subsided mud was left behind which obviously came from sewers higher up. The gully traps were not defective. In this connection it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit details of the special arrangement by which gully traps were cleaned periodically and arising out of this matter the attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to the condition of the footpath at King Street where a public service had been laid some time ago and the footpath had subsided in the centre.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to the condition of the drains at South Main Street and Stonebridge with instructions to examine and report thereon.

#### PURCHASE OF HOUSES AT FAYTHE FROM MRS. MURPHY.

The next business was to consider a report from the Borough Surveyor on the proposed purchase of houses at Faythe from Mrs. Murphy which was adjourned from last meeting and as there appeared to be a divergence of opinion as to the exact location of these dwellings it was agreed that His Worship, The Mayor, accompanied by Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Hadden would inspect the dwellings on Saturday next, the 6th instant.

#### RELIEF GRANTS

The County Manager submitted proposals for the relief grant work during the Winter of 1951/52 which were unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, but in this connection Alderman Sinnott again referred to proposals made by him on previous occasions and these grants should be devoted to the development of housing sites, this providing employment as well as reducing the cost of Housing Schemes.



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ROAD FROM WATERLOO TO DAVITT

Dr. Haddon suggested to the County Manager that steps should be taken to acquire the necessary land to construct a new road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road as soon as possible.

LICENCE FOR DANCING AT  
TOWN HALL.

It was explained to the meeting that at the recent Licensing Sessions the District Justice had refused to grant a Licence in respect of the Town Hall for dancing until an emergency staircase was provided. Plans for such a staircase were now submitted to the meeting and the Manager intimated that the staircase would cost approximately £150. and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris that the plans be approved and the necessary financial accommodation be made available.

In this connection Councillor Kevin Morris again referred to the need for an office in the Town Hall for the collection of money and urged the County Manager to have this provided as soon as possible.

FUEL SCHEME

Circular letter No. HA/13/51 from the Department of Social Welfare on the proposed Fuel Scheme for the Winter 1951/52 was submitted. This showed that the contribution from recipients in respect of Pensions or Unemployment Assistance had been increased from 6d. in previous years to 1/6d. in the coming season and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to protest to the Minister for Social Welfare against this increase which offset to the exception of 1/- per week the recent increase of 2/6d. granted to Old Age Pensioners.

WINTER GRANTS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that in view of the increase in the Unemployment figure in Wexford the Corporation urge the County Manager to immediately put into operation works under the Autumn and Winter Relief Grants.

Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to, but it was seen that proposals for the Relief Grant had already been approved by the present meeting of the Corporation and the Manager undertook to try and have sanction to the proposals expedited.

NEW BRIDGE

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Corporation urge the County Council to proceed with the erection of the new bridge.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was also unanimously agreed to although the County Manager pointed out that no Bridge Order had yet been received from the Department and consequently the County Council were not in a position to proceed further, but he promised to request the Department to expedite the preparation of the necessary Order.

NEW SEWER AT DISTILLERY RD.

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that employment of men

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on the new sewer at Distillery Road was entirely a matter for the Borough Surveyor and in this connection Councillor Cullimore explained that he understood a number of pipes stored on the Distillery Road had been broken, but the County Manager and Town Clerk pointed out that they had been on the work on Saturday and examined the pipes and could see no evidence of damage.

#### COAL BOXES

Reference was made to the provision of covers for coal boxes for the Devereaux Villas houses and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report.

#### CRUCIFIX FOR ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that the cost of the provision of a complete crucifix at St. Ibar's Cemetery would amount to £100. - £150, according to size and it was decided to obtain local quotations for the provision of a Cross and to leave the question of a Figure to a later date.

#### LOAN FOR WATERLOO HOUSES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £34,000. to finance the erection of 22 houses at Waterloo Road.

The meeting then terminated.

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22nd October, 1951.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Building at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk, (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Sinnott, Corish and Gaul.

Councillors: Howlin, Bradders, Cullimore, Hadden, James Morris and Kevin Morris.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced HisWorship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and children of the late William Hanrahan who for a number of years was foreman on the Corporation Direct Labour Housing Schemes. 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.

#### DISMISSAL OF MEN ON HOUSING SCHEMES.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the dismissal of a number of unskilled workers on on the Bishopswater Housing Site the County Manager read the following report which he had prepared for the Corporation:-

"In compliance with the request of the Corporation I have given continuous attention to the Corporation Housing Scheme at Bishopswater for the past 14 days.

In order to get a clear picture of the present situation I would recall the position as created when the Corporation initiated the Direct Labour Building of houses at Slippery Green in the Summer of 1948. At that time a Contractor was engaged on building 16 houses for the Corporation. Progress was slow; the need for houses was great. The Corporation was perturbed by the slowness of the progress, and advertisements were issued inviting tenders for the 72 other houses to be built upon the Site.

Largely as a result of a visit from the then Minister for Local Government, the late Mr. T. J. Murphy, it was decided to embark upon the building of the 72 houses on this site by Direct Labour. The first Employment Return of this Scheme was made by the Housing Engineer in June, 1948, when two skilled men were employed and 23 unskilled. An Organisation was gradually built up on this site and it was not until the October of 1949 that the Housing Engineer had built his full Organisation of tradesmen and reached the figure of 61 skilled men.

As a result of pressure from the Unions in the Town and as a result of strong suggestions by the Minister for Local Government it was generally understood that every effort would be made to provide continuity of employment for tradesmen. The position existing at the present time indicates that this continuity has been maintained. The last report of the Housing Engineer indicates that 62 tradesmen are employed on the Housing Scheme.

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The number of unskilled workers that can be carried on a Housing Site is governed entirely by the number of tradesmen available. Normally two masons carry one labourer to first floor. From this stage there is a labourer to each mason. As building progresses ancillary employment of unskilled labour is temporarily created on the actual building. When roof level is reached the unskilled content of the work diminishes. Two plasterers normally carry one labourer and carpenters carry a small number of labourers. The preparation of materials for mason and plasterer adds a builders' labourer content. I have examined the position on the Bishopswater Site most carefully and I am satisfied that the Housing Engineer cannot economically carry a greater content of unskilled labour than he is carrying at present. Four masons left the Corporation Scheme to work at Woolworths' reconstruction. Had the Housing Engineer the continued services of these four men and four additional masons he could carry a further eight unskilled men.

To build houses at a cost that will not throw an excessive burden on the rates, the Housing Engineer must use a Direct Labour Organisation with at least the same care as would be taken by a Contractor who builds an Organisation which he hopes will obviate waste effort and leave him a profit on the enterprise. The Housing Engineer is, therefore, in exactly the same position as a Contractor.

The Wexford Corporation has been fortunate in two of the Schemes already completed. The costs of these Schemes are comparable with costs in any part of the State. A third Scheme has been too costly. Rents had to be fixed at a high level and even then an annual deficit is almost certain. If the Corporation's larger Schemes were to end in the same result the Corporation could not continue to build houses without levying a burden on the rates which many ratepayers might find it impossible to bear.

Recently the Corporation's planned programme was referred to. That planned programme is being followed carefully. As soon as houses are available on the Bishopswater Site the present tenants in the Hill St. area will be transferred to these houses and the Site at Hill St. cleared and got ready for building. This is the next step in the Corporation's planned programme and this will be followed in accordance with the Corporation's policy as declared.

I have examined the Site to the South of the Park. There is no room here for the employment of unskilled labour in quantity or time. The site is a level one and requires very little development.

The Corporation generally feel, and I think every thinking person feels, that some attempt should be made immediately to clear up derelict areas in the Town. This will be an expensive form of building but it is one which must be undertaken. Proposals are being prepared in this matter at present.

I would, in conclusion, stress that the Corporation's function is to provide houses to meet the needs of the people of the Town. In providing these houses they must take into consideration as governing factors the cost of the houses and the amount of rent which the ordinary worker can afford to pay. They must consider, too, the rates which the ratepayers of the Town can bear. The need for houses is a paramount consideration but members of the Corporation have always to bear in mind that houses cannot be built if it is not possible to finance their building.

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The employment provided in the erection of houses is a valuable contribution to the welfare of the Community, but houses are not built for the purpose of providing Employment."

This gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which Councillor Howlin stated he considered it unsatisfactory as it did not deal with the dismissal of the men and in his opinion there was work available for the Corporation men who had been dismissed. At this stage the Borough Surveyor intimated that some of the men had already been taken on the sewerage Scheme at Distillery Road. Alderman Sinnott stated he was mainly interested in the re-employment of these men and suggested that as many as possible should be employed;

- (1) On the sewerage scheme.
- (2) At the rear of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme where he thought an amount of excavation still remained to be done.
- (3) The clearing of derelict sites.

Alderman Byrne agreed with the suggestion of Alderman Sinnott.

Alderman Corish and Alderman Sinnott also thought that men should be employed in cleaning away the area between the houses fronting Distillery Road and the actual road-way.

Councillor Cullimore referred to the erection of a fence between the Housing Site and the adjoining lands and the Town Clerk pointed out that despite repeated requests the consent of all the owners to the making of this fence had not been received. Councillor Cullimore undertook to have this consent forwarded to the Town Clerk immediately.

The Mayor also very strongly urged the Officials to do their utmost to create schemes of utility which would re-employ these men and suggested that having heard the views of the members, that the matter could be left safely in their hands.

Arising out of a suggestion that work should be commenced on the 34 house-scheme at Newtown the Borough Surveyor pointed out that sometime last year he had submitted Plans to the Department for the erection of a considerable number of houses in this area, but up to the present only 34 had been drafted and a decision on the remainder was deferred pending discussions between himself and an Officer of the Department.

The 34 approved would not give employment to unskilled labourers as all the roads had been laid and the only work would be the connection of house drains to the sewer at Whiterock View.

Councillor Dr. Hadden thought that Schemes with large unskilled labour content should be at the disposal of the Officials so that an Emergency such as the present would not arise.

Councillor Howlin also stated that he was aware Officials from the Direct Labour Organisations had been in Wexford lately offering tradesmen more advantageous terms than they had been received from the Wexford Corporation.

Eventually it was decided to examine immediately the possibility of commencing :-

- (1) The erection of the fence around the Bishopswater Site.
- (2) The provision of a sewerage system for the Newtown Site.
- (3) The making of blocks for future schemes on this Site.

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A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on two houses at Parnell St. which it had been suggested at a previous meeting should be acquired by the Corporation. To repair the houses would cost approximately £400. and it was stated by His Worship, The Mayor that the owner Mr. James Williams, Whiterock was prepared to dispose of them for the sum of £400. each. It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin to purchase the dwellings, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and to repair them in accordance with the estimate of the Borough Surveyor.

It was further suggested if and when the houses had been acquired and repaired they should be sold to the occupiers on a Tenant Purchase basis.

DERELICT SITE - MANN'S LANE

The County Manager referred to the Derelict Site at Mann's Lane, South Main St. and asked the Corporation to make a decision as to what use the site would be put. It was pointed out that a suggestion had been made some couple of years ago to erect a public convenience there, and on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare Plans, etc. for the erection of a public convenience on this site.

Reference was also made to a Derelict site at Stonebridge Lane which would become vested in the Corporation within the coming week, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris it was unanimously agreed to clear the site and to offer it for sale.

Arising out of this discussion the Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to have a sign "Ladies" painted inside the door of the public convenience at Selskar and was also to examine the possibility of providing a sign at Selskar St. indicating the position of the convenience.

DERELICT WALL - TRINITY ST. HOUSES

Councillor Gaul referred to the Derelict Wall at the rear of the Trinity St. houses and the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had that day accepted a tender for the material to provide a wire fence. The members stated that a fence as suggested by the Borough Surveyor was useless and requested the County Manager to inspect the place himself with the Borough Surveyor as soon as possible and in this connection Alderman Corish again referred to the flooding of No. 10 and the Manager also promised to look into this matter.

HOUSE AT DAVITT ROAD NORTH - QUESTIONS  
RAISED BY ALDERMAN

The following four questions were addressed by notice to the County Manager by Alderman Byrne.

- (1) If a back-kitchen was purchased by the Manager at Davitt Road South.
- (2) To state what price was paid for same.
- (3) With whose authority this purchase was made.
- (4) If he will state the Section of the Management Act empowering the Manager to formulate Policy without reference to the elected representatives.

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In reply to No. (1) it was stated that the Manager did not purchase the back-kitchen in question. Consequently No. (2) did



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not arise. As regards No. (3) it was pointed out that the County Manager had ample power under the County Management Act to purchase this property if he so desired and as regards No. (4) the Manager did not feel obliged to quote any Sections for the information of the Alderman as if the Alderman or Corporation at any time considered the Manager had exceeded his duties or powers they had the remedy in their own hands. It was further pointed out that the Manager had at all times consulted with the Corporation on any matters of this kind and would continue to do so in the future.

As regards the question of rent, whether or not the back-kitchen was purchased, the rent of this house would be increased as would the rent of any other house becoming vacant where circumstances warranted and justified a reasonable increase in the rent.

Arising out of this matter His Worship, the Mayor complained that he had been an applicant for this house and stated that when he approached the County Manager the Manager had definitely promised him the tenancy.

The County Manager denied the suggestion of the Mayor and intimated that if he said anything to him it was to the effect that he should be an applicant. The matter dropped.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The next business was to consider correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce and the Wexford Trades Council regarding the proposed traffic regulations in the Town and a sharp divergence of opinion was apparent between the two Bodies. The Trades Council were unanimously in favour of one-way traffic in the Main St. and the Chamber of Commerce were unanimously opposed to it. The Chamber of Commerce suggested that a further meeting should be held of a similar type to that held on the 8th inst. to consider this whole matter of traffic in the Town.

Some members held that the entire Corporation should be present at this meeting, others - that only representatives who would report back to the Corporation on the decisions arrived at. Eventually Alderman Gaul proposed and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion that a small Committee be set up consisting of representatives of the Garda Síochána, Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council, Federated Union of Employers, Drapers and Boot Merchants' Association and four members of the Corporation.

Alderman Byrne further proposed that the entire Corporation should be present and Councillor Broaders seconded.

On a vote being taken five members voted for the amendment and six against which was accordingly declared lost and it was agreed that the following represent the Corporation at the proposed Conference, namely, Alderman Byrne, Councillors Kevin Morris, James Morris, Hadden and the Mayor.

#### STREET GULLIES

Arising out of a report from the Borough Surveyor on the cleaning of street gullies some members held that a decision had been arrived at some few years ago that one man be employed whose duty would be, amongst other things, to keep the street gullies clean at all times, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that sufficient work would not be available for one man and the gullies were regularly cleaned by the present Corporation Staff.

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It was decided, however, that the County Manager should look up his original Order on this matter and take appropriate steps.

ANIMAL DRINKING TROUGH

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the condition of the animal drinking trough outside the premises of the Wexford Gas Works and the Surveyor stated he was informed the cause of the fouling of this was due to the workers of the Gas. Co. washing their hands in it.

ABSENCE OF LIGHTS

Complaint was made regarding the absence of lights at Waterloo Road and it was stated that the waste pipe from some of the houses there had been cut away. It was decided to draw the attention of the Garda to this matter and the County Manager was to examine the possibility of replacement.

LEVEL CROSSING BATT ST.

At the request of Councillor Broaders the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the condition of the approach to the level crossing at Batt St.

DUMP AT REDMOND ROAD, ETC.

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to an alleged dump at Roche's Road and to the footpath at Charlotte Street and to the failure of C.I.E. to stop the Boat train at Wexford South Station.

The meeting then terminated.

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5th November, 1951.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair.).

Aldermen: James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: George Hadden, John Howlin, James Morris, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Kevin Stafford and Michael Broaders.

Borough Surveyor

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

#### MINUTES

When the minutes of the October meetings were presented for signature Alderman Byrne objected on the grounds that at the last meeting a question had been raised regarding the opening of a road-way and a sewer connection at John St. which did not appear on the Minutes. The Town Clerk pointed out that on the occasion he had been asked if he had received a letter from the Town Council regarding this particular matter and replied that he had referred it to the Borough Surveyor who personally intimated to the meeting that he had not had an opportunity of preparing a report for that meeting. He (Town Clerk) considered the matter an administrative one and he now had the report of both the Borough Surveyor and County Manager available. Alderman Byrne thereupon withdrew his objection intimating that he would ask for the report before the close of the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Sinnott the Minutes as submitted (copies of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter was read from the family of the late William Hanrahan acknowledging a vote of sympathy passed with them at the last meeting in their recent bereavement.

A letter was also read from C. I. E. regarding the suggestion of the Corporation that the Dublin/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train should be stopped at Wexford South Station for the convenience of passengers in the South end of the Town. The Chairman of the Co. quoted a report he had received from the Traffic Manager pointing out the difficulties and asked the Corporation's suggestion in this matter, but most of the members considered that the attitude of C. I. E. in this matter was most unreasonable and it was unanimously agreed that the question should be referred back to C. I. E. for further consideration and also to the Minister for Industry and Commerce. In this connection reference was made to the fact that the Boat Train had been stopped at Wexford South Station for the purpose of dropping off a wagon of live stock.

#### FREE FUEL SCHEMES

A letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare in connection with the Corporation's resolution protesting against the increase in the recipients' contribution from 6d. in previous years to 1/6d. for the Winter (1951-52) period. The Minister stated that having considered all the relative factors it was not possible to accede to the Corporation's request to reduce the contribution to the old figure. Aldermen Byrne and Sinnott and Councillor Kevin Morris protested against the decision of the Minister and it was decided to refer it back for further consideration.

