

5th May, 1952.

A Statutory 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, James Morris, Broaders and Kevin Morris.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor referred to the death of the late Michael Ryan, Coblteen, a member of a distinguished Wexford family and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his widow and children, to his sisters, Her Excellency, Mrs. Sean T. O'Kelly, Miss N. Ryan, M.C.C. and his brother, Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Health and Social Welfare.

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

MINUTES

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

EX-SERVICEMEN

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Sullivan, Whelan and Rowe was received from the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen. The Deputation stated they were in attendance to further the interest in their members and asked for more employment for the National Ex-Servicemen, particularly on Housing Schemes which would be more or less of a constant nature.

After hearing the Deputation and it had withdrawn the members of the Corporation considered the matter raised by them.

Councillor Howlin pointed out that in so far as the employment on the Housing Schemes was concerned it was entirely a matter for the Housing Engineer as to who would be employed or dismissed. Alderman Sinnott thought that the Deputation should supply a list of the names of Unemployed Ex-Servicemen and that the Housing Engineer be asked to employ as many of these men as possible. Alderman Byrne thought that the Corporation should make special allocations to Ex-Servicemen. The Mayor agreed with the suggestion of Alderman Sinnott - that a list of names be supplied to the Engineer and that if suitable men were on the list they should get preference and Councillor K. Morris thought that all hands being equal Ex-servicemen should get priority. Alderman Corish agreed that something should be done for Ex-Servicemen but pointed out that the Wexford Corporation for some years past had done a considerable amount to ease unemployment in the Town.

The Meeting then considered what, if any, Scheme could be commenced which would give employment to Ex-Servicemen and it was pointed out that if the sewerage Scheme were started with the aid of a State Grant Ex-Servicemen would get priority, and it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Minister for Local Government be asked to receive a Deputation consisting of The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott, Councillor K. Morris, the County Manager and Town Clerk, with a view to expediting sanction to at least the John Street portion of the Town Sewerage Scheme.

The Town Clerk was also asked to try and arrange this deputation for a time when the Dail would be sitting so that the Deputation could have the benefit of the five T.D.'s for the County.

MAKING OF - MUNICIPAL RATE

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 34/4d. in the £. for the year ended 31st March, 1953 as agreed to on 31st March last. Councillor K. Morris moved that the rate be made and Councillor J. Morris seconded. Councillor Howlin, however, stated that having regard to the increase in rents which is embodied in the rate he felt obliged to vote against it and Alderman Byrne intimated likewise.

On a Poll being taken there voted for the making of the Rate:

Councillors: K. Morris, Broaders, J. Morris, Hadden and the Mayor. (5).

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

THE MAYOR THEREUPON GAVE HIS CASTING VOTE IN favour of the making of the rate and the Book was sealed and signed by the Mayor Councillors: K. Morris, J. Morris and the Town Clerk.

FIRE BRIGADE HOUSES

The next business was a motion by Alderman Sinnott that the rents of the houses occupied by members of the Fire Brigade be not increased. In this connection the Town Clerk stated he had already intimated to Alderman Sinnott that in his (Town Clerk's) opinion this motion was out of order as at the 31st March last a motion had been carried increasing the rents of certain houses including the Fire Brigade houses. The motion to rescind the resolution of the 31st March had been considered on a couple of occasions and had been defeated at the last meeting. Alderman Sinnott, however, held that at the last meeting the County Manager had stated that the rents of the Fire Brigade houses would not be increased but the Manager intimated that a discussion had taken place regarding the Firemen's houses when he had intimated that the remuneration of the Firemen was at present under consideration, and that the rents they were paying would be taken into consideration before a final decision on this remuneration was made. He (Manager) was awaiting the information which the Town Clerk had asked the Chief Officer of the Brigade to obtain for him-the rate of wages of a fitter-but as there was no uniform rate for a fitter it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to accept the rate of a Gas Fitter in fixing the remuneration of the firemen.

The Mayor ruled Alderman Sinnott's motion out of order.

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ACQUISITION OF CORPORATION HOUSES

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation tenants be given the opportunity of acquiring their houses on the Tenant Purchase System.

Alderman Byrne who had tabled a similar motion, seconded.

The motion met with general favour and was unanimously adopted.

The Town Clerk was asked to prepare a Tenant Purchase Scheme for one of the smaller Corporation Housing Estates as a commencement and the Purchase Price to be based in accordance with the length of tenancy.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to extend the Borough Boundary so as to include the 128 house-Scheme at Bishopswater; any other Scheme of houses which might be in contemplation outside the Borough and generally to straighten the boundary.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to it being pointed out during the course of the discussion that the tenants of these houses would lose the right to vote in a Municipal Election, would be effected by different rates of Unemployment Assistance and would not be eligible for work under the Relief Grants.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that the Corporation express an opinion favouring the Crescent as a Site for the Commodore Barry Memorial. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded. not Councillor Howlin, however, intimated that he would like to commit their successors in Office to particular place neither did Alderman Byrne. However, as it was seen that it was only an expression of opinion the proposal of Dr. Hadden was unanimously agreed to and Alderman Sinnott asked the Town Clerk to again communicate with the Minister for External Affairs to ascertain if a successor had yet been appointed by the United States Government to Mr. Charles Keck for the execution of the Statute.

DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager what was the position regarding the Corporation's request for an Inquiry into the laying of the Distillery Road sewer and the cost thereof. The Town Clerk produced a lengthy letter from the Department of Local Government on this matter but as the members thought it would be too complicated to follow if read it was decided that a copy of it should be furnished to each member together with the information asked for by the Minister therein, and a special meeting be held on the 19th instant to consider it. On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to authorise Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £7,000. pending the raising of the necessary Loan to finance the laying of the sewer.

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Borough Surveyor gave reasons why it was necessary to close the Distillery Road to traffic while carrying out repairs to the trench.

COST OF BISHOPSWATER HOUSES

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk stated that the estimated cost of the Bishopswater houses was £204,800 and the expenditure to date £24,950. or an average of £196 per house.

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Alderman Byrne asked the County Manager if he was satisfied that the amount allocated for repairs to Artizans' Dwellings could be expended in a more practical way as heretofore so as to give more satisfaction to the tenants and Corporation. He Manager stated he knew no Public Body or Public Official was satisfied that the amount of money spent on repairs to houses showed a reasonable return for it but up to the present no satisfactory method had yet been evolved which would deal with the problem satisfactory to all concerned and he suggested that a Committee of the Corporation should be appointed to examine applications for repairs and they might be able to advise Officials as to the need of each applicant. This suggestion met with favour and Alderman Sinnott who was a member of such a Committee for the Co. Council, proposed that such a Committee as suggested by the Manager be set up in the Corporation.

Councillor L. Morris seconded and the following were appointed on a Committee:-

His Worship, The Mayor, with Aldermen: Byrne, Sinnott and Councillor K. Morris.

LICENCE FOR CINEMA PALACE

On the motion of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously agreed to renew the Licence in respect of the Cinema Palace for a further year.