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### KING STREET FLOODING

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that the Corporation's proposal to construct a tunnel from King Street to Trinity Street as portion of the proposed Town Sewerage Scheme was not considered a suitable scheme for a Grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. After some discussion it was decided to refer back this question to the Minister pointing out that the construction of such a tunnel would prevent flooding in the area and asking for the Minister's reasons why the proposal was not considered suitable.

### COLLECTOR FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY B.

A letter was read from the E.S. B. regarding the suggestion of the Corporation that a Collector should be re-appointed and that the consumers should be allowed to pay their accounts by instalments. The Board stated that with their present system of Office-collection consumers were entitled to pay their two-monthly accounts by such instalments as suited them provided the current account was completely discharged before the next two-monthly account became due.

Arising out of this matter complaint was made regarding the lighting of the Distillery Road and the Town Clerk promised to inspect the area in the near future with a representative of the E.S. B.

The Town Clerk also promised to examine the position of the pilot lights on the Main Street as complaints had been made to members that early morning workers found it difficult to travel.

### FOOTPATH AT KING STREET

A letter was read from the County Engineer acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution regarding the condition of the footpath at King Street and stated that the matter was having attention.

### ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF THE MAYOR

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the annual allowance of the Mayor be increased to defray the extraordinary expenses recently incurred by him. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the correct procedure should be to rescind the resolution of the 1st October, 1951 rejecting a motion by Councillor Howlin to increase the annual expenses allowance of the Mayor. He pointed out that it was the normal procedure of Public Bodies that such a Resolution must be rescinded before another resolution of a similar nature was proposed within a period of six months. Councillor Morris strongly objected to this procedure and Alderman Sinnott moved that the resolution of the 1st October be rescinded. Alderman Gaul seconded. After a lengthy and acrimonious discussion, however, Councillor Kevin Morris intimated that he would withdraw the motion standing in his name, and the matter dropped.

### NEW FLOOR FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that a new floor and furniture be provided for the Council Chamber. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by Alderman Sinnott and Howlin. Councillor Kevin Morris objected, however, on the grounds that it was not necessary and it was eventually agreed that the Borough Surveyor be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a floor for the Council Chamber and for its heating but in this connection Councillor Kevin Morris suggested that the old anthracite stove in the former Council Chamber at Cornmarket should be utilised for the purpose of heating the present Council Chamber.



In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that an immediate survey be made to determine the number of houses still required to house the people of Wexford and that the necessary arrangements be made to have the required number erected by Direct Labour. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion. Councillors Kevin Morris and Cullimore opposed the motion until costings were available for the 128-houses Scheme at Bishopswater.

In the discussion which followed the Mayor thought that the next Housing Scheme should be, if possible, divided equally between a Contractor and the Direct Labour Organisation and whilst Councillor Dr. Hadden supported the motion he doubted the wisdom of committing the Corporation at this stage to complete direct labour building. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation were already committed by Resolution to the erection of 34 houses on the site known as the "Park Road" by direct labour and the erection of houses at Hill Street and Monument Place and on a Poll being taken there voted for Councillor Howlin's motion ;

Councillors, Broaders, Stafford, James Morris, Howlin, Hadden, Aldermen; Sinnott, Byrne, Corish, Gaul and His Worship, The Mayor, (10).

Against ;

Councillors Kevin Morris and Cullimore. (2).

Councillor Howlin's motion was accordingly declared carried.

#### "RESERVOIR" OF WORK

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hadden moved that steps be taken to obtain approval to so much of the proposed main drainage scheme as would provide a "reservoir" of work for unskilled labourers temporarily dispensed from Housing Schemes, etc. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and it was unanimously agreed to and the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that during the previous week an Inspector of the Department of Local Government was in Wexford in connection with the proposed Relief Grants for the coming Winter. During the course of his visit he intimated that the file in connection with the Corporation's main drainage scheme had been referred to him and the Town Clerk stated that the Manager had requested the Inspector to examine at his earliest convenience that portion of the Scheme relating to the John Street sewer.

The Manager understood that this was being done and it was hoped for early approval to the proposal when work would be commenced immediately and in addition it was possible that the County Council would then agree to complete the resurfacing of this Street.

#### FAIR GREEN

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Hadden moved that steps be taken to establish a Fair Green in accordance with the recommendation of the late Town Planning Adviser, Mr. R. Donnelly at Redmond Road. While Councillor Hadden did not consider that an immediate change of the Fair should take place he was perturbed lest the necessary land which had been provisionally suggested by the Town Planner be acquired by private individuals for other purposes and thought that the Corporation should proceed to acquire the requisite area for the Fair Green and then commence to plan it in course of time. Councillor James Morris seconded this motion but on the suggestion of the Mayor a decision was deferred to enable the Town Clerk to obtain the views of the County Committee of Agriculture on their suggestion.



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### ERECTION OF TENANT PURCHASE HOUSES

At the request of the Wexford Trades Council it was agreed that a survey should be made with a view to the erection of a row of Tenant Purchase houses at Talbot St. and in connection with a further request from the same Body, that the Park Road and Hill St. Sites be built on as soon as possible.

### WATERMAINS

It was pointed out that the Officials of the Corporation were successful in securing a quotation for early delivery of watermains for the Park Road Site and that a decision on the quotation would be made within the next day or two. As soon as the pipes and fittings were on the site work would be commenced laying them.

### FUEL SCHEME

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin asked the Town Clerk the cause of the delay in distributing Fuel Vouchers on the 2nd instant. In reply the Town Clerk stated that the Local Government Auditor had insisted that some method should be devised to enable him to check from the blocks of the vouchers the individual persons who received them. As a result of the Auditor's decision he (Town Clerk) had delegated three members of his Staff to commence a system of compiling a Register of recipients on the 2nd instant and whilst only 250 persons had applied on the day in question for Fuel Vouchers (as against the normal 5-600) it had taken them approximately 2½ hours to deal with this matter. It was thought by the Authorities that the number of each recipients Pension Book should be inserted on the block but having regard to the number of digits used in numbering the Pension Books he (Town Clerk) was of opinion that it would take at least half-a-minute to deal with an individual application again the Officials entered a number, received a contribution and handed out the voucher, as well in order to prevent any person from receiving two vouchers in the one week it was necessary to mark on the block of the Pension Book indicating that they had received a voucher in respect of that week, also Officials had to guard against loss in change, counterfeit money, etc. for which they were responsible. The Town Clerk also stated that time permitting he proposed to personally supervise the distribution of the fuel in the near future with a view to designing a system which would satisfy the Auditor, the Department of Social Welfare and all concerned but he also intimated that delays during the next 3-4 weeks would be inevitable.

### 16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on an inspection made with the County Manager on the 25th ultimo of the yards and rear walls of the Trinity St. houses. It was admitted that whilst agreeing that three of the yards were unprotected it was noticed that this was caused by neglect of the former owners, through the passage of time, and through the carelessness of the tenants.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Howlin to provide a further £150. to enable proper protection to be provided against trespass from the rear of these dwellings. It was also unanimously agreed that when these houses were completed a Scheme should be prepared for the sale of these houses to the occupiers on the Tenant Purchase System. Alderman Sinnott referred to defective gully traps in two of the yards of these houses and the Borough Surveyor promised to have these attended to.

Reference was also made to the Arch way in the centre of the Trinity St. house and it was decided that this should be retained at the expense of the Corporation.



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JOHN ST. SEWER

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a sewer connection made at Lower John St. a short time ago together with a letter from the County Manager, under date of the 31st ultimo. After hearing the two reports it was decided to take no further action in the matter. Reference was made to the condition of the surface of the roadway where the drainage had been made and the Manager intimated that he would take the matter up with the County Engineer the following day.

OFFER OF TENANT PURCHASE SYSTEM  
TO TENANTS OF ST. ENDA'S.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to offer tenants of the St. Enda's Terrace houses the option of purchasing their dwellings for the sum of £500. each to be paid either in cash or over a period of years on the Tenant Purchase System.

OTHER MATTERS

In connection with the Faythe area Alderman Hadden asked the County Manager to expedite a survey of the area.

Reference was made to the condition of the Gull boxes at Devereaux Villas and to the footpath at No. 6, Green St. and these matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor for reports.

The meeting then terminated.

*Michael Pluss*

12th November, 1951.

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

The members present were:-

Councillor Michael Flusk, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: James Sinnott, James Gaul, Nicholas Corish and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: K. C. Morris, J. J. Morris, Broaders Hadden, and Stafford.

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

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

The members considered the various claims of the Old Age Pensioners and a record of their decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The main item to consider was the Consulting Engineer's report on the proposed installation of a mechanically driven pumping plant at Edenvale.

As the report was a very lengthy document Mr. McNally had briefly reported on it and this was read to the members.

The members agreed in principle to the installation of a mechanically driven pumping plant to the existing 8" main to Coolree but there was a difference of opinion as to whether it should be driven by electric motors or diesel engine. Some members favoured electric motors but fears were expressed that electricity might be rationed when it would be most needed and so defeat the object of the pumps, while others favoured the diesel engine but were of opinion that owing to the danger of rising costs in fuel oil that the running of these motors might prove prohibitive.

Eventually after a very long and instructive discussion it was unanimously decided to hold a special meeting next week at any day which would suit the convenience of the Consulting Engineer who was directed to be present there.

The meeting then terminated.

*Special Flusk*



21st November, 1951.

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

Councillor Michael Flusk, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen Sinnott, Byrne and Corish.

Councillors: Howlin, J. Morris, K. Morris, Broaders and Hadden.

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

#### WATERWORKS

At the outset His Worship, the Mayor, after welcoming Mr. Maconchy, representative of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, to the meeting, explained that this meeting had been called for the purpose of considering Messrs. Delap & Waller's report on the proposed installation of a mechanically driven pumping plant at Edenvale and went on to explain that the main points of differences between the members at a previous meeting on this matter had been on the advisability of having an electrical driven pumping plant as against a Diesel oil one. Alderman Sinnott was more or less sceptical of this new scheme and questioned the Consultant as to the necessity for the future of an auxiliary storage reservoir.

Mr. Maconchy informed the meeting that if No. (1) Scheme were adopted it would definitely abolish rationing; if and when the Town grows larger, greater demands are made on the water supply it might be necessary to adopt No. (2) Scheme which would cost approximately £30,000.

In answer to Alderman's Sinnott's query regarding the storage reservoir at Hayestown he estimated that present prices of this would cost approximately £50,000. He suggested that the Borough Surveyor get spares for all classes of pipes as the mechanical pumping plant in an endeavour to get more water to Coolree must of necessity increase pressure in the pipes with a resultant danger of a burst. He went on to explain the relevant costs as between electricity and oil and calculated that a  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per unit increase in electricity would be equal to approximately  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gallon increase in oil. To further allay the fears of the members he informed the meeting that in his opinion even in emergency a vital service such as our waterworks would not be subject to a ration for either electricity or oil.

The County Manager raised the question of the necessity for a mechanic in attendance on a diesel engine and Councillor Howlin in reply stated that personally he thought there would be no objection to the present man carrying on. ✓

The question of the escape of oil being a source of damage to fish in the River was also raised and it was agreed by all the members that this danger would be negligible.

Eventaully, after a long discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Morris that the Corporation agree to the installation of a diesel oil engine at Coolree and that a special meeting be called for Monday next, 26th instant to ratify this proposition.

The meeting then terminated.

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26th November, 1951.

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

Councillor Michael Flusk, Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.

Councillors: J. Morris, K. Morris, Cullimore, Howlin and Broaders.

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

#### FLOODING IN ITALY

At the outset His Worship, the Mayor informed the meeting that he had been handed a Cheque for the sum of £70. 2. 6. from the Firm of Messrs. Philip B. Pierce & Co. for the relief of the distress caused in Italy by the recent heavy flooding in the valley of the Po River. He had handed this Cheque to the Administrator Rev. John Butler and he now wished to place on record his sincere thanks and that of the other members of the Corporation and the citizens of the Town, to this Firm for initiating this collection. Mr. Pierce and his Staff were to be heartily congratulated on their magnificent gesture. All the members and the County Manager and Acting Clerk associated themselves with this vote of thanks.

#### WATERWORKS

The meeting had been convened for the purpose of ratifying a Resolution of the 21st instant agreeing to the proposed installation of a mechanically driven pumping plant at Edenvale. Alderman Byrne proposed that this Resolution be adopted. Alderman Sinnott seconded and asked if there had been any word from the Consulting Engineers, if they had contacted the E. S. B. with a view to having a reduction in their charges and the Acting Clerk read a letter from the Engineer stating that he had been in touch with the E. S. B. head Office but regretted to state he was informed that their Regulations forbade such a reduction.

Councillor K. Morris proposed that this motion be adjourned to the monthly meeting due to be held on the 3rd prox. for the purpose of obtaining more information on this subject and this proposition was seconded by Councillor Cullimore. These latter Councillors thought that a second opinion should be sought on this Scheme as they were not yet fully satisfied as to the feasibility of it.

After a short discussion the Mayor called for a show of hands for the amendment for which three members voted for and five against.

On another show of hands the original motion as proposed by Ald. Byrne was carried by Six votes for to two against.

#### WINTER RELIEF SCHEMES

The Mayor told the meeting that he had been approached by a Deputation from the Unemployed who requested some information as to when the Winter Relief Schemes would commence and the County Manager explained that the proposals for these Schemes had been sent to the Department about six weeks ago. He had been in telephonic conversations with the Officials of the Dept. on a few occasions, the last occasion being this afternoon when he was promised by the Department Officials concerned that these proposals would be expedited with the least possible delay. This explanation was considered satisfactory.



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FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BY: ALD. BYRNE.

SECONDED BY: CLR. J. J. MORRIS.

That (1) Expenditure of £15,700. be approved in respect of the acquisition of land and the erection of ten houses at Hill Street and Monument Place;

(2) that expenditure of £50,350. be approved in respect of the acquisition of land and the erection of 34 houses at Newtown; and that both schemes be financed by the application of unused balances of previous loans of £16,500., £90,000., and £205,000. and that the financing of the 7 houses at Distillery Road be also met from these unused balances.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd December, 1951.

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

Councillor Michael Flusk (Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors:-

Hadden, J. J. Morris, K. C. Morris, Cullimore, Stafford, Broaders and Howlin.

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

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the 12th, 21st and 26th October, (copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### MECHANIC IN ATTENDANCE AT EDENVALE.

Arising out of the minutes of the 21st when the County Manager raised the question of the necessity for a mechanic in attendance on a diesel engine and Councillor Howlin's reply stating that he personally thought there would be no objection to the present man carrying on, Councillor Howlin now stated he wished it to be put on record that he also said that he could not guarantee the attitude of the Union on this matter, and thereupon the Minutes were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

C. I. E. re stoppage of train at Wexford South Station and Dept. Local Government re resolution of Corporation requesting the Department to expedite sanction to the main drainage Scheme in Wexford Town, and stating that the technical aspects of the Scheme were under consideration and a further communication would be issued as soon as possible.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne votes of sympathy were passed with the following employees of the Corporation:-

Thomas Crosbie, on the death of his niece.

John Dwyer, on the death of his nephew.

Michael Lacey on the death of his mother.

All the members, the County Manager and Acting Clerk associated themselves with these resolutions and they were adopted in respectful silence.

#### ILLNESS OF TOWN CLERK

Alderman Sinnott stated that he noted with pleasure that the Town Clerk was rapidly recovering from his recent illness and wished him a speedy recovery. The Mayor and other members joined in the sentiments expressed by the Alderman and hoped the Town Clerk would soon be restored to full health.

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A letter was read from the Anti-partition Association inviting some representatives of the Council to a Conference to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst. when the following were delegated to attend:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Howlin and Councillor Stafford.

#### ST. JOHN'S ROAD

In accordance with motion given Alderman Corish requested that St. John's Road be put in a proper condition. He stated that portion of the footpaths where grass had been sown had nearly been completely walked off and in rainy weather was very muddy, and the mud was being carried by the children into the houses in the District. After a long discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter and in the meantime all the members were to visit St. John's Road and see for themselves the condition of the footpaths.

#### Town Hall.

In accordance with motion given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that a resolution passed some 12 months ago agreeing to provide a ticket office at the Town Hall be implemented and Councillor Howlin moved that the emergency exit from the Town Hall be constructed immediately. The County Manager explained that due to a scarcity of skilled labour the Borough Surveyor had been unable to commence the emergency exit but promised that both these jobs would commence on the morning of the 4th inst. This reply was considered satisfactory.

#### HOUSES FOR SALE AT JOHN ST.

Alderman Byrne thought that the Corporation should agree to purchase 11 houses at John St. owned by Mrs. Gerrard, Liverpool, but when it was pointed out that this was the wrong procedure to adopt in cases of this kind owing to the fact that Mrs. Gerrard had not been officially in touch with the Corporation yet on this matter, it was decided that Alderman Byrne write to Mrs. Gerrard requesting particulars of the houses, prices, etc. and that her reply be passed to the Corporation for consideration.

#### L.A. W. ACT, 1949.

Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation be requested to provide works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. Cllr. Howlin seconded this proposition which was passed unanimously.

#### I. R. A. PENSIONS

Resolutions from Sligo Corporation and Dublin Corporation calling on the Government to favourably consider claims put forward by the Old I. R. A. Pensions Committee were also adopted, on the proposition of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

#### DERELICT SITES

Alderman Sinnott proposed that derelict Sites in Town be acquired and cleaned up and either sold for private building or built on by the Corporation. This motion was seconded by Councillor Hadden and agreed to by all the members. The County Manager explained that the Borough Surveyor could not at the present time cope with this extra work and had decided to employ an Engineer to advise about



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a month to do the preliminary mapping in connection with this work at a cost of approximately £50. Councillor Hadden Moved and Ald. Byrne seconded that the County Manager should be authorised to do this.

#### ESTIMATES VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the C. E. O. Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee pointing out that in their estimate for 1952/53 the annual local contribution to be demanded was £1,094. which was an increase of £128. on the previous year's demand. As this amount was in excess of what would be obtained by ld. in the £. from the local rates it was necessary, in accordance with Section 4(1) (d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950 to have same approved by the Corporation, and on the proposition of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, unanimous approval was given.

#### HOUSING (LETTING & MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1950.

A resolution on the subject of above was received from Buncrana U. D. C. which was marked "read" on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

#### TROOP INVESTITURE CEREMONIES

An invitation was received from the Catholic Boy Scouts inviting the Mayor and members to the Troop Investiture Ceremonies at the Town Hall on the 9th instant and it was agreed that any member who was free to go, should attend.

#### RESOLUTION RE CENTRAL BANK

A Resolution on the subject of above was received from the Corporation of Sligo and after a short discussion it was decided that this Resolution be marked "read" on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

#### RESOLUTION RE E.S.B. CHARGES

A copy of an address by the Mayor of Limerick to a meeting, on the subject of the E. S. B. charges was read to the meeting when it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. C. Morris to inform the Mayor of Limerick that they agreed with the particulars outlined therein.

#### I. I. A. RE SHOPS ORDER, 1947.

A Circular on the subject of above was read from the Irish Tourist Association and on the proposition of Councillor K. C. Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne was marked "read."

#### DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

Councillor Howlin was informed that the sewer at Distillery Road would extend only to Turner's house, whereupon he proposed that the Department be requested to extend the sewer to the crossroads. He contended that it would be cheaper to extend this sewer now when the plant and machinery were on the site than at a future date. The proposition was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and passed unanimously.

#### HOUSING ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Housing Engineer's report was discussed at the meeting and it was decided to send each member a copy. Arising out of this Councillor Howlin proposed and Ald. Byrne seconded that the County Manager be requested to do his utmost to keep the men working continuously between now and Xmas.

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LETTER RE MR. WM. TUNMORE.

A letter was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, on the subject of a Street opening by Mr. Tunmore, Contractor, which was marked "read." Arising out of this matter Councillor Howlin wished to be informed if the Borough Surveyor had inspected the joining in the pipe and if the plumbing and pipe from the house to the main was inspected by the Borough Surveyor, and the Acting Clerk promised to have this information for the next meeting.

Arising out of the minutes of previous meetings the following questions were raised and the County Manager intimated that he would take<sup>up</sup> the various matters with the Officials concerned.

Councillor Howlin, re Cc37. Boxes and footpaths at Devereaux Villas.

Alderman Byrne re Wall at Trinity St. houses.

Councillor J. J. Morris re repairs to footpath at Menapia Avenue.

Councillor K. C. Morris re stagnant water at lane leading from Quays and re repairs to houses at Distillery Lane.

RESOLUTIONS

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously resolved that a sum of £12,750. be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the acquisition and repair of 16 houses at Abbey St. and Cornmarket, 16 houses at Trinity St., 4 houses at Wygram, three houses at Temperance Row, two houses at Faythe and two houses at Talbot St.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously resolved to borrow the sum of £10,000., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, for the purchase, reconstruction, decoration and furnishing of the Tate School as Municipal Offices.

The meeting then terminated.

*J. O. Simon*

17th December, 1951.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to a requisition signed by 5 members) at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, Kevin Morris, Hadden and James Morris.

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

In the absence of His Worship, The Mayor ~~throt~~ illness Alderman Sinnott was appointed in the Chair, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

#### DISMISSAL OF MEN ON SEWERAGE

The meeting had been convened to protest against the dismissal of ten men from the Distillery Road Sewer.

Councillor Howlin in moving the protest also protested against the practice which he stated had been creeping into the Corporation of dismissing men without notice and intimated that some of the men whose services had been dispensed with on this job had only got a half-hour's notice. He pointed out that if the services of these men had been dispensed with some two week's earlier they would have been eligible for employment on the Winter Relief Schemes, but even this was now denied to them in the mouth of Christmas.

He therefore proposed that the men be taken back and given at least one week's work before Christmas. The motion was seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Alderman Corish also supported the motion as did Councillor Kevin Morris but he reserved comment until the County Manager and Borough Surveyor had given their views. Councillors James Morris and Dr. Hadden agreed.

The County Manager stated that following representations made to him by Councillor Howlin, on behalf of the men dismissed, he had asked the Consulting Engineer to visit Wexford himself immediately or to send a representative with a view to determining whether further men could be economically employed on the work and asked the Town Clerk to read the report from Mr. O'Connor, the Consultant, dated 11th and 14th inst. In Mr. O'Connor's report of the 11th he pointed out that the work was proceeding very slowly and the final cost would considerably exceed the estimate. He also intimated that he considered<sup>a</sup> cheaper and more satisfactory job would be attained by Contract.

Following the visit of Mr. O'Connor's representative on the 14th he set out the work done and the work remaining to be completed and stated it would not be economically justified to employ a further 10 unskilled men. In view of these reports the County Manager pointed out that he could not under any circumstances override the considered opinion given by the Consulting Engineer and his assistant and was not prepared to re-employ these 10 men on the work. In view of the reports in the County Manager's statement Councillor Howlin withdrew his motion that the men be re-employed.

#### CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Dr. Hadden referred to the administration of the Cheap Fuel Scheme in the Town and stated that accompanied by the Co. Secretary he had visited the old Town Hall recently and viewed the work of distributing the vouchers.

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They found that a considerable amount of hardship was entailed by old people through having to queue up, and submitted a Scheme for the distribution of vouchers other than by the present system. It was pointed out, however, that such a Scheme as envisaged by Dr. Hadden could not come into operation until a new scheme was commenced and the Town Clerk promised to examine the proposals and report on them as soon as possible. In the meantime it was decided that a pigeon hole should be provided in the former Mayor's Office to facilitate the Staff in administering the Scheme as at present.

It was decided that the Borough Surveyor should be present at the next monthly meeting.

As this was the last meeting before the New Year the Chairman extended to all the members and Officials his wishes for a Happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

Before the meeting dispersed it was unanimously agreed at the request of the County Manager and on the proposal of Alderman Jorish seconded by Councillor Howlin that a sum not exceeding £50. be made available for the clearance of Derelict Sites in the Town which would give some work to the dismissed men above referred to, for Xmas.

J. O. Linn

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A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, Hadden, Broaders, Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Stafford and James Morris.

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

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, Alderman Sinnott was unanimously moved to the Chair in the absence, through illness, of His Worship, The Mayor.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the minutes of the Corporation on the 3rd and 17th ultimo, (copies of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Chairman moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Nicholas Byrne a former Mayor of the Borough. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The Chairman also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James McCormack, M.P.S.I., who for a number of years had acted as Compounder of medicine in the Wexford Dispensary District and had also been an outstanding figure in the National movement. This motion was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris and supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and also adopted in respectful silence.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

C. I. E.

A letter was read from C. I. E. referring to a resolution of the Corporation requesting the stopping of the Dublin/Rosslare Express train at Wexford South on the morning and evening journeys. The Company stated that the Corporation's request had again been considered and regretted that they could not agree to the stopping of this train at Wexford South. Alderman Byrne considered that the attitude of C. I. E. was unreasonable, which was supported by Councillor Howlin who suggested that the matter be referred to the five T.D.'s for the County, and if this was not successful that the Corporation should communicate with the Minister for Industry and Commerce on the matter. In this connection it was pointed out by Alderman Corish that this was merely a question of a "halt" and if any traveller required to leave the train at either Killurn or Edormine which were only "halt" Stations the train was bound to stop on request and he regarded Wexford South as being a similar Station. Councillor Hadden asked that in communicating with the T.D.'s it be pointed out that they were not asking an Express train to stop at Wexford South as on the journey from Wexford North to Wexford South the train had to travel at a walking pace along the Quays and consequently had not developed speed; similarly in the case of Wexford South to Wexford North the train had to diminish speed at Wexford South to travel along the Quays at a walking pace and any stoppage at Wexford South would not affect the timetable by two or three minutes.

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CULVERT FROM BISHOPSWATER TO RIVER SLANEY

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the proposal of the Corporation to consider a culvert from Bishopswater to the River Slaney to deal with flood water in the area, under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949. The Minister stated that the proposal submitted to the Department was of a preliminary nature only. The final design and execution of an effective scheme would require comprehensive and specialist treatment and would be outside the scope of the Corporation's capacity to undertake, works of such large dimensions because of the difficulties involved were not considered in connection with the allocation of grants for works under the Act. In reply to queries the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor intimated that it was their personal opinion that the construction of such a culvert as was envisaged by the Corporation and their Consulting Engineer was work which could only be undertaken by a Contractor who would have the necessary plant and machinery at his disposal whereas it appeared to them that work under the Local Authorities (Works) Act was more or less confined to Schemes which could be carried out efficiently by local authorities under the Direct Labour System.

In this connection it was unanimously decided to refer this matter back to the Minister and to point out that with the erection of 128 houses at Bishopswater a large quantity of the flood water from the land on which those houses were being erected was now being concentrated into the Bishopswater Stream and consequently the danger of flooding in the lower areas was considerably increased.

CONDITION OF ST. JOHN'S RD.

The next motion was an adjourned motion by Alderman Corish regarding the condition of St. John's Road. This question again gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which some members held that the road was in a disgraceful condition while others held that it had not got a chance due to motor cars being parked on the grass verge. During the discussion the Town Clerk, in reply to Alderman Corish stated that the total cost of the work was £916. and the estimated cost £416. Eventually Alderman Corish moved that the mud be removed and the road widened. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion and on a poll being taken there voted for: 5

Alderman Sinnott, Corish and Gaul and Byrne & Councillor Howlin. (5)

Against: Councillors James Morris, Stafford, Kevin Morris, Broaders and Hadden, and Cullimore. (6)

The motion was accordingly declared lost.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM ST.

In accordance with notice given by Alderman Byrne a report was read from the Health Inspector on the condition of the house at Michael Street occupied by William Byrne. In the opinion of the Health Inspector the house was unfit for human habitation and could not be made fit at a reasonable cost. The condition of this house was referred to by Alderman Byrne, Alderman Sinnott, Councillors Howlin and Kevin Morris and it was unanimously agreed that Byrne receive priority consideration for the next available cheap house.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation continue the work of numbering houses in the streets and that the next Street be School St. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and Councillor Broaders referred to the condition of the numbering in William St. and it was agreed that this street should be done immediately after School St.



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### HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR WEXFORD

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation strongly press the County Manager to allocate the services of a whole-time Health Inspector for the Town. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Councillor Howlin and unanimously agreed to.

### SITE AT TALBOT STREET

A report on the suitability of a site at Talbot St. for the erection of houses was read. The Surveyor considered the Site a suitable one and Alderman Corish asked the Town Clerk to officially inform the Trades Council who had originally arranged this matter and the Alderman gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory meeting that the Site be acquired.

### NEW FLOOR FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER

The next business was a report from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of a new floor for the Council Chamber. The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the provision of floor in oregon pine was approximately £86. Alderman Corish thereupon moved that the Council approve the provision of a new floor. Alderman Byrne seconded. Councillor Kevin Morris, however, strongly objected to any money being spent on the Council Chamber at the present time and thought that too much money had been expended already on office furniture, and fittings. In reply to Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor intimated that the present floor needed replacement. On a show of hands being taken there voted for the provision of a floor (6). (4) Four voted against and (1) one members did not vote. The motion that a floor be provided was declared carried.

Arising out of this discussion on the Council Chamber the Chairman suggested that steps should be taken to have photographs of former mayors collected and hung in the Council Chamber. He pointed out, of course, that he did not mean to incur expenses on the Council and hoped the photographs would be presented by relatives of previous Mayors.

### REPAIRS TO COAL BOXES

A report from the Borough Surveyor showed that it would cost £140. to repair the coal boxes for the Devereaux Villas houses and as the estimate for repairs to Artizans' dwellings in the current year had now been expended it was agreed that the work should be given priority in the Financial Year 1952/53.

The report of the Housing Engineer for the month of December (copy of which had been furnished to the members) was adopted; Alderman Byrne asking that the Engineer be asked to employ an extra plumber.

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris it was agreed to remove the traffic lights at Selskar St. and Stonebridge as they no longer served any useful purpose.

In reply to Councillor /Town Clerk intimated that instructions were given on the 18th December last for the provision of a new light at Waterloo Road and from inquiries he had made this day he was informed that it would be erected during the present week.

Councillor Morris complained that the public lamps on the quays and Main St. were being extinguished at 7-0'clock each morning and moved that they be left on until 8-0'clock.



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Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the Contract provided that the pilot lights be lighted from half an hour after sunset to half an hour after sunrise and would take up the matter with the E. S. B. to see that they were lighting the full time.

#### FAIR GREEN

Correspondence from the County Committee of Agriculture regarding a fair green was submitted. This showed that the County Committee at their last meeting had decided by eight(8) votes to seven (7) to recommend the Corporation not to interfere with the existing fair. At the request of Councillor Dr. Hadden consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

#### DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

A revised Estimate from Mr. Thomas O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Distillery Road Sewer showed his original estimate would be considerably exceeded. The original estimate was £3,872. 5. 0. and the revised estimate £5,849. which envisaged the completion of the work by mid-January. It was not thought possible that this could be done and consequently the estimate would have to be further increased. The actual expenditure on Wages to the 31st December amounted to £2,488. In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that considerable delay had been experienced in carrying out this work due to weather and subsidence of the trenches and eventually Councillor Howlin moved that consideration of this whole Scheme be adjourned to a special meeting to be held on the 21st instant. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Town Clerk be authorised to apply to the Minister for Local Government for the raising of a loan of £6,500. to finance this work instead of the original loan applied for and that pending completion of the necessary mortgage Deed, that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation on the Capital Account in the sum of £6,500.

#### QUESTIONS RAISED BY ALDERMAN

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish asked the following questions:-

- (1) Why the road at Waterloo had not been completed before Xmas, and in reply the Town Clerk stated he was informed by the Housing Engineer that the telegraph pole which was in his way had not been removed before Xmas week and since then the weather had been against carrying out concrete work.
- (2) The next question by the Alderman was the estimated and actual cost of work on the Relief Grant at Byrne's Lane and St. Aidan's Crescent. The Town Clerk stated that the estimate for the work at Breen's Lane was £1,020. and the actual cost to the 2nd inst. was £367. 12. 2. The estimated cost of the work of St. Aidan's Crescent was £2,960. the actual cost to-date £380. 3. 2.
- (3) A further question by Alderman Corish regarding the estimate and expenditure on the Distillery Road sewer had been dealt with during the general discussion on this.

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The next business was to receive the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Wexford Corporation Accounts for the two years



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decided to adjourn this to a special meeting to be held on the 21st instant.

#### ROADWAY AT FAYTHE

Alderman Sinnott complained of the condition of the roadway opposite No. 101, The Faythe.

#### DOGS IN CEMETERY

He also complained that the Notice prohibiting dogs in St. Ibar's Cemetery except on lead had not been erected.

#### ACCOUNT

Councillor Cullimore referred to an account which had been sent to Mr. Laurence Kelly for the alteration to a footpath at King St., and the actual circumstances under which this work had been done was to be looked up.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Complaint was also made that the people at Whiterock View were not receiving a satisfactory water supply and the Borough Surveyor promised to look into this matter.

#### SEWER CONNECTION

Arising out of a discussion at last meeting on the question of a sewer connection at Lower John St. Councillor Howlin asked the Borough Surveyor if it was a fact that Mr. Tunmore had interfered with the water supply in the Street and the Borough Surveyor stated that he had been informed to this effect but had no official knowledge of it. In this connection the Town Clerk stated that Mr. Tunmore had been informed by him sometime ago that any further breach of the Corporation Regulations dealing with watermain, sewers, footpaths, etc. would be followed by prosecution.

#### GATEWAY AT TEMPERANCE ROW

At the request of Councillor Cullimore the Borough Surveyor promised to try and have a gateway at Temperance Row fixed as soon as possible.

#### OFFER OF SALE OF HOUSES

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to examine and report on the condition of two houses at Bride St. which Mrs. Rose Carroll wished to dispose of to the Corporation together with four houses at Keyser's Lane.

#### TICKET OFFICE FOR TOWN HALL

The Borough Surveyor was also to submit to the next meeting an estimate of providing a ticket office in the Town Hall.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to Overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £7,500. up to 31st March next,

The meeting then terminated.

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A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: James Sinnott, James Gaul, Nicholas Corish and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris, Kevin Stafford, James Morris and George Hadden.

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

On the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris it was agreed that Alderman Sinnott should preside in the absence of His Worship, The Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Marks Kearns, temporary employee of the Corporation who had taken suddenly ill at his work during the past week and died after a short time. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne a resolution of sympathy was also unanimously adopted with Aer Lingus and the relatives of the victims of the recent air disaster. This motion was also spoken to by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

#### SEWER AT DISTILLERY ROAD

The first business on the Agenda was to consider the provision of a new sewer at Distillery Road which had been the subject of discussion at recent meetings. It was intimated that owing to a prior engagement, the Consulting Engineer, Mr. T. J. O'Connor was unable to be present and it was thereupon decided; on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that consideration be adjourned to a special meeting to be arranged by the Town Clerk, after consultation with the Engineer, so that he might be present and that prior to the next meeting copies of various reports of the Consulting Engineer on this sewer be circulated to the members.

#### REPORT OF L. G. AUDITOR

The next business was to consider the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ending 31st March, 1949 and 31st March, 1950.