WATERWORKS

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had a letter from the Consulting Engineer in connection with the waterworks but up to the moment he was unable to give the exact date when it would be possible to instal the pumps at Edenvale so it was decided to ask him for a further report for the next meeting setting out the position for the procurement of the pumps and it was also decided when the reservoir began to drop that weekly reports should be submitted to the Town Clerk on each Thursday morning so as to enable him to intimate to the public, through the medium of the Press, the position of the water supply.

CLEANSING OF RIVER

Alderman Corish referred to the cleansing of the River at Distillery Road and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to it.

WEXFORD TIMBER CO. -V- CORPORATION

The Mayor asked what was the position regarding the Malicious Injury Claim of the Wexford Timber Co. against the Corporation, and the Town Clerk stated that this case had first been heard by the Circuit Court when the claim had been dismissed. The Co. then appealed to the High Court on Circuit when Counsel, on behalf of the Corporation, had asked the High Court Judge to state a case of certain questions which had arisen for a decision by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court consisting of five judges had sat on the 30th ultimo, 1st and 2nd instant when the case as stated by the High Court Judge had been accurate by Counsel from both sides. The Court had reserved judgement and nobody was aware when they would give their decision.

The meeting then terminated.

19th May, 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: Gaul, Byrne, Corish, Sinnott.

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

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance, together with Mr. T. G. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Town Sewerage Scheme.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider, amongst other things, the work of laying the sewer at Distillery Road and prior to the meeting the following documents were furnished to the members:-

- (1) The summary of events leading up to the request of the Corporation and County Manager for the assistance of an Engineering Inspector from the Department 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.
- (2) The Department's reply to the foregoing summary, and
- (3) Replies to the queries raised in the Department's letter referred to at (2) above.

At the outset Councillor Howlin referred to the delay in preparing plans for this Scheme from December, 1950 to June, 1951, but the Consultant intimated that these delays were necessary in order to consider the laying of this sewer as part of the General Sewerage Scheme.

The Consultant at this stage submitted a revised estimate for comparison with his estimate of 29th June, 1951 which amounted to £6,132. 10. 0. as against his original estimate of £3,872. 5. 0. but even this revised estimate fell considerably short of the actual cost of approximately £8,000. although it was pointed out that there would be some credits in respect of salvage materials, etc. but it was thought that these would not exceed £200. 0. 0.

In general arguments and points raised by the members were those raised at previous meetings and the attitude of the Corporation was to fix responsibility for the over expenditure but having regard to the technical aspects raised at the meeting they did not feel confident to fix responsibility and decided to await the Department's further views in the light of the replies to the queries contained in the Minister's letter of 3rd ultimo. The members did, however, unanimously adopt a Resolution, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Corporation were dissatisfied with the job and were not in a position to apportion the blame and that their attitude be conveyed to the Minister. Before the discussion ended, however, the Manager intimated that he would have, as a result of his investigations, to make an Order apportioning the responsibility of each Officer and send it to the Minister.

In order to finance the Scheme, however, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction a loan of £8,000. for the laying of this sewer.

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It was also agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish that pending the receiving of this loan that the Minister be requested to sanction Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £8,000. on the capital account from 1st October, 1951 until the loan was available.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The next business was to consider an application from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners that the Corporation should guarantee repayment of principal and interest on a loan of £1,000. to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the improvement of Wexford Harbour and in pursuance of Section 7(1)(c) of the Harbour's Act, 1947 it was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved: "that this Corporation agree to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £1,000. (One Thousand Pounds) and the payment of interest thereon, to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners towards the cost of a Scheme for the Improvement of Wexford Harbour."

BUNGALOWS FOR OLD COUPLES

The County Manager submitted correspondence between himself and the Minister together with Plans for a bungalow suitable for old couples which it was estimated would cost between £600-£650. and stated that the matter was still under consideration between himself and the Minister's technical Advisors but the members agreed that the Manager should press hard for sanction to the Plan proposed by him which had been prepared by the County Council Architect and as soon as a decision was reached a special meeting should be convened to consider the erection of these dwellings.

WEXFORD TIMBER CO. -V- WEXFORD CORPORATION

At the request of the Mayor, the Town Clerk read the judgment of the Supreme Court in the Malicious Injury Claim of the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd. against the Corporation and the County Council which showed that the Supreme Court had unanimously found in favour of the Corporation on the case stated by Mr. Justice Haugh and allowed the Corporation the Party and Party costs of the case stated and of the four days' hearing in the Supreme Court.

The members considered this a very satisfactory decision from the point of view of the Ratepayers in the Town and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, the County Manager and Legal Advisor were warmly complimented on their successful handling of this important case.

The meeting then terminated.

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9th June, 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, Sinnott.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin the Minutes of the May meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members, with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be ~~extended~~ added to the Christian Brothers on the death in Wexford, on the 7th instant, of Rev. Brother Fleming at a very advanced age.

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

Alderman Gaul proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. O'Sullivan, Trinity St., relict of the late William Sullivan, a former employee of the Corporation.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed were read from Mrs. O'Kelly, wife of the President of Ireland, Dr. Ryan, Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Miss N. O'Ryan, M.C.C., and the wife and family of the late Michael Ryan Old Boley.

A letter was also read from the Department of External Affairs acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution regarding the site of the proposed Commodore John Barry Memorial, and intimating that the views of the Corporation would be conveyed to the members of the Committee set up to decide on the site for the erection of the Memorial. The Department further stated that the Minister was not aware of the appointment of a successor to Mr. Charles Keck, the Artist originally chosen to execute the Memorial.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The next business was to consider the report of the Joint Committee appointed by the Corporation to consider and recommend what Traffic Regulations were necessary for the Borough. The following is the report of the Committee:-

The Joint Committee met on the 12th and 26th May, 1952, and the meetings were attended by the following:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk, presiding.

Representing the Wexford Corporation, Alderman Byrne, Councillors James Morris & Kevin Morris.

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Representing Wexford Chamber of Commerce: Messrs. H. Coffey, E. Hassett and E. McCarthy.

Representing Wexford Trades Council: Messrs. M. Fitzpatrick and William Stafford.

Representing Wexford Drapers & Boot Merchants' Association: Messrs. E. McGrail, T. Sutton, and H. Scott.

Representing the Garda Siochana: Supt. S. O'Farrell.

The Town Clerk, Mr. J. J. Byrne, acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

Subject to the suggestion of the representatives of the Wexford Trades Council (hereinafter referred to) the Joint Committee unanimously recommended the Corporation to forward the following draft regulations to the Garda Authorities for implementation.

MAIN STREET, BULLRING
& SELSKAR STREET.

NO PARKING to be permitted on any part of the MAIN STREET, North or South, or in Selskar Street.

Parking to be permitted in the marked space only in the Bullring.

NO WAITING to be permitted, except for a maximum period of twenty minutes when necessary for the loading or unloading of goods between:-

1. Harpur's Lane and Henrietta Street.
2. Anne Street and Church Lane.
3. The premises of the Loc Garmai Co-Operative Agricultural Society Ltd., (North Main Street) and the premises of the Young Mens' Christian Association (North Main Street).
4. Trimmer's Lane, West and Well Lane.

WAITING TO BE PERMITTED for a period not exceeding twenty-minutes between:-

1. King Street and Harpur's Lane on the sea-side.
2. Henrietta Street and Anne Street on the Sea-side.
3. Church Lane and the premises of Messrs. Traynor's (Wexford) Ltd., Bullring on the sea-side.
4. Love's Cafe and the premises of the Loc Garmain Co-Operative Agricultural Society Ltd. (North Main Street) on the land side.
5. The premises of the Young Mens' Christian Association (North Main Street) and Trimmer's Lane, West, on the land side.
6. Well Lane and Slaney Street on the land side.

THE QUAYS

NO PARKING to be permitted on the land side except Crescent Quay.

PARKING TO BE permitted on the sea-side except on Crescent Quay where parking be permitted on the land side.

WAITING to be permitted for a period not exceeding twenty minutes on the land side of the Quays (Crescent Quay excepted)

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N.B. In connection with the recommendations relating to the Quays, the Joint Committee realise that the roadways are under the jurisdiction of the Wexford County Council and the Quays proper under the control of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners so that the recommendations made are subject to the consent of those Bodies being obtained.

STREETS LEADING FROM MAIN STREET

PARKING TO be permitted in marked spaces in:

1. Temperance Row.
2. Monk Street (North Side) but not less than fifty feet from the junction with Main Street North and Selskar Street.
3. West end of Charlotte Street, North Side
4. Common Quay Street, North Side.
5. Anne Street, South Side, below entrance to Lambert's Bakery.
6. Henrietta Street, South Side.
7. Cornmarket.
8. Rowe Street Upper, North Side.
9. Redmond Place.
10. King Street, Upper, South Side between Ropewalk Yard and Lambert Place.
11. King Street Lower, South Side between Sinnott's Place/Slaughterhouse Lane and Paul Quay.

The recommendations regarding King Street (Upper & Lower) are made subject to the consent of the Wexford County Council, the Road Authority.

NO PARKING TO BE PERMITTED IN:

1. Slanoy Street.
2. George Street, Lower.
3. Rowe Street Lower.
4. Allen Street.
5. Peter Street.
6. Bride Street.
7. Skoffington Street.

NO WAITING TO BE PERMITTED Except for a maximum period of twenty minutes when necessary for the loading or unloading of goods in:

1. Allen Street.
2. Peter Street.
3. Bride Street.
4. Slanoy Street.
5. Skoffington Street.

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WAITING IN MARKED spaces for a maximum period of twenty minutes to be permitted in

1. Rowe Street, Lower.
2. George Street Lower (Above entrance to White's Hotel Yard)

OTHER STREETS IN THE TOWN

Parking to be permitted in any thoroughfare not hereinbefore mentioned, provided it does not constitute an interference with, obstruction to, or danger to traffic or pedestrians.

GENERAL

Where either parking or waiting is authorised by the foregoing draft Regulations such authorisation should not extend to parking or waiting in front of the entrance to any yard or premises where such parking or waiting would obstruct the ingress or egress of vehicles.

The foregoing Regulations should only apply between the hours of 9-0 a.m. and 6-0 p.m. on week days, except the prohibition against parking or waiting in front of the entrance to any yard or premises which should apply at all times.

The Joint Committee recommend that the proposed Regulations set out above should be given a trial period of twelve months and in the meantime the suggestion that one-way traffic be operated in the Main Street and Solskar Street be deferred. The Representatives of the Wexford Trades Council, however, asked that the trial period be reduced to six months but this did not meet with favour on the grounds that a six months period would only give experience of Summer or Winter traffic or portion of both and would not be a fair trial!

A copy of the foregoing report was furnished to the members prior to the meeting.

The Corporation agreed with the recommendation of the Committee but also thought that the trial period should be reduced to six months as requested by the representatives of the Trades Council and it was eventually unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the recommendations of the Joint Committee be adopted and the Garda Authorities requested to put them into operation as soon as possible and that they be reviewed at the end of six months from the date they come into operation.

PROTECTION AT DISTILLERY ROAD

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that proper protection be afforded at the River at Distillery Road where no such protection now exists. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should report to the Town Clerk on the portions of the River which needed protection and that he (Town Clerk) should then take up the matter with the owners of the property.

In this connection Councillor Hadden and Alderman Sinnott referred to the need for a right-of-way from Green Street to Distillery Road and the Town Clerk undertook to look up the Deeds of the Doversaux Villas property with a view to seeing if the Corporation owned all the land down to the River and the Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to report at the end of the next meeting on the possibilities of bridging the river with a view to providing such a right-of-way.

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RESURFACING OYSTER LANE

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that Oyster Lane be resurfaced.

Alderman Corish seconded, but on the suggestion of the County Manager it was decided to leave this matter in abeyance until proposals were being made for the 1952/53 Relief Grants when the proper resurfacing of this lane-way could be included and by this time it was thought that the only person residing therein would be re-housed and the existing ~~un~~-healthy dwelling demolished.

SINNOTT'S LANE

Councillor Morris also referred to the condition of Sinnott's Lane and the lanes leading thereto and it was decided a Notice should be served on the Harbour Commissioners who were responsible for the laneways - to abate any nuisance found therein on inspection by the Health Inspector.

E.S.B. CHARGES

A letter was read from the Mayor of Limerick on the subject of the Electricity Supply Board charges and it was decided to inform the Mayor that the Corporation wished them every success in their efforts in pressing a Scale of charges but regretted that no member was available to attend the meeting proposed to be held by him on the 16th instant.

FERMOY U. D. C.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne the following resolution from Fermoy Urban District Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That we deplore the action of the State Department in reducing the Grant of £4,000. per annum to £2,500. towards the University Adult Education Scheme sponsored by Doctor O'Rahilly, President U.C.C., in sixteen centres throughout the South of Ireland, Fermoy having the privilege and honour of one of those centres. That we request the State Department concerned to reconsider its decision and we further call on all public bodies and members of rural organisations throughout the land to have the minimum grant of £4,000. restored."

DUNLAOGHAIRE CORPORATION

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the following Resolution from Dunlaoghaire Corporation was unanimously adopted and it was decided to request the Irish Tourist Association to arrange with the Cinema and Theatre Exhibitors Association to issue an appeal to the public as requested in the Resolution.

"That we ask the Cinema and Theatre Exhibitors Association to co-operate with us in appealing to the Public to refrain from leaving litter, broken bottles, etc. on the beaches and in all places throughout the country frequented by holiday makers."

Arising out of this it was also agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, to urge the Minister for Industry and Commerce to take steps to deal with the nuisance arising at sea-sides due to the discharge of ships.

ATHLONE U. D. C.