At the outset the County Manager made a lengthy statement dealing with various aspects of the Auditor's report, particularly, Finance, Municipal Rates, Water Rents, Artizan's Dwellings, Refunds of Rates, Cheap Fuel Scheme, Sale and Hire of materials, Overpayments and Cemetery.

Councillor Howlin stated that after reading the report he had come to the conclusion that the Auditor had gone out of his way to find fault and gave no credit whatever for the many things that had been perfectly carried out, and thought that the report was a document of persecution.

Alderman Byrne also stated that the comments of the Auditor were completely unjustified.

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Alderman Corish dealt with the report seriatim and finally paid tribute to the Staff for the amount of work they had done in connection with the Housing Drive during the period of audit without any appreciable increase to their numbers.

Councillor Kevin Morris stated that he was convinced the whole thing was a scare but did raise questions regarding the allocation of the Town Hall for dancing and intimated that he would give notice of motion to have certain aspects of these dealt with at the next meeting.

Councillor Dr. Hadden also congratulated the Staff on coming so well out of an audit which was, he stated, inhuman in its exactness.

Councillor James J. Morris also complimented the Staff on coming so well out of the audit.

The Chairman then reviewed the whole position and stated that after hearing the report of the County Manager he was perfectly satisfied that the Corporation and Ratepayers had nothing to fear as a result of the report which was before them. There may have been, he said, certain errors but he felt sure that these would be rectified in the future and having regard to the extraordinary amount of money, namely, a half-million Pounds which had passed through the hands of the Staff it was very comforting to know that not one penny had been unaccounted for.

#### TENDERS FOR LEAD BENDS, ETC.

Tenders for lead bends, etc. were then opened and initialled by the Chairman and referred to the Housing Engineer, for a report.

#### DAMAGE BY LORRY

Councillor Hadden referred to damage done by a lorry to the grass verge at St. John's Road recently and pointed out that this was an offence punishable by Law and hoped it would not be necessary to refer to it again and take any legal action.

The meeting then terminated.

*Special Clause*



25th January, 1952.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders and James Morris.

The County Manager, Mr. Thomas J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that Alderman James Sinnott should preside.

#### DISTILLERY SEWERAGE

The meeting had been called to discuss with Mr. O'Connor the position of the Distillery Road Sewerage. The original estimate for this Scheme was £3,872. 5. 0. and it now appeared that this would be considerably increased. A very lengthy discussion followed, during which a number of questions were put to and answered by the Consulting Engineer regarding the original estimate, organisation and the carrying out of the work. Members were particularly annoyed regarding the method of shoring the trench and pointed out that this had not been done until a considerable amount of the trench had been excavated and after portion of it had collapsed.

During the discussion it was pointed out by the Engineer that his estimate was originally based on what a Contractor would carry out the work for but that as a fresh organisation had to be set up and plant provided to carry out the work by Direct Labour he did not think his original estimate was sufficient to cover the carrying out of the work by this method and intimated that he would go into the original estimate again in detail having regard to the method of construction.

As there seemed to be a division of opinion between the Consulting Engineer and the Borough Surveyor as to who was responsible for the actual supervision on the site and as the members were not in a position to decide this question, the following resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor: John Howlin.

Seconded by Alderman : Nicholas Corish.

and unanimously resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make available the assistance of an Engineering Inspector to consult with the County Manager and advise the Manager and Corporation on matters arising out of the construction of a sewer at Distillery Road with particular reference to the cost of the work and its organisation."

*Michael Pluse*



4th February, 1952.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (Councillor Michael Flusk) in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Nicholas Corish, Thomas Byrne and James Gaul.

Councillors: James Morris, John Howlin, Michael Broaders, George Hadden and Kevin Stafford.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of meetings on the 7th, 21st and 25th ult. (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting) were, <sup>Howlin</sup> on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor, taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to request the five T. D.'s for the County to interest themselves in representations which had been made, without avail, by the Corporation to C. I. E. to have the Dublin/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train stopped at Wexford South Station, Acknowledgements were read from each of the T.D.'s enclosing copy of a letter they had received from the Traffic Manager of C. I. E. From this it was seen that despite efforts of the T.D.'s the Railway Co. were not prepared to meet the wishes of the Corporation in this matter, and after some discussion it was decided that further representations be made by the Town Clerk to the Company.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late Nicholas Byrne, James McCormack and from the Chairman and Directors etc. of Aer Lingus.

#### ROAD/WAY AT FAYTHE

Arising out of a complaint made at last meeting by Alderman Sinnott regarding a hole in the road-way at the Faythe, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had inspected the damage which was of a trivial nature and that he had instructed the foreman to have repairs carried out whenever tar-patching work was being done in the neighbourhood.

#### STREET OPENINGS

Arising out of this matter His Worship, The Mayor called attention to a number of Street Openings in the Town which required repair and asked the County Manager to give immediate instructions to the Borough Surveyor to have such repairs carried out.

#### WATER SUPPLY AT WHITEROCK

A report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the water supply at Whiterock View was considered satisfactory.

#### EXTRA PLUMBER

A letter was read from the Housing Engineer on the subject of representations made at last meeting that a plumber should be employed on the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and the Engineer regretted that owing to shortage of materials he was unable to accede

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to the request of the Corporation.

#### HEADSTONE AT CROSSTOWN

Alderman Sinnott referred to a complaint at last meeting regarding repairs to a headstone at Crosstown Cemetery which had been damaged by a falling tree and in reply the Town Clerk intimated that he had given instructions to the Borough Surveyor to have this repaired and the Alderman now asked the County Manager to interest himself in this matter to have the repairs carried out without further delay.

#### ACQUISITION OF FIELD AT TALBOT ST.

The first business on the Agenda was a motion by Alderman Corish that steps be taken to acquire a field at Talbot St. for the purpose of erecting houses to be sold on the Tenant Purchase System. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by Ald. Byrne and Alderman Sinnott who requested Alderman Corish to embody in his motion that steps be taken to acquire land at Bishopswater owned by Mr. Laurence Kirwan which had been used for some years past as an allotments field. The proposer and seconder of the original motion as well as the members present agreed to Alderman Sinnott's addendum and it was unanimously decided that steps be taken to acquire both the field at Talbot St. and at Bishopswater.

#### FAIR GREEN

The question of the provision of a Fair Green was again adjourned at the request of Councillor Dr. Hadden.

#### SWEEPING OF ST. JOHN'S RD.

The next business was a motion by Alderman Corish that St. John's Road be swept daily. Alderman Corish moved this motion which was seconded by Councillor Howlin and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated he had been informed by the Borough Surveyor that afternoon that no Street in the Town was swept daily except the Main Street and portion of the side streets leading therefrom.

A number of members contended that the statement made by the Town Clerk was completely erroneous and pointed out that from their own experience every Street in the Town, with the exception of the new Housing estates were swept daily. As there appeared to be a difference of opinion on this matter it was decided to adjourn further consideration to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee when the Borough Surveyor would be in attendance.

#### ALLOCATION OF TOWN HALL

The next business on the Agenda was a motion by Councillor Kevin Morris dealing with the allocation, etc. of the Town Hall but this matter was adjourned, owing to the absence of Councillor Kevin Morris, to the next meeting, as was also a motion in the name of the same Councillor that steps be taken to improve conditions regarding the distribution of fuel vouchers.

#### FUEL VOUCHERS

Arising out of this matter of the distribution of Fuel Vouchers Councillor Howlin complained that where two or more pensioners were residing in the one house fuel vouchers were only being issued to one. It was pointed out, however, that where a husband and wife, both in receipt of Pensions, were maintaining a single establishment vouchers were only given to one of them but where two or more persons residing in one house and maintaining separate establishments vouchers were given to each. The Councillor then pointed out that in reply to a recent Parliamentary question the Minister of Social Welfare had said in the Dail that each person in receipt of a Pension was entitled



to a Fuel Voucher and he asked the Town Clerk to communicate with the Minister and have a definite ruling made on this matter.

### MILK PRICES

Motions dealing with the control of milk prices were on the Agenda from Councillors Howlin, Broaders and Alderman Byrne. Since these motions had been tabled the situation regarding the price of milk had ceased inasmuch as the Distributors had informed the Consumers that they did not propose to increase the price. However, Councillor Howlin insisted that his motion calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to re-introduce price control be put to the meeting as he held that without effective control the Consumer was at the mercy of the Suppliers who could raise prices at will whereas if control was in operation they would be bound to appear before a public tribunal to justify their needs for an increase in price which the Consumer would have an opportunity of rebutting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present and unanimously agreed to.

### HOUSING PROGRAMME

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the County Manager intimated that the house-building programme contemplated by him during the current year was:-

- (1) The continuance of the 128 House-Scheme at Bishopswater.
- (2) The commencement and continuance of houses at Hill St. and Monument Place and
- (3) The erection and continuance of houses at Park Road.

In reply to a further query the Manager stated that he did not anticipate that any tradesmen would be laid off during the year nor did he expect any large scale of interference with the employment of labourers.

In reply to a further query the Manager intimated that the survey of derelict sites in the Town had been completed and would come before the Corporation for consideration at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

### DEED OF MORTGAGE

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby Security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of a loan of £1820. for the erection of a public convenience at Selskar St. and, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously resolved "That our Corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a sum of £1820. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948."

The Deed of Mortgage was thereupon sealed and signed by His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Gaul, Alderman Byrne, the Town Clerk and duly witnessed.

### IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

A letter from the Irish Tourist Association requesting an increase in the contribution for the year 1952/53 was referred to the estimates meeting of the Corporation.



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E. S. B. CHARGES

A resolution from a meeting of representatives of Local Authorities held in Limerick on the 17th November, last was next on the Agenda and, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously resolved, that we call on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to hold a Public Inquiry for the purpose of investigating the present scale of charges for the Electricity Supply Board.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The next item on the Agenda was questions of which Notice had been given by members.

COUNCILLOR HOWLIN asked what was the expenditure to-date on wages and haulage in connection with the provision of a road-way at the Municipal Offices under the Employment Relief Scheme. The Town Clerk replied that the Expenditure to-date was:-

Wages.....	£520.	17.	8.
Haulage.....	£165.	12.	0.
Miscellaneous..	£1.	0.	4.
Estimated Insee...	£30.	0.	0.
TOTAL.....	£717.	10.	0.

as against an estimate for the complete work of £1020. 0. 0.

The Councillor stated that in his opinion haulage was not necessary and that the materials hauled away could easily have been spread on the adjoining ground thus providing more work for unskilled labourers. He was not satisfied that the figure given by the Town Clerk was correct and asked that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee for the attendance of the Borough Surveyor and the submission of details of the accounts of the two haulage Contractors employed. The Councillor also queried the rate per hour paid to these two Contractors and stated that one was employed at 12/- per hour and one at 15/- per hour.

As neither the County Manager or Town Clerk had any information of how this discrepancy arose the Manager intimated that he would investigate the matter first thing the following day and would refer to it at the next meeting.

Councillor Howlin further complained that the services of two Haulage Contractors on Relief Grant Work had been dispensed with and that one of them, namely the person who was being paid the higher rate had been employed for the purpose of emptying dust bins. as a result of a breakdown in the Corporation cart, and the Manager also promised to investigate this complaint immediately.

Councillor Howlin in a further question asked what period of work was fixed for men engaged on Relief Schemes; on whose authority the men were dismissed after 59 days employment thereby debarring them from allowances in lieu of holidays by one day; and if it was the policy of the Corporation Officials to thus deprive the workers of their holiday rights.

In reply to these queries the Town Clerk intimated that he had been informed by the Borough Surveyor that the Department Regulations laid down that each man be employed for a period of eight weeks, consequently they would not be in any employment for the purposes of the Holidays (Employment) Act, 1939. He (Town Clerk) merely dealt with the return of the time worked by the men and paid them what they were justly entitled to, in accordance with such time.



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Councillors Howlin, James Morris, Alderman Corish, Sinnott and Byrne protested against the men being laid off within one day for qualifying for benefit under the Act, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the facts be submitted to the Minister for Local Government with a request that the Corporation should be authorised to pay these men as if they had been employed 60 days instead of 59.

Arising out of this and other questions ALDERMAN CORISH moved that the County Manager be requested to instruct the Borough Surveyor to be in attendance at every meeting of the Corporation for the future. Alderman Sinnott seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Corish asked what was the estimate and cost to-date of providing an emergency exit at the Town Hall. He was informed that the original estimate of the Borough Surveyor was £200. 0. 0. A recently amended Estimate was £325. and the actual cost to-date received from the Store that afternoon was £300. approximately.

The members were not at all satisfied with these figures and further consideration of this was also adjourned to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee when the Borough Surveyor would be attendance.

Alderman Corish also asked when it was proposed to erect barriers and signs at the Schools and the Town Clerk replied he understood that the materials for the erection of the barriers had arrived during the past few days and the Borough Surveyor decided to erect them as soon as a mason was available.

A question was also raised regarding the provision of name plates at St. Brendan's Road and Fisher's Row and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to expedite the erection of these plates.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In reply to a special query as to when it was proposed to convene a meeting of the joint Committee on Traffic Regulations the Town Clerk stated that a meeting had been held early in the Autumn. Subsequent to that a further meeting had been decided upon but for various reasons could not be held. He (Town Clerk) had then been ill for some months when he could not attend a meeting and owing to pressure of work at the present time, in connection with the estimates and other business of the Corporation he could not give a definite date for a meeting but would do his utmost to have one convened as soon as possible.

#### NEW FLOOR COUNCIL/CHAMBER

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that the work of providing a new floor in the Council Chamber would be commenced early in March. The Alderman pointed out he was aware that Carpenters were unemployed in the Town and saw no reason why they should not be employed on this work and the County Manager intimated that he would have the matter taken up with the Borough Surveyor as soon as possible.

#### BARRY MEMORIAL

In reply to a question by Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated that he had no information regarding the proposed Barry Memorial since the Corporation had appointed a representative on the Committee set up by the Department of External Affairs. He understood, however, that some of the Department's representatives were in Wexford some time ago and consulted with the Corporation's representative but he did not see them and had no information as to the present position. It was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish that the Town Clerk ask the Department of External Affairs what the present position was.



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BACK-KITCHEN AT LAVITT ROAD SOUTH.

Alderman Byrne asked when the County Manager proposed to seek the permission of the Corporation to purchase a back-kitchen at Davitt Road South formerly occupied by Joseph McEvoy. The Manager pointed out that the Corporation were under no Legal Liability to pay compensation for any improvements made by a tenant without the express wishes of the Corporation obtained in writing beforehand.

The members, however, thought that as this man had made considerable improvements to the dwelling during his occupancy that some compensation should be given and it was unanimously decided to request the County Manager to review the entire matter with a view to the payment of compensation.

16 HOUSES AT TRINITY ST.

In reply to a further query by Alderman Byrne as to when he intended to carry out repairs to the 16 houses at Trinity St. the Manager intimated that it was his intention to put these houses into a reasonable state of repair and to prepare a Scheme whereby the tenants would be given an opportunity of acquiring them on the Tenant Purchase System.

The Borough Surveyor had been instructed some time ago to make a survey setting out what these repairs would cost but to-date he had not received a report from the Engineer and would do his utmost to have it expedited.

QUIRKE'S HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The third question by Alderman Byrne was why the necessary repairs were not carried out to a house at William St. occupied by Quirke. The Town Clerk intimated that he had been informed by the Borough Surveyor that the first intimation he had got that repairs were needed, was on last Saturday when a member of the Quirke Family had called to the Store. He (Town Clerk) understood from the Borough Surveyor that the repairs required were to a staircase and floors but he again pointed out to the members that the allocation for repairs to Artizan's dwellings for the Financial year had already been exceeded and that for some time past only very essential repairs such as damp roofs, etc. were being carried out. He also pointed out that at the Expenses Meeting for 1951/2 the Estimate of £2,000. presented by the Manager had been reduced by the Corporation by £350, thus depriving the Officials of the money necessary to keep the house property of the Corporation in reasonable repair. The Manager further intimated that he would have this house examined with a view to having repairs carried out as soon as possible and also promised to have the Borough Surveyor examine the house at Trinity St. occupied by Furlong where it was stated no fire place existed for cooking purposes.

TREES FOR IRELAND

A letter was read from The Trees for Ireland Association requesting the attendance of the members at a meeting on the 6th instant to make arrangements for an Arbour Day early in March and also requesting the permission of the Corporation to hold the Arbour day at the Distillery Road Plantation.

After a number of complaints had been made by members regarding the STREET LIGHTS being out of commission, which the Town Clerk promised to attend to, the meeting then terminated.

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11th February, 1952.

A special meeting of the Corporation. pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: J. Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, James Morris, Kevin Stafford,  
Michael Broaders and George Hadden.

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

#### SYMPATHY

At the outset His Worship, the Mayor, informed the Members that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of extending the sympathy of the Corporation to the Town Clerk, his mother and family on the death of his (Town Clerk's) brother, the late Mr. Luke Byrne (R.I.P.). His Worship now read letters of apologies for non-attendance from Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin both of whom wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy with the Town Clerk and family. Continuing, Councillor Flusk now asked the Corporation to express their sympathy and adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to the Town Clerk.

Alderman James Sinnott seconded this motion and spoke in glowing terms of the late Mr. Byrne, whom he had known all his life.

Alderman Byrne and Gaul and Councillors J. J. Morris, K.C. Morris and the other members also paid tribute to the late Mr. Byrne as did the County Manager and Acting Town Clerk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff.

The meeting then adjourned.

*Michael Flusk*



18th February, 1952.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: John Howlin, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris,  
Michael Broaders, James Morris and George Hadden.