The following Resolution from Athlone U.D.C. was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That we the members of the Athlone Corporation protest against the

proposed "ceiling" in the Housing (Amendment) Bill, 1952, whereby in the lower income group a Family in receipt of more than £416. per annum will be precluded from receiving a local authority grant. That we call upon the Minister to amend the Bill by the continuance of the provisions of Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950 or by increasing the amount of grant allowed under that Section."

NATIONAL ANTHEM

A letter was read from the National Association of Ex-Servicemen regarding the disrespect showed to the National Anthem in Cinemas and Theatres and asking for the co-operation of the Corporation in having more respect shown for the Anthem. This was a matter which had engaged the attention of the Corporation on a number of occasions in the past but without success and on the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor K. Morris to request the Minister for Education to arrange to have the National Anthem played in the Schools at least once each day and a short talk given on appropriate occasions to the children on the meaning and importance of respecting the Anthem. Various suggestions were made regarding the observance of proper respect for the Anthem in Cinemas, etc. and it was eventually decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Hadden, that the Cinemas be requested, at the close of their programme each evening to flash on the Screen the words "National Anthem" and simultaneously to commence playing it.

EMERGENCY EXIT ETC.

A question by Alderman Corish regarding the emergency exit; and the Collecting box at the entrance to the Town Hall; and the provision of coal boxes for Devereaux Villas houses and the work on the 1951/2, Relief Grants was deferred to the next meeting for the attention of the Borough Surveyor.

LEVEL OF RESERVOIR

It was agreed, at the request of Alderman Corish that the actual level of the Reservoir be given to the Press each week for publication in addition to any warning which the Officials might consider advisable in regard to the state of the Reservoir.

LIGHT - ST. AIDAN'S

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that an additional light for St. Aidan's Crescent had been ordered on the 31st October last. The Order had been acknowledged by the Electricity Supply Board who intimated that they were unable to supply brackets and shades at that time.

In further reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that he had arranged with the Local Area Officer of the Electricity Supply Board to inspect the new Housing Site at Bishopswater in the near future and arranged for a quotation for the Public Lighting there so that it would be in operation before the commencement of the Winter months.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

REPAIRS

It was agreed to hold a meeting of the special Committee appointed to deal with applications for repairs to Artizan's dwellings on Friday next at 7.30 p.m.

HOUSE AT CARRIGEEN

With reference to a proposal that a house at Carrigeen owned by Miss Carty, St. John's Road, should be acquired by the Corporation it was decided to inform the Solicitor for the Corporation that the

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Corporation were not in a position at the moment to acquire this property.

WALKS AT ST. IBAR'S

Reference was also made to the condition of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the County Manager promised that he would have pit gravel provided for the Cemetery so that the workmen could fill in any particularly bad spots in very bad weather.

FIRE ENGINE

Councillor Dr. Hadden asked what was to be done in connection with the provision of a fire engine and the Town Clerk intimated that he had a meeting the following morning with representatives of the Firm, whom it was thought would be able to supply a suitable engine within a reasonable time.

The meeting then terminated.



23rd June, 1952.

A 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: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

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

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH

At the outset the Mayor stated he intended to move at the Quarterly Meeting due to be held on the 30th instant that the freedom of the Borough be conferred on Senator Miss Margaret Pearse on the occasion of her visit to Wexford on 13th July, 1952 to open the Golden Jubilee of the first Feis at which Padraig Pearse had adjudicated. This suggestion of the Mayor's met with unanimous favour.

HIGH MASS & PROCESSION AT FRIARY

The Town Clerk intimated that the Very Rev. Fr. Flannan, Guardian of the Friary had invited the Corporation and Officials to be present at Solemn High Mass on the 29th instant and to take part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately afterwards and it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should accept the invitation.

LICENCE FOR CAPITAL CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was renewed for another year.

FENCE AT MAUDLINTOWN

At the request of the County Manager the Town Clerk referred to the damage constantly being carried out to a fence at Maudlintown between the Corporation property and the property of Coras Iompair Eireann. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which it was agreed that repairs to the fence be carried out but that the Railway Company be asked to state what action they were taking against trespassers and the attention of the Garda was to be drawn to this wanton damage.

JOSEPH McEVOY -DAVITT RD.STH.

The Town Clerk referred to a decision sometime ago asking the County Manager to examine the application of Joseph McEvoy, Davitt Road, South for compensation for additions to his dwelling at that address. He (Town Clerk) stated that Mr. McEvoy claimed he had expended approximately £100. on the dwelling and the Borough Surveyor's Estimate amounted to £89. An Offer of £25. had been made to Mr. McEvoy but had been refused and the Manager now was thinking in terms of £50. It was unanimously agreed that the matter be left to the County Manager to decide and the approval of the Corporation granted to any decision he came to.

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OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

The Corporation then sat as an Old Age Pensions Committee and the record of their decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

GERARD PROPERTY

In reply to Councillor Caul the Town Clerk stated that the question of purchasing the Gerrard property in John Street was well under consideration and a report on the matter would shortly be submitted to the Corporation.

EXERGENCY EXIT- TOWN HALL

In reply to Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor stated he proposed finishing the emergency exit in the Town Hall as soon as the mason was free from other work and at the request of the members intimated that he would enlarge the Collecting Box.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor promised that the exit would be finished by the end of July and if he found any difficulty in keeping this promise he was to ask the Housing Engineer for the loan of a mason.

EXTRA LIGHT AT ST. AIDAN'S

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that he had an appointment with a representative of the Electricity Supply Board during the following week and would urge on him the need for an extra lamp at St. Aidan's Crescent which was ordered last October.

ENTRANCE TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Reference was also made by the Alderman to the entrance to the Municipal Building and the Town Clerk informed him that the County Manager had given notice to the Borough Surveyor that the work should be completed by the 13th July when it was intended to confer the Freedom of the Borough on Senator Miss Margaret Pearse at the Municipal Buildings. The Borough Surveyor intimated to Alderman Corish that he was having the necessary preparatory steps taken to repair the coal boxes at Devereaux Villas.

LETTING OF HOUSES

Complaint was made regarding the letting of six houses at Bishopswater and the Town Clerk intimated that it was only on Saturday last that the County Manager had received the priority list and that a decision on the tenants of the six would be made the following day.

ENGINEER TRAINEE

In reply to Dr. Hadden the Town Clerk stated that the Manager intended to appoint an Engineer Trainee to complete a detailed survey of Derelict Sites during the coming month.

JOHN STREET SEWER

In reply to a question by Alderman Sinnott regarding the John Street Sewer the Town Clerk intimated that the Manager had had several discussions with Officials of the Department on this matter and that a decision was expected in the near future and the Borough Surveyor intimated that an Inspector had visited Wexford during the last week in connection with this matter.

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DAVITT ROAD SOUTH - WATERLOO ROAD

Councillor Hadden asked that the Plan of Davitt Road, South to Waterloo Road should be considered in connection with the Winter Relief Grant and all preliminary steps taken immediately and asked that the County Manager take such steps so that the work could commence next Winter.

FOOTPATH - GIBSON STREET

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the condition of a footpath at the end of Gibson St. and the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would have to be relaid and promised to produce an estimate for same in the near future.

TRAFFIC SIGN AT WILLIAM ST.

Councillor Broaders raised the question of a traffic sign at the junction of the Faythe and William St. and asked that it be changed so as to divert traffic through the Faythe on to the Main St. rather than have it directed down William St. Various opinions were expressed on this matter such as the erection of a sign at various points on the Quay directing traffic to the "shopping Centre" but it was eventually decided to ask the Chamber of Commerce, as representatives of the business Community, their views on this matter.

AN TOSTAL

A lengthy Circular from the Organiser AN TOSTAL 1953 was submitted by the Mayor and it was decided to have it copied and circulated amongst the members.

MAYOR'S SALARY

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the salary of the Mayor for the year ended June, 1952 be increased by £25. This was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed.

OVERDRAFTS

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. Sinnott it was agreed to request the consent of the Minister for Local Government to Overdraft accommodation on the Municipal Account in the sum of £15,000. for the period 1st June to 30th Sept., 1952. It was also unanimously resolved on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. Sinnott "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £100,000. for the period ended 31st March, 1952, in connection with the Council's Housing Programme.

The Meeting then terminated.

Joe Paul.

30th June, 1952.

A Quarterly 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, Councillor Michael Flusk (in the Chair).
Aldermen: James Sinnott, James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Nicls. Corish.
Councillors: John Howlin, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris, George Hadden, James Morris, Frank Cullimore, Kevin Stafford.
The following Officials were also in attendance:-
The County Manager, Corporation Solicitor and Town Clerk.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business on the Agenda was to "elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than the 1st July, 1953 and until his Successor has been appointed and made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office."

His Worship, The Mayor then intimated that he was prepared to receive nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Alderman Gaul proposed that Alderman Sinnott be selected as Mayor.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin.

Councillor Cullimore, however, referred to the question of rotation of the Office of Mayor and stated that as Alderman Sinnott had already held this Office for a few years he proposed that Alderman Gaul be selected.

Councillor Broaders seconded.

Alderman Gaul, however, thanked the proposer and seconder and said that as Alderman Sinnott was the nominee of the Labour Party, of which he (Alderman Gaul) was a member he was therefore supporting Alderman Sinnott and intimated that he would not accept the Office. Councillor Cullimore, thereupon, withdrew his nomination of Ald. Gaul.

Councillor Hadden, however, then stated that he wished to nominate Alderman Gaul and did so. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded. Ald. Gaul again intimated that in view of his Party's decision to nominate Alderman Sinnott he could not accept nomination. As Cllr. Hadden refused to withdraw his nomination and as there were no other proposals for the Office, His Worship, The Mayor intimated that a Poll would be taken when there voted for Alderman Gaul:-

Councillors: Stafford, Cullimore, James Morris, Hadden, Kevin Morris, Broaders and His Worship, The Mayor(7).

For Alderman Sinnott:

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

The Mayor thereupon declared Alderman Gaul elected but when asked by the Town Clerk to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by The Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 Ald. Gaul refused until he had had an opportunity of consulting with his Party.

The Corporation Solicitor then intimated that Alderman Gaul had five days within which to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and if at the end of that period he still refused to sign, it was obligatory on the Corporation to elect a Mayor within 10 days from the expiration of the five days above referred to.

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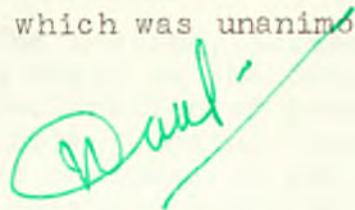
It was accordingly agreed to adjourn this item of the Quarterly Meeting and the fixing of the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 23rd June, 1953 until Monday, July, 7th at 7.30 p.m.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH TO MISS M. PEARSE

"The only other item on the Agenda was a motion by His Worship, The Mayor "that by virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, the honorary freedom of this, the ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Senator Miss Margaret Pearse on the occasion of her visit to Wexford on the 13th July, 1952 to open the Golden Jubilee of Feis Charmain."

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned.



7th July, 1952.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Flusk (Out-going Mayor) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Sinnott and James Gaul (In-coming Mayor).

Councillors: J. Howlin, K. Morris, F. Cullimore, M. Broaders, J. Morris and Dr. Madden.

The following Officials were also in attendance:-

Mr. T. F. McDermott, Deputy County Manager, Mr. F. M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor and the Town Clerk.

FORMAL INVESTITURE OF NEW MAYOR

As intimated in the second Agenda for the Meeting, issued on the 5th instant, Alderman Gaul, who was elected Mayor on the 30th ultimo, had made and subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Alderman Nicholas Corish, Councillor John Howlin and the Town Clerk, and the first business on the Agenda was therefore, the formal investiture with Robe and Chain of Alderman Gaul as Mayor by the out-going Mayor, Councillor Michael Flusk.

Councillor Flusk thereupon invested Alderman Gaul with the Robe and Chain and the new Mayor took the Chair.

Alderman Gaul returned thanks for his election as Mayor and took the opportunity to congratulate the out-going Mayor for the dignity and impartiality with which he had filled the Office during the past 18 months. All the members joined in congratulating Alderman Gaul on his election as Mayor for the coming year and many of them paid tribute to the manner in which the out-going Mayor had upheld the dignity of the Office and for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Corporation during his term.

The Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the Manager and personally also congratulated the new Mayor.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had been charged with the honour of conveying the congratulations, good wishes and blessing of His Lordship, The Bishop of Ferns to the New Mayor and stated His Lordship had informed him that owing to the Clerical Retreat having been started he would be unable to receive the new Mayor to personally congratulate him until Saturday next and had requested the Town Clerk to make arrangements for the Mayor to call on him on Saturday afternoon.

The ex-Mayor also congratulated Alderman Gaul and returned thanks for the appreciation which had been expressed of the manner in which he had carried out the Office during his term.

The new Mayor also returned thanks to the Corporation for their congratulations.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held prior to 23rd June, 1953 and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin that these meetings be held on Monday, 6th October, 1952 at 7.30 p.m.: Monday, 5th January, 1953 at 7.30 p.m.: Monday, 5th April, 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

HIGH MASS

At the request of the Organisation National Ex-Servicemen the Corporation agreed to attend the High Mass at the Protestant Church on Sunday, 13th instant (Truce Day) in State. The meeting then terminated.

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THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE IRELAND, ACT, 1876.

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD
ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY-TWO, THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS
CONFERRED ON SENATOR MISS MARGARET PEARSE ON THE OCCASION
OF HER VISIT TO WEXFORD ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JULY,
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO, TO OPEN THE GOLDEN
JUBILEE OF FEIS CHARMAIN.

Maighread M. Nicpholaigh.....SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

James J. O'Sullivan.....MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

John J. O'Sullivan.....TOWN CLERK WEXFORD.