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

The Town Clerk on behalf of his mother, brothers, sisters and on his own behalf returned thanks to the Mayor, Corporation, County Manager and Officials for their messages of sympathy with him on the recent death of his brother.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

The Mayor then referred to the death of Dr. Philomena Pierse which had occurred on the previous day and recalled the associations of the Pierse Family with the Corporation and the citizens of Wexford for over 70 years. Dr. Philomena's father had acted as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough for over 50 years; ~~her brother, Dr. Thomas Pierse, one of the present Medical Officers~~ of Health, had succeeded his late father nineteen years ago and on various occasions Dr. Philomena herself had acted as Medical Officer of Health. During all these years, the Mayor continued, the members of the Pierse family had given perfect service not along to the Corporation, in their official capacity, but also to the citizens in general. He (Mayor) therefore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. T. E. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health and the other members of the family on the death of Dr. Philomena and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect.

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

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Larkin, Abbey St. who for a number of years had been a member of the Corporation.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and was also adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated after it had been decided, on the suggestion of the Mayor, that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, the 26th instant at 8.30 p.m.

*Michael Flusk*



26th February, 1952.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: John Howlin, Dr. Hadden, James Morris, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance and the County Manager called to the meeting and apologised to the Mayor for his inability to remain as he had to attend another meeting in Town which had been convened for the same time.

The principal business of the present meeting was to deal with matters adjourned from the February Statutory meeting so that the Borough Surveyor could be present to answer questions raised by members on that occasion.

#### DAILY SWEEPING OF STREETS

The first matter was a motion which had appeared in the name of Alderman Corish, that St. John's road be swept daily. At the Statutory meeting the Town Clerk stated he had been informed by the Borough Surveyor that no street with the exception of the Main St. and some of the streets leading therefrom were swept daily and on that occasion the members had practically unanimously disagreed with the Town Clerk's statement. He (Town Clerk) now intimated to the meeting that it was possible he had misinterpreted the verbal answer given by the Borough Surveyor to his query on that occasion as it appeared that the instructions to the men were that if possible they should sweep each Street daily but if they came across a Street that was particularly dirty during the course of their work they should concentrate on it and leave over any other street which might not be in such a dirty condition. After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should examine the whole areas of the scavengers and if possible re-arrange the areas in a more suitable form.

#### RELIEF GRANT AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

The next matter adjourned from the Statutory meeting was questions arising out of the Relief Grant at the Municipal Buildings. In this connection the Town Clerk read a report from the Borough Surveyor under date of the 22nd instant on the question of the cost of providing a road-way to the Municipal Offices.

The original estimate for this Scheme was £1020. but it now appeared that an extra £500. would be necessary to carry out the work.

In explanation, the Borough Surveyor stated that a greater amount of excavation was necessary than was originally estimated and that the principal reason for this was that on the recommendation of the Local Government Department Inspector, Mr. McGovern an alternate lay-out for the Drive-way was laid down which called for more excavation work and a larger concrete area.

The additional excavation was 625 cu. yds. amounting to £187.10: and the additional area to be concreted was 300 square yards amounting to £300. which together with an allowance for Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance of £125.00 amounted to £500.

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The Borough Surveyor stated he estimated that he could save this amount on the St. Aidan's Crescent Scheme and asked for a transfer of £500. from the St. Aidan's Crescent to the Municipal Buildings Scheme.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that he had asked, by direction of the County Manager, the Minister for Local Government to consent to this transfer and further stated that if the Minister did not agree he would personally take the responsibility of stopping the work on the Scheme.

This report of the Borough Surveyor gave rise to a lengthy and at times acrimonious discussion, during which, members complained that the alterations contained in the Borough Surveyor's report, and as suggested by the Local Government Department Inspector, had not been reported to them before the present meeting.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that he had no official report from the Surveyor of these alterations until he discussed the costings of the Scheme during the past few days.

Again, the question of the payment of carters for haulage work was raised and the Town Clerk gave figures showing the amount which had been paid to the haulage Contractor for removing excavated material from the Municipal Building site.

Very strong objection was taken by members to the employment of lorries to remove the excavated material as they contended that this material could easily have been spread over the remaining portion of the site with a consequent increase in the amount of money available for unskilled labour which they contended was the principal reason for the making of these grants, namely the Relief of Unemployment.

On the question of the rate paid to hauliers the Borough Surveyor stated he had made inquiries from the four licensed Hauliers in Wexford, namely:- The Wexford Steamship Co., Mr. Wm. Doyle, Mr. F. M. Brady and Mr. C. Hopkins.

The Steamship had quoted £1. per hour.

Mr. Wm. Doyle	12/-	do.
Mr. F. M. Brady	15/-	do.

While Mr. Hopkins had intimated to him that owing to an engagement with the Wexford County Council he would be unable to take on the work.

As he (Borough Surveyor) required two lorries, one for each Scheme he had engaged Messrs. Doyle and Brady at 12/- and 15/- per hour respectively.

Arising out of the employment of these two lorries members considered that the tenders should have been brought before the Corporation and the Borough Surveyor stated that in the Regulations issued by the Department of Local Government he had complete powers to deal with all matters arising out of administration of Grants.

Members also questioned the fact that no stone base was being laid under the concrete slab and the Borough Surveyor unequivocally guaranteed that no stone base was necessary and that the concrete would not crack or wave as a result.

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It was eventually decided that nothing further could be done in this connection until the Town Clerk received word from the Department of Local Government as to whether or not the Minister was prepared to approve of the transfer of the extra £500.

At the close of the discussion Councillor Dr. Hadden intimated that he would raise at the next meeting a question regarding the relationship between the Corporation and Inspectors of the Central Government who came here to inspect such schemes as were being referred to, and who had power to influence matters in which the Corporation were interested, without consulting them.

#### BREAKS IN FOOTPATHS, ETC.

Members referred to a number of breaks in footpaths and streets throughout the town and asked the Borough Surveyor to have their reinstatement attended to without delay. In reply to a query regarding the provision of name plates at St. Brendan's Road and Fisher's Row the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had been unable to obtain these from the Contractor, Mr. T. Malone, Newtown but informed the meeting that he would call on Mr. Malone within the next few days to see if he could expedite delivery.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the cost of the provision of an emergency Stair case at the Town Hall which showed that up to-date this work had cost £317. and the Borough Surveyor intimated to the meeting that, in his opinion, it would cost a further £60. to complete the work. As there was some doubt about the detailed costing of making 750 concrete blocks, however, consideration of this report was adjourned to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee to enable the Town Clerk to examine the Surveyor's costings in detail.

As it was now after half-past ten the meeting decided to defer consideration of a report on Derelict Sites and to fix at the March Statutory meeting a date for a special meeting to devote to this subject.

#### CRASH BARRIERS

The next matter adjourned from the Statutory meeting was the erection of crash barriers outside the Schools in the Town and the Borough Surveyor promised that as soon as a mason was available he would have these barriers erected.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd March, 1952.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: John Howlin, Kevin Stafford, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, James Morris and Dr. George Hadden.

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

#### MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of the 4th, 11th, 18th and 26th instant.

and 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 Mayor.

#### C.I.E.

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann which stated that the question of stopping the Rosslare/Harcourt St. Boat Train at South Station had been reconsidered by the Firm and they regretted they were unable to meet with the Corporation's request. It was seen that everything possible had been done by the Corporation to meet the wishes of the citizens in this matter without avail.

#### FULL TIME HEALTH INSPECTOR

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Council stating that no decision had been taken on the request of the Corporation that a full-time Health Inspector should be allocated for duties in the Town of Wexford but that notice had been given to have the matter reconsidered at a future meeting.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the proposal of the Corporation to construct a culvert from the Bishopswater Stream to the River Slaney under the Local Authorities (Works) Act. The Minister stated he had fully considered this proposal but regretted he was unable to see his way to approve of the work for execution with the aid of Grants under the Act.

#### CONTROL OF MARKET PRICES

A letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution regarding the control of Milk Prices and it was stated by members that as there was little danger of milk prices being affected locally in the near future that no further action was necessary in this matter.

#### FUEL SCHEME

The Minister for Social Welfare intimated that only one qualified person in each house could be entitled to a fuel voucher under the Cheap Fuel Scheme and it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to delete from future Schemes the clause that



only one person in each household would receive a voucher.

### FAIR GREEN

The first business on the Agenda was the question of the provision of a Fair Green which had been adjourned for the past two meetings. Councillor Hadden, who was sponsoring the motion, asked for a further adjournment to enable the question of costs to be examined by the County Manager.

### TOWN HALL LETTINGS, ETC.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris raised a number of matters in relation to the Town Hall.

The first was that the allocations for the Season be made before Easter and published in the Local Press and also hung in the Council Chamber. In this connection the Town Clerk suggested that a list of recognised clubs and the available Friday and Sunday nights should be prepared and a draw take place for these nights. He (Town Clerk) did not think publication of the allocations in the Press would warrant the expenditure involved and, on the proposal of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Morris it was agreed that a draw for the Sunday and Friday nights amongst the recognised Clubs should take place in the near future, and a copy of the allocations posted in the dance hall and in the Council Chamber.

It was also agreed that persons who were allocated the use of the Hall should not be expected to pay for it more than one month in advance.

A further question raised by Councillor Morris was cancellations. He thought that cancellations should be drawn for amongst the various Clubs in the Town, but it was pointed out that the various Clubs would receive an allocation and that any Ratepayer in the Town was just as much entitled to apply for the use of the Town Hall as any of the Clubs. The Councillor referred to a couple of Organisations who for different reasons had to cancel dances during the last Season after applying for the use of the Hall and having paid for the allocation, had subsequently applied for fresh allocations but had been informed that no nights were available, although it appeared that the 17th & 24th Feby. had been allocated at the last moment.

In reply to this the Town Clerk pointed out that it had been the usual practice for a number of years to retain a few nights in case Organisations, not coming within the Category of Clubs, would require an allocation for different reasons and in the case of the present two above the first had been allocated to the Anti-Partition Association and the Second to the Bakers Benevolent Assoc. Fund, neither of whom had received previous allocations. Councillor Morris stated, however, that the 24th had not been used by the Bakers Benevolent Association but the Town Clerk intimated that as far as he was aware they had paid for the use of the Hall and the Receipt was issued in their name.

As regards the re-issue of cancelled nights it was agreed that where possible a draw of the applications should take place.

A further suggestion by Councillor Morris was that any Clubs or Organisations running a dance should have their names on the Poster but it was pointed out that the Corporation did not appear to have any power to enforce such a Regulation and the matter was not pursued.



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The Councillor also proposed that the County Manager should consider the advisability of providing a piano for the Hall and making an inclusive charge for the use of the Hall with piano included.

The Councillor considered that this would be a source of profit to the Corporation although some members thought that the maintenance of a piano in a proper condition by a Public Authority would not be easy.

Councillor Morris, however, considered that this should be part of the duties of the Caretaker to see that the piano was locked after every dance and when necessary heating should be applied to keep it in condition.

Councillor K. Stafford seconded the motion and it was agreed that the question be referred to the County Manager to examine and report to the Corporation on the question of cost and revenue.

#### FUEL VOUCHERS

A further motion in the name of Councillor K. Morris that the conditions prevailing at the Distribution of Fuel Vouchers be improved was not proceeded with and the Councillor was informed that a new system would be authorised for the Summer where recipients would be asked to call once a month to have their Books stamped.

#### DERELICT SITES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Hadden it was unanimously agreed that a special meeting of the Corporation be held on the 10th instant to examine a report on the Derelict Sites in the Town.

#### BATHROOMS FOR FIREMENS' HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that bathrooms be provided for the firemens' houses. Councillor James Morris seconded the motion and it was agreed to instruct the Borough Surveyor to submit a report and estimate as soon as possible.

#### DAVITTS' H. & F. CLUB.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that a plot of waste ground between the Fire Station and Menapia Avenue be examined with a view to leasing same to the Davitt Hurling and Football Club for the erection of a Club room. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

#### MOTION BY CLR. DR. HADDEN THAT ADVICE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS BE REFERRED TO CORPORATION.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that in all cases where a decision of the Corporation is modified or proposed to be modified, to accord with a ruling or advice of a Government or other expert the fact shall be notified to all members of the Corporation and a full statement on the matter made by the Official concerned at the next ensuing meeting of the Corporation or Committee.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and Councillor Howlin asked Dr. Hadden to embody that which was stated were increased the work should not be proceeded with without the prior consent of the Corporation.



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The County Secretary, acting on behalf of the County Manager, pointed out, however, that at times the procedure of obtaining sanction to Public Works was slow and a number of amendments of detail might of necessity have to be made and suggested that where these did not involve any fundamental departure from the original approval of the Corporation or no increase in Estimate, that it should not be necessary to come back to the Corporation for approval to each detailed amendment.

The members were in thorough agreement with this suggestion of the County Secretary and adopted the Resolution as proposed by Dr. Hadden and seconded by Alderman Byrne.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IRISH  
PUBLIC BODIES.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Morris Alderman Gaul was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

WEXFORD BRIDGE ORDER 1952.

The Minister for Local Government under date of the 5th ultimo by letter No. RG/52/1 forwarded copy of an Order made by him entitled The Wexford Bridge Order, 1952 which set out the contribution the Corporation would make to the Wexford County Council towards the expenses of making this Bridge.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION  
IRISH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Town Clerk intimated that the next annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities would be held in Fermoy on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th September next and asked the members to inform him of any matters they wished to have included on the Agenda for this meeting.

He also had before the meeting the report of the last Annual Conference and indicated that any of the members who so desired could have the copy on loan to read.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Carty, St. Ibar's Villas requesting the Corporation to take part in a Parade on the 17th March but it was unanimously decided that the Corporation would in the ordinary way as they have done for a number of years past, attend the High Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

TENDERS

Five tenders were received for the supply of sand and gravel for the 34-house Scheme at Summerhill and the 10-house Scheme at Hill St. and Wygram. They were from:-

Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John St.	for sand	5/-	per ton.
F. M. Brady, Slaney St.		9/-	for sand and gravel.
Philip Wilson		9/-	do. do.
O'Rourke Bros.		9/-	do. do.

All of the above were for delivery of pit sand and gravel on the two sites and in addition a tender for sea sand delivered at 8/- per ton was received from Edward Redmond, Milltown, Taggart. All these tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer for the necessary action.

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LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was authorised to Amalgamated Entertainments (Wexford) Ltd. in respect of the Abbey Cinema.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

In this connection the Mayor made an earnest appeal to the Public to honour the National Anthem and not to be leaving the Cinemas and other places of public resort before the playing of the National Anthem was over or while it was in progress.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Alderman Sinnott stated he had asked the Mayor to permit a discussion on Unemployment. Although he was late to table a motion for the Agenda he had written to the Mayor on Saturday afternoon asking him to permit such a suggestion.

The Mayor, however, suggested that Alderman Sinnott with a number of Fianna Fail and Independent Parties should discuss with the Mayor, County Manager and Town Clerk what steps the Corporation might be able to take to relieve Unemployment in the Town and submit a report to the next meeting.

Alderman Sinnott, however, would not agree to this suggestion of the Mayor and the Mayor thereupon ruled that a discussion could not be allowed and adjourned the matter to the next meeting.

PLUMBER FOR HOUSING SCHEME

Arising out of the minutes of the 4th ultimo when a letter was read from the Housing Engineer on the subject of representations made at the last meeting that an extra plumber be employed on the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and when the Engineer regretted that owing to a shortage of material he was unable to accede to the Corporation's request, Councillor Byrne now stated he understood that ample materials were available but that the Engineer had refused to re-employ the only idle plumber in the Town, whom he had dismissed sometime ago for shortage of materials. The Alderman stated he understood that the Housing Engineer had been approached by the Secretary and President of the Plumbers' Union to re-employ this man who had a wife and family but the Engineer had refused to do this and unequivocally stated that he would not employ this particular person. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris to ask the Co. Manager to take up this matter with the Housing Engineer and to direct the employment of this man without delay.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Alderman Sinnott intimated that he would give notice that a special meeting be convened to discuss Unemployment in the Borough.

HOUSES AT FAYTHE

Alderman Corish asked that steps be taken to instal lavatories in the two houses at the Faythe purchased by the Corporation from Mrs. Cullimore.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

After having dealt with a number of Old Age Pension Claims and Questions the meeting then terminated.

*Special Plumber*



11th March, 1952.

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: John Howlin, James Morris, George Hadden, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

The following Officials were also in attendance.

Mr. T. F. McDermot, County Secretary, representing the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

#### DERELICT SITES

The meeting had been specially convened to deal with a report on Derelict Sites in the Town and the following decisions were arrived at:-

The numbers quoted hereunder refer to the numbers on the Maps showing the Derelict Sites.

##### NO. 34 AT WYGRAM PLACE:

This site was considered to be only suitable (with additions) for Street widening and the possible erection of bungalows suitable for old couples.

##### NO. 35, DUNNE'S LANE OFF UPPER JOHN ST:

Consideration of this site was deferred pending a further report on the possible development of the area at therere.

Site NO. 28 was considered suitable for the erection of a single house and, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that an Order be made under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 acquiring this site, and as soon as the site was acquired arrangements were to be made to erect the house thereon while the Direct Labour Unit was working at Hill St. and Monument Place.

Site NO. 36 referred to two Derelict Houses at Hill St. but it was explained to the meeting that the decision had already been made by the Corporation to have this Derelict Site, together with three adjoining houses and a field at the rere of which was owned by the Boyle Estate examined with a view to purchase and the erection of a Scheme of houses. In view of this it was decided that the present meeting should take no action pending a report on the entire site.

##### Site NO. 37 COMMERCIAL QUAY:

It was decided that this site should be the subject of discussion between Officials of the Wexford County Council and the Corporation to see if it was possible to acquire it under the Act at a reasonable cost.

Site NO. 39 situated at Lower John St. It was thought that with adjoining derelict property and the area known as Duke St. should all be acquired together but after a lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hadden that a Preliminary Order for the acquisition of this site and adjoining derelict sites should be made forthwith under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 and that it should be used for building on with the Direct Labour Unit operating at Hill St. and Monument Place.



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Arising out of this discussion Councillor Hadden referred to the Duke St. area and urged that a Plan for dealing with this area should be prepared as soon as possible.

A discussion also took place on a derelict site at Upper John St. adjoining Reilly's Lane and marked No. 29 on the Map which was already in the possession of the Corporation and it was agreed that steps should be taken to acquire some of Miss Kinsella's garden at the rear that would enable three or four houses to be erected thereon, also with the Direct Labour Unit operating at Hill St.

SITE NO. 41 AT TALBOT ST;

It was decided to take no action on this site as it was already being utilised for garages by a private enterprise.

SITE NO. 42 AT TALBOT ST;

It was also agreed that no action be taken on this place at present as it was being used as a Store.

SITE NO. 24 AT TALBOT ST:

It was considered that four houses could be erected on this site and a further examination of it was decided on to see if this were possible.

SITE NO. 43 AT CHURCH LANE:

It was stated that this was about to be turned into a Furniture Factory and no action was taken on it.

SITE NO. 38 AT CORNMARKET:

This was also referred to and Dr. Hadden asked that the County Manager be requested to take the entire area into consideration with a view to ascertaining what, if anything, could be done with it and the Manager was also to be asked to again take up the question of the plastering of the gable end of Mr. Hamilton's house as it was understood that a gentlemen's agreement had been entered into some years ago by the Corporation and Mr. Hamilton to plaster the gable end of his dwelling when a small portion of ground had been demised to him as a rear entrance.

SITE NO. 44 AT MARY ST:

This was a comparatively large site on which it had been suggested sometime ago that a block of flats should be erected but it was pointed out to the meeting that to complete this site it would be necessary to acquire the property in John St., from Mary St. to Rowe St. as well as a couple of valuable yards in Mary St. out of which considerable rents were being received and that the acquisition of this property could make the Site uneconomic. It was agreed, however, that the question of the Title and the possible compensation which might be necessary should again be examined.

SITES NO.'S 45 AND 46 KEYSER'S LANE:

It was agreed that no action be taken on these pending the complete clearance of the area.

SITE NO. 47 AT PETER STREET:

This was considered too small for house-building but would be suitable for a Store or Garage.

SITE NO. 48:

It was stated that this was already in use and no action was taken thereon.



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SITE NO. 50 AT PETER STREET:

This contained two derelict houses in respect of which complaint was made that the roofs were dangerous to passers-by and on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Preliminary Order for the acquisition of this site under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940 should be made.

SITE NO. 49 AT OYSTER LANE:

This was only considered suitable for a garage or store and no action was taken thereon.

SITE NO. 51 AT SOUTH MAIN ST:

It was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Preliminary Order should be made under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

SITE NO. 52 STONEBRIDGE LANE:

This had been cleared and acquired by the Corporation and it was agreed that it should be advertised for sale.

Reference was made to a site at Mann's Lane, South Main St. and the Corporation were reminded that they had decided some time ago that the Borough Surveyor should prepare plans for the erection of a Public Lavatory thereon.

SITE NO. 53 AT KING ST. UPPER:

It was decided that as this was sealed off no action should be taken on it at the moment.

SITE NO. 55 AT KEVIN BARRY ST.:

This was considered too small for any practical purpose but at the request of Alderman Sinnott the Borough Surveyor was requested to examine it with a view to the removal of a step in front of it which was considered dangerous to passers-by.

SITE NO. 54 AT THOMAS STREET:

The Town Clerk intimated that the owner of this site had informed him recently that he had invited tenders for the erection of a house thereon.

SITE NO. 56 AT WHITEMILL:

This was considered too small for building purposes but Alderman Sinnott again referred to a proposal of his at a recent meeting that an adjoining site owned by Mr. Kirwan, Ballinagee should be acquired for building purposes.

The next reports concerned Batt St. area, the Faythe area and the area between William St. and the Faythe.

As regards Batt St. area the report intimated that out of about 12 (twelve) dwellings in the area only three could be classed as in fairly good condition. The remaining houses were old and in bad repair and the existing derelict sites in the area should not be considered singly for building purposes but in a general plan for a Housing Scheme for the whole area for which it was very suitable. The area contained two acres, three roods and 36 perches and approximately 30 houses could be built if the area was cleared and planned. It was pointed out that a Plan for the development of this area had been submitted to the Corporation a long time ago together with a request from the Corporation to the Council to make a Compulsory Purchase and Clearance Order under the Housing Acts but that strong objection had been met from some of the Local residents, as a result



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of which the Corporation had refused the permission sought by the Manager.

Similar opposition appeared to be general at the present meeting and no action was taken to deal with this area.

As regards the area between William St. and the Faythe at New Lane, Back Lane; etc. it was unanimously agreed; on the motion of Councillor HOWLIN, seconded by Councillor Hadden that the County Manager be directed to take action to acquire this property and submit a plan for the erection of houses thereon;

As regards the area on the land side of the Faythe from Derelict SITE NO. 8 opposite the Convent Schools to Derelict SITE NO. 3 opposite the junction of William St. and the Faythe it was recommended that this whole area should be considered as a single unit with the object of eventually providing a crescent which would accommodate approximately 60 houses.

Strong opposition, however, was met with by Alderman SINNOTT on this recommendation which he considered would delay unduly the clearance of and erection of houses on the existing derelict sites and it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Alderman SINNOTT, seconded by Councillor Hadden that the existing derelict sites be acquired under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites, Act, 1940 and that Plans be drawn up to erect houses thereon which would eventually fit in with the suggested crescent contained in the Engineer's report but that the houses should be erected on these derelict sites with the least possible delay.

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of the Trinity St./Fisher's Row area during which it was pointed out that the Department of Local Government had intimated some 12 months ago that in order to deal with the Trinity St. site on this area it would be necessary to have a comprehensive plan drawn up which would eventually include Fisher's Row but it was thought that this would unduly delay the erection of houses at Trinity St. on a Derelict Site which was situated on a Main Tourist Trunk Road and it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Alderman SINNOTT, seconded by Councillor Hadden that plans be prepared for the erection of at least 4 houses at the Trinity St. Site.

Councillor Hadden also asked that the County Manager be requested to make a special study of the triangular area between New Lane, The Faythe, William St. and Maudlintown with a view to preparing some plan for it.

As the meeting had now completely examined the report and maps submitted on derelict Sites the Borough Surveyor pointed out that in order to have all the work detailed by the Corporation at the present meeting carried out he would require technical assistance, and on the motion of Alderman SINNOTT, seconded by Alderman BYRNE it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager be authorised to employ a technical assistant to expedite the completion of the various proposals agreed on at the present meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

*Special Plans.*

24th March, 1952.

An informal meeting of the members and the County Manager for the purpose of considering the estimates for 1952/53, was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at 9 p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair), Councillor M. Flusk.

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Sinnott, Corish.

Councillors: Howlin, James Morris, Michael Broaders,  
Frank Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Details of the estimates had been supplied to the members prior to the present meeting, and a copy, together with the Manager's report will be found attached to the Minutes of the Estimates meeting due to be held on the 31st instant.

#### REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

The first decision taken was that only major inside repairs should be carried out to Artizans' dwellings for which a sum of £2,500. appeared in the estimates.

A lengthy discussion took place on this item and it was eventually decided that the estimate of £2,500. be reduced to £2,000. on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott and it was also decided that only major internal repairs should be carried out.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

As regards the sum included in the County Council demand for arrears, namely, £2,200. Alderman Corish proposed and Ald. Sinnott seconded that only £1,100. be paid in the current year.

Alderman Byrne, however, proposed that only £500. be paid and Councillor Kevin Morris seconded. On a vote being taken five voted for the amendment and 6 against and the original motion to pay the County Council £1,100. was agreed to.

#### MARKET & WATER RENTS

It was also decided that in the coming week the Market Rents and Water rents should be examined with a view to an increase, and the County Council be asked to pay an extra £50. a year towards the maintenance of the Fire Brigade.

The meeting then terminated.



31st March, 1952.

An informal meeting of the members with the County Manager to further consider the estimates for 1952/53 was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor M. Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, Cullimore, K. Morris, Broaders, J. Morris and Kevin Stafford.

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

#### RENTS OF ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

The County Manager's detailed report on the estimates was before the meeting and he now made the following recommendations that the rents of certain artisans' dwellings, the basic rents of which did not exceed 4/5d. be increased by 50%. This increase, the Manager estimated would bring in an extra £2,000. He also recommended that Market rents be increased by 50%, water charges by 50% from the 1st July next which would bring an increase of £220. and the fee for the Town Hall from 33/- to 40/- which would bring in £40. - £50.

A lengthy discussion took place on these proposed increases with particular reference to the rents of Artizans' dwellings and eventually Councillor Kevin Stafford proposed that the recommendation of the County Manager, that certain houses be increased by 50%, be adopted. Councillor Cullimore seconded and on a vote being taken six voted for and five against.

Some members thought that the market rents should be increased by 75% and, on the motion of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor K. Morris this was agreed to with Alderman Gaul dissenting.

The increase in water charges was also unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Kevin Stafford with Councillor K. Morris dissenting.

A suggestion by members that the County Manager should provide a piano in the Town Hall and charge an inclusive fee for its use was proposed by Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor Cullimore but was defeated by 6 votes for to 3 against.

31st March, 1952.

The Estimates meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor M. Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, Cullimore, K. Morris, Broaders, J. Morris and Kevin Stafford.

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

Copy of the County Manager's report, details of the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure and the Statutory Forms, Tables A. B. & C. are attached to these minutes.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

The first item taken was the arrears on foot of the County Council Demand. The arrears amounted to £2,200. and Alderman Gaul proposed and Councillor Howlin seconded that the sum of £1,100. be included as part payment of the arrears. Councillor Cullimore, however, proposed that only the sum of £500. be included and Alderman Byrne seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for the inclusion of £1,100.

Councillors: Howlin, Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Gaul and His Worship, The Mayor. ;;; (5)

For the inclusion of £500. only:

Councillors: Stafford, James Morris, Broaders, K. Morris, Cullimore and Alderman Byrne ;;; (6)

The motion to include only £500. was thereupon carried.

#### ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish to allow the full sum of £2,500. for repairs to Artizans' dwellings.

#### WATER CHARGES

Alderman Corish proposed and Councillor Howlin seconded that the charge for water to non-domestic consumers be increased by 25% as from 1st July and on a Poll being taken there voted for the motion:-

Councillors: Howlin, Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Gaul, Byrne and His Worship, The Mayor (6).

Against: Councillors: Stafford, James Morris, Broaders, Kevin Morris and Cullimore (5).

The motion was declared carried.

#### TOWN HALL

A motion to increase the charges for the Town Hall from 33/- to 40/- was proposed by Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne and carried with Councillor K. Morris dissenting.



### MARKET STALLS

A proposal to increase the rents of Market Stalls was moved by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed to with Alderman Gaul dissenting.

### ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

A proposal to increase the rents of certain artizans' dwellings by 50% was moved by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Cullimore, and on a Poll being taken there voted for Councillor Stafford's motion:-

Councillors: Broaders, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Stafford, J. Morris and the Mayor. (6).

Against: Councillor Howlin, Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Gaul and Byrne (5).

The motion was declared carried.

The net result of the night's work was that the amount to be raised by means of rate amounted to £47,397. which required a rate of 412 pence or 34/4d. in the Pound as against the current year's rate of 32/6d.

### REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL

At this stage Councillor Howlin referred to the cost of repairs to the Town Hall and the Borough Surveyor stated that the sum of £350. mentioned would be the final cost when the job was completed and the Councillor asked that the report of the Surveyor be placed on the Agenda for the next Statutory Meeting.

### DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

Councillor Howlin also referred to the cost of the Distillery Road sewer and it was stated that final costings would be available within the next few weeks.

### MAN-HOUR OUTPUT

Councillor Howlin also referred to a paragraph on page 7 of the Manager's report re man-hour output and thought the Corporation employees were giving as good a return as any other employees per man-hour.

### DIRECT LABOUR

Alderman Corish stated he thought steps should be taken to re-establish the local Consultative Council with regard to Direct Labour Housing Schemes.

### ESTIMATES

The estimates were then taken up seriatim, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, Table A. was unanimously adopted. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, Table B. was adopted, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Table C. was unanimously adopted.

B O R O U G H   O F   W E X F O R D

Municipal Buildings,  
Wexford.

March, 1952.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and  
Burgesses of Wexford.

A Chairdhe,

In accordance with the provisions of the County Management Act and The Public Bodies Orders, I append hereunder Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts together with the Determination of the Rate in the Pound which, in my opinion, will be required to meet the estimated commitments of the Borough Council for the Financial year ending on 31st March, 1953, and which Estimates will formally come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting on 31st March, 1952.

The rate of 32/6d. in the £. levied by the Corporation for the current year was made up as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u> £.	<u>Rate in the £.</u> S.      d.	
For services directly administered by the Corporation.	23,703.	18.	3.16.
For services rendered by precepting Authorities:-			
(a) Wexford County Council	16,413.	12.	5.18.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	1,812.	1.	0.80.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	975.		8.86.
	<u>42,903.</u>	<u>32.</u>	<u>6.00.</u>

Subsequent to the levying of the above rate you authorised the following items of Expenditure during the current year: Increases in salaries and wages of approximately £1,000; Public Lighting £88. and emergency staircase at Town Hall costing approximately £350.

The estimate now presented for your consideration in respect of the Financial Year 1952/3 is compiled as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u> £.	<u>Rate in the £.</u> S.      d.	
For services directly administered by the Corporation.	27,684.	20.	0.80.
For services administered by precepting Authorities:			
(a) County Council	20,749.	15.	0.49.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	1,944.	1.	4.97.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000.		8.74.
	<u>51,377.</u>	<u>37.</u>	<u>3.00.</u>

The Poundage increase in respect of Corporation Services is 21.64 pence; County Council 31.31 pence; Vocational Education £.17. 7d. and whole-time Unemployment Assistance is down by .12 pence. It will thus be observed that of the increase of 4/9d., less than 1/10d. is attributable to Services under the Direct Control of the Corporation.

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The following Table shows the Expenditure allowed by you for the Current year; the actual expenditure for the eleven months to the 29th ultimo; and the estimated expenditure for the year to 31st March, 1953:-

of ate	Amount all- owed for 1951-52.	Actual Expenditure to 29/2/52.	Estimated Expenditure to 31/3/52.	Total	Estimated Expenditure 1952/53.
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
	8460	6111	200	6311	8560.
ary ces	12854	12187	600	12787	14389.
g	21185	20875	250	21125	26330.
al ses	33209	32450	800	33250	40638.
	75708	71623.	1850..	73473.	89947.

You will observe from the foregoing Table that the amounts allowed will barely suffice to meet the current years expenditure.

While the second preceding Table shows in broad outline the division of the Rate in the Pound for the ensuing year, it is considered desirable, having regard to the large increase of £14,239.. in the estimated expenditure bringing it to a total of £89,947. that a more detailed analysis of this sum should be given.. The estimated expenditure has, therefore been divided under a number of heads showing the amount and the percentage of the total. The division is as follows:-

	Amount £.	£.	Percentage of Total
Loan Charges:		28430	31.60.
For services rendered by other Bodies:-			
County Council	20749		23.06
Vocational Education Committee	3554		3.95
Department Social Welfare	1000	25303	1.11
			28.12.
Wages		14530	16.16.
Salaries & Commissions		6970	7.75.
Materials		5015	5.58.
Fuel Schemes		4500	5.01.
Rents, Rates, Insurances &c.	1279		1.44
Public Lighting	1100		1.22
Equipment	525		.58
Printing	450		.50
School Meals	350		.39
Legal & audit	300		.33
Rate Refunds	250		.27
Contingencies	300		.33
Miscellaneous	645	5199	.72.
			5.78.
		89947	100.00.

# RENT & RATE COLLECTION

The following Table shows the Rate Collection for the 13 years ended 31st March, 1951, and it is pleasing to note that the progressive improvement in the percentage of possible collection continues to be maintained. Although the Collection for 1950/51 is .5 less than the previous year. This is due to the carrying forward of sums in respect of which Court decrees had been obtained but which could not be executed before the close of the year. However, an improvement in the collection from 75.3 per cent in 1939/40 to 99.1 per cent in 1950/51 is very creditable.

Total of the Warrant	Amount Collected	Irrecoverable	Carried Forward	Percentage of possible Collection.
£.	£.	£.	£.	
29,069.10.0.	19,800.5.10.	2082.17.3.	7176.6.11.	75.314.
29,293.17.1.	20,310.18.11.	2055.7.7.	6927.17.7.	76.5.
29,877.16.2.	21,568.10.4.	2900. 0.2.	5409. 5.8.	82.
31,263. 9.2.	24,252.18.1.	2274. 3.9.	4736. 7.4.	84.9.
30,015. 6.0.	23,751. 6.2.	4223. 6.5.	2040.12.5.	93.2.
27,273.10.1.	24,115. 8.0.	2159.18.8.	998. 3.5.	96.4.
26,672.11.10.	24,505.10.7.	1500. 6.6.	666.14.9.	97.5.
28,481. 0.3.	26,936. 4.10.	1301. 1.8.	443.13.9.	98.5.
30,523. 4.6.	29,185. 5.10.	1029. 7.11.	308.10.9.	98.9.
31,889.10.0.	30,941. 4.8.	607. 2.6.	341. 2.10.	98.921.
36,577. 5.7.	35,750.16.0.	541. 8.5.	285. 1.2.	99.22.
36,821.14.10.	36,193. 5.10.	510.17.11.	117.11.1.	99.68.
37,929.17.5.	37,228. 7.3.	358.18.10.	342.11.4.	99.1

Similarly the Collection of rents of Artizans Dwellings continues to show an improvement. The total for Collection has increased by £6,509. from 1938/9 to 1950/1. and the percentage collected from 91.7% to 98%. Although the steady improvement in the Collection is gratifying it cannot be regarded as entirely satisfactory. The greater portion of the arrears is composed of small sums, the paying of which would inflict no hardship on the tenants. Persuasive methods have been adopted for a long time in an effort to have these small sums cleared off but with very little result and from now much harsher methods will have to be adopted which will result in added expense to those involved.