21st July, 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, Alderman Gaul, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish and Byrne.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the Minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor referred to the recent elevation of the Very Rev. John Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater to the Chapter of the Diocese and moved that the Corporation's sincere congratulations be extended to Canon Sinnott on this occasion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Letters were read from the Vicar General and the Local Superior of the Christian Brothers acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with the Order on the death of the late Brother Fleming.

A letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution on the subject of the pollution of bathing beaches by the discharge of oil from boats and intimating that the Minister had again drawn the attention of all Shipping Masters to the necessity for strict compliance with the provision of The Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1926.

A letter was also read from the Irish Tourist Association acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution requesting the Association to arrange with the Cinema and Theatre Exhibitors' Association to co-operate in an appeal to the Public to refrain from leaving litter, etc. on the beaches and places in the Country frequented by Holiday-makers.

LOANS

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage to secure repayment of a Loan of £50,350. for the erection of 34 houses at Newtown and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:- "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £50,350. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1950." The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

A Further Mortgage Deed securing re-payment of a Loan of £15,700. for the erection of 10 houses at Hill Street and Wygram Place was also submitted for execution and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:- "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £15,700. proposed to be advanced by them to us

under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1950. This Deed of Mortgage was also duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

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VALUATION REVISIONS

There was submitted to the meeting a list of premises which had been submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for revision in the Current Year by the Rate Collectors, Revenue Commissioners, the Commissioner himself and private individuals.

Councillor Kevin Morris once again protested against what he described as the indiscriminating selection of private property for re-valuation in the past few years and stated he would continue to protest against these re-valuations on every possible occasion.

Alderman Byrne and Corish protested as did Councillor Howlin on the grounds that it was a deterrent to persons to improve their premises which improvements would give much needed employment.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TOWN

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that this Corporation call on the Government to take positive steps to curb the increasing unemployment and the consequent increase of emigration from the Country. Councillor Howlin seconded. In moving this motion Alderman Corish referred to the principal Industry in the Town - The Agricultural Machinery Industry - and stated that more than 50% of the Industries' employees were now unemployed. In his opinion a considerable amount of this unemployment was due to the recent report of the Central Bank.

In seconding the motion Councillor Howlin stated he understood that the proposed new sewer in John Street had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, subject to minor amendments and urged the Officials to have this work put in hands with the least possible delay so as to relieve Unemployment to some extent in the Town.

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Kevin Morris, Cullimore, James Morris and Flusk supported the motion principle but Councillors Kevin Morris, Cullimore and Flusk objected to the references made by Alderman Corish to the report on the Central Bank as being partly the cause of Unemployment in the Local Industry and held that this was due to two causes, the first being Seasonal, which had occurred earlier this year than in previous years. The second being that the Industry was changing over from the manufacture of Horse-drawn ploughs to Tractor ploughs on a large scale.

The Mayor stated that he had interviewed the management of Messrs. Pierce & Co. and was informed that purchases in the Current year had ceased much earlier than in previous years and that nothing whatever could be done by the Management to ease the situation for a couple of months to come.

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The Resolution/was proposed by Alderman Corish was adopted.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES

The next business was a motion by Councillor K. Morris that in view of the unsatisfactory way houses were allocated that we have a full discussion on allocations, etc. Alderman Corish seconded the motion to put it in order. The Councillor complained that houses were not being let in accordance with the priority list prepared by the Chief Medical Officer, to whom he paid a glowing tribute for the conscientious manner in which she dealt with all applications for houses. The Councillor also complained that the Officials were not submitting lists of previous allocations to the members of the Council and after some discussion it was

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decided that this matter be adjourned until the County Manager, who was at present on leave and who was entirely responsible for the letting of houses, was in attendance, and it was also agreed that the list of allocations made and previous allocations by the Manager be submitted to the next meeting when the Manager would be in attendance.

A motion in the name of Alderman Byrne that further allocations be by draw was also adjourned for the attendance of the Manager.

FOOTPATH AT WHITEROCK VIEW

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the footpath at Whiterock View be put in a usable condition. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and the Borough Surveyor requested to submit an Estimate for this work.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A quotation was submitted by the Electricity Supply Board for the public lighting of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme. The Board's quotation was £72. 12. 0. for the erection of a switch wire. For the erection and operation of 7 midnight lights £4.15.10. each per annum and for the erection and operation of two all-night lights £7. 3. 0. each per annum.

While the members objected to the Board placing capital charges on the Consumers it was seen that the Corporation had no option but to accept the Tender and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to accept the Tender of the Board and to authorise the additional expenditure involved on public lighting in the current financial year.

MISS CARTY'S HOUSE

Councillor Hadden referred to a request from Miss Carty, St. John's Road that the Corporation should purchase a house owned by her at Carrigeon St. which she now offered for the sum of £300. In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that on the basis of the £300. purchase the repayment of the loan would amount to £20. 10. 4. per annum, rates £5. 3. 0. and Collection & Insurance £1. so it was seen that even without providing for repairs or Legal Expenses a rent of over 10/- per week would be required to be charged for the dwelling and if the members were not prepared to ask the present occupants to pay this rent it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor K. Morris that the dwelling be not purchased.

OTHER HOUSES

Arising out of this matter, however, it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to report on two houses, No.'s 17 and 22, Parnell St. owned by James Williams, Whiterock and No. 16, The Faythe, owned by Mr. James Doyle, South Main St. which were offered to the Corporation for purchase.

AN TOSTAL, 1953.

A lengthy Circular, copy of which had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the meeting, was submitted from the Organisation An Tostal, 1953. Councillor Howlin proposed that a small Committee be set up to consult with the Mayor with a view to forming a larger representative Committee which would Organise Local Events in 1953 in conjunction with An Tostal. Councillor Hadden seconded. It was stated, however, that the County Manager had already taken some steps in this direction and it was decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting when the Mayor would be in attendance. In the meantime, the Town Clerk was to communicate with the Organisation inviting him to attend the meeting in the near future to see what could be done

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locally to assist An TOSTAL.

RETIRED OFFICERS' & SERVANTS' ASSOC.

A letter was read from the Local Authorities Retired Officers' and Servants' Association calling attention to the widening gap between the superannuation allowance of Officers and servants who retired in recent years and the present cost of living and requesting the Corporation to adopt a resolution calling on the Government to amend the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948 so as to permit the retiring allowances of such Officers and Servants to be reviewed from time to time in accordance with the movement of the cost of living.

ANDREO GEFFROY

At the request of the Irish Defence Committee for Andreo Geffroy the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"We, The Mayor and Members of the Wexford Corporation request the French Government to grant an immediate reprieve to the Breton, Andreo Geffroy in view of the circumstances attending his trial and sentence.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

Alderman Byrne asked on whose authority varied or differential rents were agreed on in respect of the Bishopswater houses. The Town Clerk replied that in August last the Corporation agreed to three different rents for the front, middle and back-row houses but the Alderman stated that some people were in the front row houses at rents less than those fixed by the Corporation. In reply to this query the Town Clerk stated that some of the people who had been forced to leave their houses at Hill St. to make room for the present Housing Scheme could not under any circumstances meet the rent of 24/7d. fixed for the front row houses, and after examining the individual circumstances of each case the Manager had agreed to reduce rents as a temporary measure until such time as when cheaper houses were available for these people. The Alderman then strongly objected to this matter not having been brought before the Corporation before the Manager had made such an Order, and intimated that he would raise it again when the Manager was in attendance.