The following table shows the collection for the 13 years.

For Collection	Collected	Irrecoverable	Arrears	Percentage of Possible collection.
7,303. 9. 4.	6697.12. 8.		605.16. 8.	91.7.
8,005.15.10.	7338. 6. 7.	108.14. 4.	558.14.11.	93.1.
8,522. 1.11.	7960. 7. 7.	20.12. 0.	541. 2. 4.	93.7.
8,633.19. 5.	8089. 0. 3.	65.16. 7.	479. 2. 7.	94.5.
8,964. 1. 4.	8534.17. 3.	14.19. 5.	414. 4. 8.	95.4.
8,981.11. 0.	8625. 0. 6.	15. 2. 2.	341. 8. 4.	96.0.
9,011.10. 3.	8705. 7. 7.	8.19. 1.	297. 3. 7.	96.7.
9,187. 8. 1.	8858. 1. 3.	12.12. 2.	307.14. 8.	96.7.
9,462. 5. 2.	9037.17. 9.	8. 0. 5.	416.14.11.	95.7.
9,525. 4. 5.	9120.11. 8.	27.17. 5.	376.15. 4.	96.0.
10,158. 4. 7.	9847. 6. 6.	17. 3. 7.	293.14. 6.	97.0.
11,809. 9. 2.	11533.14. 1.	20. 0. 5.	206. 0. 4.	97.4.
13,812.11. 2.	13544.13. 7.	1.10. 9.	266. 6.10.	98.00.



ESTIMATES FOR 1952/53.

is scarcely necessary for me to point out that since your last Estimates Meeting a steady increase has been evident in the cost of all materials used by the Corporation; and as well, salaries and wages have had to be increased to meet the rising cost of living. So far as it is possible to determine at present the general tendency of increasing prices shows no sign of abating and in framing the Estimates for the ensuing year this fact had to be taken into consideration.

ROADS

The total estimate for Ordinary Road Work is £1,560. as against £460. for the current year. At the last Estimates Meeting it was agreed to resurface Belvedere and Summerhill Roads at a cost of £3,000. and a sum of £400. is included to meet the Loan Charges. In view of this the sum allowed for normal maintenance has been reduced from £800. to £500. The only large non-concreted area of roads now left undone is St. John's And Davitt Roads but I am, with regard to the increased estimate, to ask you to undertake any large-scale reconstruction from Municipal Funds in the coming year. It may be possible to undertake it later with the aid of Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote. There is no change in the remaining items of the Estimate; the same provision being made for Special Grant work.

SANITARY SERVICES

The Estimate under this head shows an increase of £1,535. Burial funds are increased by £95. due to increased wages. Domestic scavenging is up by £550, (£150. in respect of Labour Costs and £400. for a new set of batteries for the Electric Scavenging Lorry). The life of the original batteries was taken at three years, it has now reached five. Public Scavenging is up by £400. due entirely to increased Labour Costs. Waterworks show an increase of £250. also due to increased Wages. Miscellaneous Sanitary Services are increased by £240. (Loan Charges £170. Salaries £15. Bathing Place £25. and £30.).

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

The increased expenditure under this head amounts to £5,145. (Loan Charges £4,220., Maintenance £850., Insurance £25. and Depreciation £50.) The increased Loan charges are mainly due to the Bishopswater, Summerhill and Hill Street Schemes. As well, under the new Regulations discontinuing the Transitional Development Fund Grant the Corporation must meet the full capital charges on each Scheme. This will, of course, be subsequently offset by increased subsidy. As in previous years the sum allowed (£50. against £2000. requested) for maintenance of Artizans' Cottages has proved entirely inadequate and it was necessary to continue all but absolutely essential repairs early in December. It is considered that the sum now asked is the minimum necessary to keep the property in repair and only represents £3.3.0. per house. A considerable amount of the repairs carried out by the Corporation are such as would not be executed by private Landlords who would expect that they be done by the tenant. In this connection the officers of the Corporation are not altogether blameless as at practically every meeting demands are made to have repairs carried out which should be done by the occupiers. It should also be remembered that the sum included in the rents to cover repairs is fixed, in respect of a large number of Schemes when labour and materials cost 50% less than at present. While it is generally stated that no public body is receiving a hundred per cent. return on the money expended on the maintenance of property, it has never been found possible to devise a Scheme which would give anything approaching such a return. The first step which could, and should, have been taken would be to insist on tenants carrying out all but major repairs. A typical example of a case where the Corporation has to execute is where the tenant either loses or breaks the



by to the front door and the Corporation is expected to provide either new keys or a new lock.

The following Schedule (which is exclusive of Tenant-Purchase houses and acquired property) shows the basic rents charged for 128 of your houses:-

@	Rent s. d.	No.	@	Rent s. d.
	1/ 2.	13		3/3.
	1/ 3.	7.		3/4.
	1/11.	2		3/5.
	2/0.	8		3/11.
	2/2	51		4/0.
	2/3	6		4/4.
	2/4	54		4/5.
	2/5	1		8/0.
	2/6	4		9/0.
	2/7	77		11/6.
	2/8	5		12/6.
	2/9	11		13/6.
	3/1	4		20/0.
	3/2	3		40/0.

It is obvious from the foregoing that the rents charged are insufficient to meet the outgoings. In his report on the Estimates for the year, 1940/41, the Town Clerk wrote ".....the time is overdue to examine the entire question of the rents charged on artisans' dwellings, and, if possible, to adopt a Scheme of graded rents based on the incomes of the tenants. It does seem fair to charge a man receiving, say 15/- per week Unemployment Allowance the same rent as his next-door neighbour with an income perhaps £5. or £6." The need for differential rents has not lessened, if anything it has increased, since 1940, and if the Corporation are not prepared to adopt the differential system they will be compelled through force of circumstances to increase the rents irrespective of the rent paying capacity of the individual tenant.

Bishopswater 128-house-scheme is still in progress and some will be ready for occupation in the next two weeks. Others will be ready at various stages between now and the close of the year 1952/3 when the Scheme will be completed. You have been kept informed from time to time of the amounts the various increases in the cost of labour and materials have added to the Scheme.

Liminary work has commenced on the Hill St./Monument Place area, and a start will be made at Summerhill as soon as the necessary personnel can be released from the Bishopswater Organisation.

The procurement of materials still continues to be one of the most difficult tasks. Tenders are invited and accepted. Almost immediately intimation is received that prices have again advanced. A new position has then to be met and purchases made at the best price possible. This practice has now become so widespread that it is not a waste of time and money to invite tenders at all. Recently tenders were invited for materials and on being opened were found to be identical. The persons concerned refused to draw lots for the entire contract but wished to divide it. This was not considered desirable and the Contract was re-advertised, the result of which a lower tender was received and accepted.

The suggestions made at a recent meeting regarding derelict sites throughout the Town are being considered and it is hoped that they will be given effect to with the minimum of delay.



### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The total estimate for General Urban Purposes is £40,668. an increase of £7,459.

The total sum due to the County Council is £20,749. (including arrears of £2,201) which is an increase of £4,336. on the sum allowed in the current year. The sum allowed for Unemployment Assistance is up by £25. due to increased Valuation. Maintenance of Corporate Property is up by £75. due to increased costs. The estimate for Vocational Education is increased by £1,733. The Demand of the Committee is up by £128. and has already been agreed to by you. The balance provides for gratuities and superannuation. It is estimated that £1,415. will be recouped by the Central Government and other Local Authorities. The actual net sum to be met by the Corporation in the coming year is £1,944. against £1,411. in the current year or an increase of £533. As the Corporation are the paying Body full provision must be made in your estimates. The Fire Brigade estimate is increased by £100. for the purpose of renewing equipment. Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance remain the same at £905. Salaries are up by £380. due to normal increases and payment of the increased bonus allowed last year. Printing, Stationery, advertising, telephones &c. Fuel Light, allotments and Cheap Fuel Schemes are the same. Legal and audit expenses are up by £100. to meet the cost of the audit for 1948/9 and 1949/50. The same provision is being made for travelling expenses, Subscriptions to Bands and other Associations and School Meals. The sum allowed for Rate refunds is maintained at £250. as it is felt that this will suffice to meet any refunds in the coming year. In the current year the sum allowed by you for refunds was short by £180. Loan charges are up by £290. due to the full charges on the Municipal Offices. Materials, machinery and Stores show an increase of £35. due to normal salary increase and bonus. Superannuation allowances are up by £300. due to underestimation last year and to an addition.

### RECEIPTS

Road Receipts are increased by £50. making provision for a local contribution of £500. towards Employment Schemes. Water rents are estimated to produce an extra £150. in the coming year. It is intended to revise the charges made for the supply of water for non-domestic purposes as the present scale was last revised in 1940 when the water rate was 1/6d. in the £. The estimated rate for the water service in the coming year is over 3/5d. in the £. and it is felt that non-domestic users should make a greater contribution towards the cost of this service. As well the list of persons coming within the term "non-domestic users" requires to be revised as it was drawn up as far back as 1880. The Cemetery is estimated to produce a further £50. and the Public conveniences an extra £25. The rents from Artizans' dwellings are estimated at £13,000. an increase of £1,280. from the Bishopswater Scheme. In the current year it was estimated that £800. would have been received from this Scheme but due to unforeseen difficulties in completing some of the dwellings this did not materialize. The loss, however, was offset by the State Contribution towards interest charges which contribution is included in this Estimate. The increased receipt from Vocational Education has already been explained and the remaining items are substantially the same as in the current year.

### GENERAL

It is necessary to gain refer to the substantial debit balance on the Corporation's Revenue A/c. largely due to provision not having been made in 1947 to meet unpaid bills and arrears of the County Council Demand and if your finances are to be brought to a sound and healthy condition provision must be made to liquidate the balance in a reasonable time. With this object in view

provision has been made in the estimate now presented for the sum of £2201. which will liquidate in the coming year the debt due to the Co. Council. This has been done by other Urban Councils, many of whom are now up to-date with the payment of the County Council Demand. If somewhat similar provision were made in the coming two or three years your finances would then be in a sound position and there would be a considerable reduction in the amount paid in Overdraft Interest.

The Corporation continues to be one of the largest employers of labour in the Town and during the 12 months ended on 29th ultimo the number of employees averaged 200/250 and the Wages bill amounted to £59,504. Generally speaking the relations between the workmen and your Officials have been harmonious and no disputes of a serious nature have occurred.

The need of the moment, in Wexford as elsewhere, is to increase the man hour output. It is, of course, clear that organisation is a major factor to this end. To the impartial observer a tendency is noticeable in recent years to slow effort and reduce output. It is in the interest of the individual, the Community and the Nation that this tendency should be halted and a healthy spirit of work for work's sake developed in Official and employee. The costs of Local Government and costs of national administration fall on every member of the national community and in the final analysis such costs arise in large measure from the output of the individual. If present standards are to be maintained or improved, co-operation of every individual in the doing of his job well in the shortest time is essential and the doing of his job well in the shortest time by each is the individual contribution which can best effect the final result.

In conclusion I should like to express my appreciation of the co-operation I have received from each member of the Corporation in the administration of the affairs of the Corporation throughout the year.

Mise, le meas,

TOMAS D. O SIONCID,

Contae Bhainisteoir.



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

## PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS 1951/52 AND 1952/53.

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### EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum allowed for 1951/52. £.	Service	Estimate for 1952/53. £.
		<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	
1.	800	Ordinary Road Works	500.
2.	460	Salaries	460.
3.	25	Tree Planting	25.
4.	75	Parking &c. signs	75.
5.	-	Loan charges	400.
6.	100	Contingencies	100.
7.	7000	Special Grant Works	7000.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
8.	850	Burial Grounds	945.
9.	1700	Domestic Scavenging	2250.
0.	1975	Public Scavenging	2375.
1.	5614	Waterworks	5864.
2.	360	Sewers - Loan Charges	430.
3.	350	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
4.	100	Food & Drugs Acts	100.
5.	260	Salaries	275.
6.	125	Bathing Place	150.
7.	150	Public Convenience - Loan Charges	150.
8.	270	do. do. Wages	300.
9.	1100	Public Lighting	1100.
0.	100	Contingencies	100.
		<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>	
	17800	Loan Charges - Housing of the W.C. Acts.	22020.
	1650	Maintenance of Houses	2500.
	305	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance.	330.
	850		900.

Sum allowed for 1951/52. £.	Service	Estimate for 1952/53. £..
580	Loan Charges - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	580.
	<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
16413.	County Council Demand	<del>20719.</del> 19048
975.	Unemployment Assistance	1000.
20.	Tourist Development	20.
225.	Maintenance of Corporate Proper- ty.	300.
1821.	Vocational Education	3554.
700.	Fire Brigade	800.
905.	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insurance	905.
4520.	Salaries	4900.
450.	Printing, Stationery & Advert- ising.	450.
265.	Telephones, Office requisites, Postage, Rate Receipts and Paying Orders	265.
100.	Fuel and Light	100.
100.	Allotments	100.
4500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4500.
200.	Legal and Audit Expenses	300.
150.	Overdraft Interest	150.
30.	Travelling Expenses	30.
10.	Uniform and Boots for Town Serg- eant	20.
40.	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands	40.
350.	School Meals	350.
250.	Rate Refunds	250.
260.	Loan Charges	550.
600.	Materials, machinery & Stores	635.
300.	Superannuation Allowances	600.
150.	Contingencies	100.
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	<del>£68047.</del> 68246



ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Estimate 1951/52.	Particulars	Estimate 1952/53.
	£.	<u>ROADS</u>	£.
	6450.	Special Grant Works	6500.
	30.	Estate Duty Grant	30.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
	9950.	Water Rents.	1100.
	250.	Scavenging Main Roads	250.
	300.	Burial Ground Tax.	350.
	50.	Public Convenience	75.
		<u>HOUSING</u>	
	11720.	Rents.	13000.
	6040.	State Grants	9040.
	500.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
	410.	Vocational Education	1610.
	50.	Fire Brigade	50.
	100.	Air Raid Precautions	100.
	100.	Allotments.	100.
	4500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes.	4500.
	80.	Refund of Fees.	90.
	600.	Government Rates	600.
	400.	Town Hall & Corporate Estate	400.
	175.	School Meals.	175.
	100.	Market Rents.	100.
		<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£38570.</b>

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE

RATES IN THE POUND BY AN UREAN

AUTHORITY

- W E X F O R D C O R P O R A T I O N -

Estimate of expenses and determination of the rates in the Pound for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1953.

TABLE A.

EXPENDITURE

Service (1).	Purpose of Expenditure (2).	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3).	Adopted by Council (4).
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works Special Grant Works	£. 1560. 7000.	£. 1560. 7000.
TOTAL		8560.	8560.
Sanitary	Sanitary	14389.	14389.
TOTAL		14389.	14389.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	25750. 580.	25750. 580.
TOTAL		26330.	26330.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	1899.	1899.
Public Assis- tance	Public Assistance	8500.	8500.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3217.	3217.
Health (County)	Health (County)	1035.	1035.
General Purpo- ses (County)	General Purposes (County)	3884.	3884.
Separate chgs.	Separate charges	13.	13.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1000.	1000.
Other Urban Purposes:	Tourist Development	20.	20.
	Vocational Education	3554.	3554.
	Other Purposes	14710.	14710.
	Materials, machinery & Stores	635.	635.
TOTAL		38467.	38467.



TABLE B.

Service  (1)	Nature of Receipts <sup>3</sup>  (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council (4).
Urban Roads	State Grants	£. 6530.	£. 6530.
	TOTAL	6530.	6530.
Sanitary	Sanitary Receipts	1775.	1885.
	TOTAL	1775.	1885.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents	13000.	15000.
	State Grants	9040.	9040
	Other Receipts:		
	Small Dwellings		
	Acquisition Acts	500.	500.
	TOTAL	22540.	24540.
General Urban Purposes	State Grants.	7085.	7085.
	Other Receipts	640.	810.
	Materials expense (balance)		
	Machinery expense (balance).		
	TOTAL	7725.	7895.

TABLE C.  
CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

NATURE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED GROSS EXPENDITURE (TABLE) A.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (TABLE B.)	NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND THE VALUATION OF AREA £27,600).
				ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY).	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY).	AMOUNT LEVIABLE	
1.	2. £.	3. £.	4. £.	5. £.	6. £.	7. £.	8. (pence).
URBAN ROADS	8560.	6530.	2030.	Nil.	Nil.	2030.	17.645.
SANITARY SERVICES	14389.	1885.	12504.	Nil.	Nil.	12504.	108.712.
HOUSING	26330.	24540.	1790.	Nil.	Nil.	1790.	15.556.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:-							
ROADS	1899.)		1899.	Nil.	52.	1951.	16.961.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	8500.)		8500.	Nil.	229.	8729.	75.899.
MENTAL HOSPITAL	3217.)		3217.	Nil.	86.	3303.	28.710.
HEALTH (COUNTY)	1035.)	Nil.	1035.	Nil.	28.	1063.	9.236.
GENERAL PURPOSES	3884.)		3884.	Nil.	105.	3989.	34.678.
SEPARATE CHARGES	13.)		13.	Nil.	Nil.	13.	.113.
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1000.	Nil.	1000.	Nil.	Nil.	1000.	8.667.
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	18919.	7895.	11024.	Nil.	Nil.	11024.	95.823.

TOTAL GENERAL RATE

412.000.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (AN ADJOURNMENT) OF THE ESTIMATED MEETING OF THE WEXFORD CORPORATION HELD THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1952, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A.B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in Column B of Table C to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1953.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1952.

Countersigned

(Town Clerk)

Signed

(Mayor of Wexford.)

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7th April, 1952.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair) Councillor Ml. Flusk.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, James Sinnott, James Gaul.

Councillors: John Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, Michael Broaders, and Kevin Stafford.

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

#### AWARDS FOR BRAVERY

Before the commencement of the meeting His Worship, The Mayor, on behalf of Comairle na Mire Gaile presented Certificates of Award for bravery to Messrs. Owen McCarthy, Glena Terraco, Spawell Road, Wexford and Cornelius McCormack, Ardoevin, Spawell Road, Wexford, awarded to them for saving human life at Rosslare Harbour. The citation was as follows:-

"An eight-year old boy fell into the water at Rosslare Pier and was swept by a strong tide race through a viaduct and out seawards. He was a non-swimmer. Owen McCarthy and Cornelius McCormack on seeing him threw off their coats and immediately dived in to his rescue. They caught the child and managed to keep him afloat, but were being carried out by the strong current when a life-belt was thrown to them. They placed the child in the life-belt and all three were towed to safety."

In presenting the Certificates His Worship, The Mayor heartily congratulated the boys and in his congratulations was supported by all the members present, together with the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Mr. E. McCarthy, the father of Owen McCarthy, on behalf of the boys returned thanks.

#### SYMPATHY

Alderman Sinnott proposed a vote of sympathy with Ex-Councillor Martin on the death of his grandchild, which was seconded by Ald. Byrne supported by all the members and Officials and adopted in respectful silence.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the relatives of the late John Larkin and the late Dr. Philomena Pierse.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

The next business was to fix the time and place for a Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than the 1st July, 1952. On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to fix the meeting for Monday, June, 30th at 7.30 p.m.

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7th April, 1952.

As regards the place of the meeting Councillor Kevin Morris proposed and Councillor Cullimore seconded that it be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Buildings, Alderman Sinnott, however, proposed that the meeting be held in the Town Hall, Cornmarket and Alderman Byrne seconded.

On a show of hands 6 voted for the Council Chamber in the Municipal Buildings and five for the Town Hall, Cornmarket.

### INCREASE IN RENTS

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a request from the Corporation Tenants' Association that a Deputation be received at the present meeting regarding the proposed increase in rents. He had acknowledged receipt of the Associations' letter and had quoted for them the Standing Orders of the Corporation regarding deputations. The Standing Orders provided that a decision whether or not a deputation should be received was in the first instance to be made by the Corporation and it was now up to the Corporation to decide whether or not they would receive the Deputation.

In this connection a motion appeared on the Agenda in the names of Aldermen Sinnott, Corish, Gaul, Byrne and Councillor Howlin, "that in view of the steep increase in the cost of living occasioned by the terms of the Budget we rescind the resolution which approved the County Manager's proposals to increase by 50% the basic rent of all houses erected before 1939".

The deputation was then received and read a lengthy Memorial in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Corporation setting out their case against the proposed increase. After this had been spoken to by a couple of members of the Deputation the deputation withdrew and the Corporation proceeded to take a decision on the motion on the Agenda for rescission.

The Town Clerk, however, pointed out before the decision was taken, to rescind a resolution seven clear days notice should be given to each member. This had not been possible during the time since he had received the motion and the Corporation could not reach a final decision until the 7 days had expired and the motion appearing on the Agenda was in the Form of such Notice - to propose the rescission of the resolution. As well, he pointed out that as the same number of members were only present now as at the original meeting when the resolution was adopted it would require a 2/3rds. majority to rescind it. However, it was agreed that a vote should be taken on the Resolution at the present meeting and that only a formal resolution be taken at the next meeting. Councillor Howlin thereupon moved the rescission of the Resolution of March, 31st, increasing rents by 50%. Alderman Byrne seconded and on a poll being taken there voted for a rescission.

Councillors: James Morris, Howlin, Aldermen Gaul, Sinnott, Corish and Byrne.....(6).

Against:

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Stafford, and his Worship, The Mayor.....(5).

It was seen that the necessary 2/3rds majority was not in favour of rescission and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the matter would have to formally come before the Corporation at their next meeting.

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7th April, 1952.

SCENES IN DERRY.

A motion proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish protesting against the recent scenes in Derry was unanimously adopted. It was also decided that the next meeting of the Corporation would receive a deputation from the Ex-Servicemen in connection with the employment of their members and it was further agreed to attend the 11-o'clock Mass in Rowe St. in connection with the Easter Commemoration Ceremonies.

OVERDRAFT  
ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul, it was agreed to request the consent of the Minister for Local Government to Overdraft accommodation on the Municipal Account in the sum of £12,500. up to 30th June, 1952.

LOANS RE HOUSING

Alderman Corish proposed and Councillor Howlin seconded that the Minister for Local Government be requested to approve of the raising of

- (a) A Loan of £15,700. for the acquisition of a site and the erection of ten houses at Hill Street and Monument Place; and
- (b) A Loan of £50,350. for the acquisition of a site and the erection of 34 houses at Newtown.

Both loans to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1950.

As it was now 10 O'clock the remaining business on the Agenda was adjourned until the 21st instant as the 14th would be a Bank Holiday.

*Michael P. K. S.C.*

21st April, 1952.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Aldermen: Sinnott, Byrne, Corish and Gaul.

Councillors: John Howlin, George Hadden, Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Morris, and James Morris.

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

#### SYMPATHY

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, Alderman Sinnott took the Chair in the absence of His Worship, The Mayor.

At the outset Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Worship, The Mayor and the Flusk Family on the death of Mr. John Flusk and coupled with the resolution the names of Mr. William Bolger, Housing Foreman and Miss Bolger of the Town Clerk's Office, relatives of the late Mr. Flusk and further moved that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect.

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

The Chairman, Alderman Sinnott then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Henry F. Doyle of the Town Clerk's Office on the death of his Uncle, the late Monsignor Henry Holbrook of Auckland, New Zealand, a distinguished Wexford Prelate.

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by all the members present and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Both Resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and the meeting adjourned without transacting any further business.



28th April, 1952.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, Hadden, Stafford, James Morris, Broaders, Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commence the Mayor returned thanks to the Corporation, County Manager and Officials for the vote of sympathy passed with himself and family on the recent death of his brother.

Mr. H. F. Doyle of the Town Clerk's Office also acknowledged the vote of sympathy passed with him of the death of his Uncle, Monsignor Holbrook and a letter was received from Mr. M. Martin acknowledging receipt of the vote of sympathy passed by the Corporation with him on the death of his grandson.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

The Corporation first sat as an Old Age Pensions Committee and the decisions will be found in the Record of Claims and Questions.

#### INCREASE IN RENTS

The first business on the Agenda was an adjourned motion in the names of Alderman Sinnott, Corish, Byrne, Gaul and Councillor Howlin "that in view of the steep increase in the cost of living occasioned by the terms of the budget we rescind the resolution of 31st March which approved the County Manager's proposals to increase by 50% the basic rents of certain Corporation houses."

Before this meeting commenced Councillor James Morris read a statement by way of explanation of the manner in which he had voted at the Corporation meeting on the 7th instant explaining that he misunderstood the actual terms of the resolution before the Council. This matter had been before the Corporation on the 7th instant when the Town Clerk pointed out that owing to the requisite seven days notice required to rescind a resolution not having been given to the members owing to the time at which he had received the motion for rescission not allowing for this time, that it would have to come before a further meeting of the Corporation after expiration of the necessary 7 days. Councillor Howlin thereupon moved the rescission of the resolution of 31st March last. It was seconded by Alderman Byrne and spoken to by a number of members. During the course of the discussion The County Manager read a list of the basic rents of the houses he proposed to increase. These varied from 1/2d. to 4/5d. per week and gave the new rent which the tenants of these houses would have to pay.

The Manager also pointed out that the question of fixing the rents was entirely a Managerial function but in this particular case he had adopted the same policy as he had since he became County Manager - of consulting the Local Authority he was dealing with on all matters of major importance. He accepted entirely



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entire responsibility for the proposal to increase these rents as he felt that the rents could bear the proposed increase of 50% towards the general expenses of the Town without any undue hardship on the individual tenants.

The Manager also pointed out that as far back as 1940 the Town Clerk had asked the Corporation to adopt a system of rents based on the incomes of the tenants and in his (Manager's) report on the estimates for 1952/53 he had pointed out that the need for differential rents had increased since it was first mooted by the Town Clerk in 1940.

Before a vote was taken on the motion to rescind the Resolution Councillor Howlin referred to the conditions of Employment of members of the Fire Brigade and the proposed increase in rents for these men who were required to vacate their houses when they reached the age of 60 years, and the Manager intimated that the entire question of the remuneration, etc., of the members of the Fire Brigade was at the moment under consideration and the rents charged for their houses would be taken into consideration before a final decision was reached.

On a Poll being taken there voted for rescission of the resolution of 31st March last approving of the County Manager's proposal to increase rents of certain houses by 50%:-

Councillors:- Howlin: Aldermen: Sinnott, Corish, Byrne and Gaul.....(5).

Against Rescission:

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, James Morris, Stafford and the Mayor and Cllr. Hadden.....(7).

The motion to rescind the resolution was accordingly declared lost.

#### WATER SUPPLY

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that immediate steps be taken to ensure an adequate supply of water to Wexford for the Summer period. In this connection the Town Clerk produced a file which showed that the Minister for Local Government had approved in principle the installation of Diesel driven pumps at Edenvale to augment the present battery of hydrostats and the Borough Surveyor stated that the Reservoir was full this day and that the hydrostats were operating 12-14 hours but immediately the level of the reservoir began to drop the hydrostats would be operated for 24 hours per day.

The general feeling of the members appeared to be that there had been unnecessary delay in the provision of the diesel pumps but the Borough Surveyor explained the Technical difficulties of ascertaining the exact type of pump and engine necessary for this particular work and it was eventually agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a full report on the present position regarding these pumps be obtained from the Consulting Engineer for the next meeting.

#### FIRE OFFICER

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that this Corporation strongly recommend to the County Council that the Chief of the Wexford Fire Brigade be given the appointment as Fire Officer for County Wexford. The motion was seconded by Councillor Stafford and unanimously agreed to.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

A motion in the name of Alderman Sinnott re Unemployment in the Borough which had been adjourned from the last meeting was next taken.

In moving the motion Alderman Sinnott referred to the following Schemes which had already been initiated and which would, if put into operation, considerably relieve Unemployment in the Town.

The Schemes mentioned by the Alderman were:-

- (1) The General Sewerage Scheme for the Town.
- (2) The clearance of derelict sites.
- (3) The erection of the New Bridge.
- (4) The Harbour Scheme.
- (5) The Stonebridge River which, of course, was part of the General Sewerage mentioned at No. (1).

As regards No. (1) it was pointed out that shortly after coming into Office as County Manager the Manager had initiated this Scheme and appointed a Consulting Engineer to examine and report on the entire matter.

The report of the Consulting Engineer had been before the Department of Local Government for some years past and one section of the work had been done at Joseph Street.

The Manager had been pressing for a decision on the John Street Section for some time past and had discussed it with the Department's Engineer a few months ago.

It was decided to write to the Department asking them to expedite approval to the General Sewerage Plan or failing that to the John Street Section.

As regards No. (2) the clearance of derelict sites the Corporation were reminded that at their special meeting some time ago when they discussed this matter they had recommended the appointment of technical assistance for the Borough Surveyor and the Manager hoped to have a trainee available when the University closed in June who would be able to assist the Borough Surveyor in preparing the necessary detailed plans from the General Plan already available.

As to No. (3) The County Manager gave a detailed explanation of the position regarding the proposed erection of a new bridge and the members agreed that the Manager and County Council Officials had done everything possible to expedite this Project.

As regards the Harbour Scheme Councillor Cullimore stated he had been speaking to both the Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for Social Welfare on this matter and both had agreed to do everything possible to expedite the proposals of the Commissioner in the matter and it was decided to follow up this project with a view to ascertaining if the Corporation could help in any way.

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TRAFFIC  
BYE - LAWS

The next was a motion by Alderman Corish that a meeting be called immediately to decide on the re-framing of Traffic Bye-laws in Wexford and that these Bye-laws be enforced before the Tourist Season commenced in Wexford, and on the motion of the Alderman, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was decided to reconvene the meeting that was held last year between representatives of the Corporation and the various Bodies interested for Monday, May, 12th at 7.30 p.m.

In this connection, His Worship, The Mayor appealed to motorists not to use the Main St. on Saturday nights after 6 p.m. and Alderman Sinnott referred to the parking of cars on the Streets, particularly the Main St. all night.

Councillor Broaders referred to the direction sign at the Faythe which directed Tourist Traffic coming from Rosslare through William St. and suggested that for the benefit of Traders the traffic should be directed through the Faythe and the Main Street.

HOUSING ENGINEER

At the request of Alderman Byrne the terms of appointment of the Housing Engineer were read. These were embodied in Order No. 3073 made by the County Manager on the 10th May, 1948 when the Engineer was appointed for the erection of 74 houses at Slippery Green by Direct Labour and the Town Clerk intimated that these terms had been carried on by implication and otherwise with future Schemes.

EMERGENCY STAIRCASE AT  
TOWN HALL.

At the request of Councillor Howlin the reports of the Borough Surveyor in connection with the making of blocks for and the erection of an emergency staircase at the Town Hall were read.

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

A Resolution from Navan U.D.C. calling on the Government to revise the allowance and pensions for dependents of Air Force Personnel ~~killed~~ in the course of duty was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

CULTIVATION OF GARDENS

All the members strongly supported a letter from the Minister for Local Government urging the tenants of Local Authority houses to till their gardens and to keep them generally in a good condition.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT

A Circular letter from the Minister for Local Government relating to the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 and the 1952/53 Programme was submitted but it was seen that the Corporation had no works which would come within the scope of the Circular.

HOUSING - MRS. ROSE CARROLL

A report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of houses at High St. and Keyser's Lane owned by Mrs. Rose



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Carroll, was read and it was decided to take no action on this lady's request that the Corporation should acquire this property.

#### GERARD PROPERTY

In reply to Alderman Gaul the Borough Surveyor promised to submit a report, as soon as possible, on the Gerrard property at John St. which had been offered to the Corporation for purchase.

#### DAMAGED CROSS

The Mayor referred to a damaged cross at St. Ibar's Cemetery owned by Mrs. Grondon, Bridg Street which had recently been repaired by the Corporation workmen and asked the Corporation to go further into this matter - to replace the cross which had been badly damaged by a fallen tree.

#### NATIONAL EX-SERVICEMEN

It was decided to receive a Deputation from the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen at the next meeting.

#### BATHROOMS FOR FIREMENS' HOUSES

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would cost approximately £2,000. to provide bathrooms for the Fire Brigade houses and as this figure seemed outrageous to the members it was decided to request the County Manager to ask for tenders for this work.

Alderman Sinnott gave notice of motion that he would move at the next meeting that the rents of the Fire Brigade houses be not increased.

#### VALUATION OF ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

A memorial from the Tenants of the houses at St. Aidan's Crescent complaining of the valuation placed thereon and asking that it be submitted for revision was submitted, as was also a letter from the County Manager addressed to the tenants intimating that there was no objection to putting the houses down for revision but pointing out that they ran a grave danger of being increased.

#### SEWER AT SELSKAR

A Memorial from the residents of Selskar relating to the sewer there, was read and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the main sewer opened and to submit a report on the condition of it.

#### REQUEST FROM FINE WOOL FABRICS

A letter was read from Fine Wool Fabrics Ltd. requesting the Corporation to sell them on the Tenant Purchase System two houses at Corry's Villas at present occupied by two of their employees as weekly tenants but it was unanimously decided that the Corporation could not agree to the sale to a Public Company of houses provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

#### TENANT PURCHASE SYSTEM

Alderman Corish moved that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the tenants of Corporation houses be given a chance to acquire them on the Tenant Purchase System.

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MISS WALSH, HILL ST.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott it was stated that every effort was being made to accommodate a Miss Walsh of Hill St. in a house at a reasonable rent and that correspondence had already been received from her Solicitor on this matter.

Alderman Sinnott also asked the Town Clerk to state by what percentage private landlords could increase the rents of houses in the Town and the Town Clerk replied that he was not in a position to make an authoritative statement on this matter which was one for the Solicitors of the individual tenants and the District Justice.

REMARKS OF COUNCILLOR

Before the Meeting closed Councillor Howlin referred to the discussion which had taken place on the motion moved by him regarding the increase in rents of Corporation houses and asked His Worship, The Mayor, if it was in order for Councillor K. Morris to refer to a person who was not present to defend himself by an epithet which was, to say the least, insulting.

The Mayor stated that no person outside the Corporation should be referred to at a meeting but he could not prevent members from using those remarks.

Councillor Kevin Morris said he would withdraw the remarks on conditions but Councillor Howlin stated that he would not accept such a withdrawal, and after further discussion between the two Councillors the matter dropped and the meeting terminated.

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