NATIONAL HEALTH INCREASE

Councillor Howlin stated he understood that since the recent increase in National Health Insurance Benefit had been granted the County Council had reduced by the amount of this increase the allowance paid under the I.D.M. Regulations and proposed that the County Council should be requested not to take the increased National Health Insurance benefit from the I.D.M. allowance. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Councillor Kevin Morris and unanimously agreed to.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that no word had yet been received from the Garda Authorities on the suggested traffic Regulations for the Borough, and in reply to a further query by the Alderman the Borough Surveyor stated he hoped to start the provision of coal boxes at Devoreaux Villas in a short time.

INCREASED RENTS - ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk stated that the sanction

of the Minister for Local Government had not yet been received to the increased rents of Artizan's dwellings.

BISHOPSWATER STREAM

Alderman Corish referred to a matter raised by him at the last meeting regarding protection for people at the Bishopswater Stream and the Borough Surveyor stated in so far as the stream was concerned it was not protectible except it was culverted and this would mean reducing the flow of water with a consequent increased liability to flooding. As regards the protection afforded to persons using the road the Borough Surveyor stated that this would be the concern of the Road Authority which was the County Council and it was decided to ask the County Engineer to examine the position there in so far as it concerned his Department and to request the owner of the property whose wall was broken down to have same repaired to prevent persons dumping rubbish into the Stream.

SINNOTT'S LANE

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he had given instructions after the last meeting to have Sinnott's Lane and the adjoining lanes cleaned on Public Health grounds & the Borough Surveyor intimated at the present meeting he would have this done and it was also agreed at the request of Dr. Hadden to have SURVEY Slaughter House Lane Cleaned. Councillor Hadden asked when the proposed survey of the Faythe area was to take place and the Deputy County Manager stated that he would have the Trainee engaged early this week.

WALKS AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Alderman Corish asked if anything was done about the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk intimated that he would get in touch with the Gravel Contractor as suggested by the Co. Manager during week.

INCLUSION OF BISHOPSWATER SCHEME IN BOROUGH

Alderman Corish also urged that steps be taken forthwith to include the new Bishopswater Scheme in the Borough.

BOAT TRAIN

Councillor Broaders again raised the question of the subject of the Harcourt St./Rdsslar Harbour Boat Train at the South Station and after some discussion it was agreed to again ask the five T.D.'s for the County to interest themselves in this matter, of Coras Iompair Eireann. The Meeting then terminated.

11th August, 1952.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.

The members present being:-

Alderman James Gaul, Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nichs. Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Ml. Flusk, George Hadden, John Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris and Kevin Stafford.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes of the previous meeting (a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

At the outset His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. T. F. McDermott, County Secretary, on the unexpected death of his brother. 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from:- The Very Revd. John Canon Sinnott, Blackwater; the Department of An Taoiseach, and the Department of Local Government regarding the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948; the French Ambassador regarding the reprieve of Andreo Geoffroy; and from the Irish Committee for the defence of Andreo Geoffroy; the Minister for Industry & Commerce on the question of unemployment.

HARBOUR GUARANTEE

Referring to minutes of 19th May, 1952, when it was agreed to guarantee the repayment of principal and interest on loan of £1,000 to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners towards the cost of a Scheme for the Improvement of Wexford Harbour, it was proposed by Alderman Thomas Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously resolved: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 (3) (b) of the Harbours Act, 1947, the resolution adopted on the 19th May, 1952, whereby this Corporation agreed to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £1,000 (one thousand Pounds) and the payment of interest thereon to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners towards the cost of a Scheme for the Improvement of Wexford Harbour, be and is hereby confirmed, and that the Minister for Local Government, by virtue of the powers conferred on him by Section 7 (4) of the Harbours Act, 1947, be requested to confirm by order the resolution of 19th May, 1952, and to include in the order such further provisions as he thinks necessary for giving effect to the resolution.

FORESHORE AT FERRYBANK

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that if it is within the powers of the Corporation that steps be taken to acquire part of the foreshore at Ferrybank before next summer so that the people of Wexford might be facilitated during the summer months. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillors Kevin and James Morris, Alderman Sinnott, the Mayor, Councillors Flusk and Howlin, and unanimously adopted.

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HOUSING

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation request that there be no diminution in the house building programme in Wexford as the number of houses completed and in course of erection is only about 33 and 1/3rd% of the number estimated to house the citizens of the Town. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion, which was supported by Aldermen Byrne and Corish, but Councillors Cullimore, Stafford and Kevin Morris advocated that the Corporation should go slow on building too many houses having regard to the very high rents it was necessary to charge.

In this connection Alderman Sinnott referred to the Batt Street area and asked that negotiations be opened with Mr. Lee. Lett for the acquisition of land in that area owned by him.

It was also agreed that the question of acquiring Moore's field at Carrigeens should be again taken up, and that the survey of derelict sites in the town be completed as soon as possible with a view to building thereon.

AN TOSTAL

At this stage Messrs. O'Gorman and Keogh attended to address the members on the aims and objects of An Tostal, 1953, and in the course of lengthy addresses explained the main reasons for the organisation of this function. Councillor Howlin thought that the Easter period in 1953 was much too early, and while he was prepared to support the main project in Dublin during the Easter Season thought that provincial towns should have their own celebrations later in the year, and flavoured the July period when it would be possible to lay the foundation stone of the Commodore John Barry Memorial in or around the birthday of Barry in addition to any other function which could be organised.

Practically all the members present agreed that Easter would be most unsuitable for local celebrations, but both Messrs. O'Gorman and Keogh were very emphatic that the date of An Tostal had been decided on by the Government, and it would not be possible to make any alterations at this stage.

The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the two representatives of An Tostal, which was seconded by Councillor Howlin and supported by all the members and to which Mr. O'Gorman replied.

When the two delegates had retired the meeting decided to place the matter on the Agenda for next meeting to consider what steps, if any, should be taken to implement the request that Wexford should play its part in 1953, and as it was now after 10 p.m. it was further agreed that the remaining business on the Agenda should be adjourned for a week.

The meeting then terminated.

18th August, 1952.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.

The members present being:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Gaul (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Mr. Broaders, Mr. Flusk, John Howlin, James Morris and Kevin Morris.

DEPUTATION

Before the meeting commenced a request was made that the Corporation receive a deputation from the representatives of the local staff of C.I.E. in reference to a letter which had appeared on the Agenda for last meeting from Mr. A. B. Haddon of the Slaney Cabinet Works enclosing copy of a letter which he (Mr. Haddon) had written to the five T.D.'s of the County on the subject of reports that it was intended to introduce legislation to restrict the activities of privately owned motor lorries to 20 miles. Alderman Sinnott moved that the deputation be received, and it was seconded by Councillor Flusk and agreed to. Three members of the Railway staff attended and read for the Corporation a memorial setting out the views of the C.I.E. Officials on Mr. Hadden's letter.

No discussion took place with the deputation and they returned thanks for being received, and withdrew. The members felt, however, that they were not competent to discuss this matter, and decided that as Mr. Hadden's letter had received publicity by appearing on the Corporation agenda for the last meeting that the Press be requested to give similar publicity to the statement of the C.I.E. officials. The matter then ended.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - WEXFORD TIMBER CO.

It was reported that the High Court had now finally disposed of the Malicious Injury Claim of the Wexford Timber Company against the Corporation, which involved a sum of £6,455 apart from the costs which might be incurred.

The members considered this a very satisfactory ending to a lengthy case which had been before four Courts, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, unanimously congratulated the Corporation Solicitor, the County Manager and officials on the manner in which the case had been handled from beginning to end.

HOUSING - AGED COUPLES

A plan of a house for old couples was submitted by the County Manager, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish, was unanimously approved, and it was further agreed that as a first experiment these houses should be erected at the corner of Wygram Place.

RELIEF GRANT 1952/53.

The County Manager requested the members to submit at the next meeting any suggestions they might have for the expenditure of the Relief Grant for 1952/53.

TOWN PLANNING

A plan was submitted of a proposed hoarding to be erected at Redmond Road for Messrs. David Allen & Sons Ltd., and it was agreed that this should not be permitted.

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the question of what steps should be taken

to participate in An Tostal 1953, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to set up a Committee to consider how Wexford could assist in the national effort and what effort should be made locally.

The following Committee was appointed:- Councillors. K. Morris, James Morris, Howlin, Ald. Sinnott, His Worship the Mayor and the County Manager.

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

In accordance with notice given Councillor K. Morris moved that in view of the unsatisfactory way houses were allocated that a full discussion take place.

A very lengthy discussion took place on this matter during which the priority lists submitted by the County Medical Officer of Health, the Orders and allocations made by the County Manager on each case were read out as it appeared that members were under the impression that the lists made out by the Medical Officer were not being adhered to. Members referred to various people whom they knew were badly in need of houses none of which appeared on any of the priority lists, and asked that immediate steps be taken to have these cases examined. Alderman Sinnott referred to the case of John Edwards, who had been a disappointed applicant for a house at Alvina Brook and who had been offered a house at Bishopswater, and stated that Edwards reason for refusing the house at Bishopswater was that he wished to apply for one of the new houses at present in course of erection at Hill St. Alderman Corish suggested to the County Manager that he recommend the County Medical Officer of Health that the allocations be made on a point system, and that she should indicate with each recommendation the number of points allocated to each person. The discussion then terminated.

DELEGATES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, Alderman Byrne and Councillor James Morris were appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Fermoy on the 23/25th September.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Galway Corporation calling for an inquiry into the existing rating system was adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

TRINITY ST. HOUSES

Alderman Corish asked what steps were being taken to repair the Trinity Street houses and the cleaning of the ere, and it was pointed out to the Alderman that instructions had been given some time ago to the Boro' Surveyor to have this work carried out, but as he was on leave it was not possible to answer the question until he returned.

Alderman Corish also asked if the open space between Fisher's Row and Seaview Avenue could be cleared, and was informed that negotiations had been opened with a view to the purchase of this site for housing.

The Alderman further asked if it is a fact that a pathway from St. Aidan's Crescent to Distillery Road existed, and if so, could steps be taken to make this pathway safe, and was informed that no such pathway existed although a narrow passage existed through the Corporation plantation there but this had no direct entry on the Distillery Road.

The Alderman was also informed that sanction had been received for the increase in the rents of Corporation houses.

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He further asked if the County Manager had come to a decision about the rents charged to the members of the Fire Brigade, and was informed by the Manager that he had considered the whole question of the rents and remuneration of the members of the Fire Brigade. Since April last he had substantially increased the remuneration of these men which more than offset the increase in rent, and he could not look with favour on a policy of differentiation in the increase of rents for Corporation houses.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that no reply had yet been received to the proposed Traffic Regulations for the Town, and the Town Clerk was asked to see if a reply could be speeded up.

TOWN HALL LETTINGS

Councillor K. Morris initiated a discussion on the allocation of the Town Hall and after some time it was agreed that this matter be left in the hands of Ald. Byrne, Councillor K. Morris and the Town Clerk.

The remaining business was adjourned for a week.



25th August, 1952.

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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Alderman: Nicholas Corish.

Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

WINTER RELIEF GRANT

It was reported that the amount allocated for Relief Grant Schemes for the Winter 1952/53 was a grant of £2,700. plus a local contribution of £390. making the total amount available £3090. as against £4000. for the year 1951/52.

CLOSE DOWN IN FOUNDRY

The members considered that this allocation was completely inadequate having regard to the large number of unemployed as a result of the partial close down in the Agricultural Implement Industry in the Town and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor K. Morris to ask the Minister for Local Government why the Grant was refused and to request him, having regard to the increased number of unemployed, to allocate at least the same amount as in previous years.

JOHN STREET SEWER

The meeting then proceeded to discuss suggested Schemes for the absorption of this Grant and the first question was the John Street sewer.

In this connection, however, the Town Clerk pointed out that in accordance with the instructions given waterworks or sewerage schemes would not be accepted for consideration under the Grant and it was then unanimously agreed that the Consultant should be asked to expedite the preparation of the Contract documents for the John Street sewerage Scheme. The following Schemes were provisionally selected for examination and report by the Borough Surveyor:-

- (1) A sum of approximately £500. for the completion of the entrance to the Municipal Buildings.
- (2) The clearance and cleansing of an area of foreshore at Ferrybank to facilitate bathing.
- (3) The resurfacing of Oyster Lane.
- (4) The resurfacing of Church Lane and
- (5) The clearance of selected Derelict Sites in the Town.

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A lengthy report was read from the Chief Medical Officer on the condition of the slaughter houses in the Town. From this it would appear that only three slaughterhouses in Town were fit for registration, the remainder being within 100' from dwelling houses.

This raised a question which had been before the Corporation on a number of occasions on the provision of a public abattoir and the members were anxious to consider this whole question and deferred decision thereon to a later date.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSES

The next business was to consider reports on houses proposed to be acquired by the Corporation for repair and at the outset Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation consider no further applications for the purchase of these houses. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which after a short discussion was unanimously agreed to.

AMENDMENT OF RATE BOOK

The Town Clerk reported that a Clerical error in the applotment of the rates for 1952/53 had come under his notice in connection with the assessment of the property of Coras Iompair Eireann at Wexford South Station where a mistake of 5/- had been made in the Statutory reduction of the portion of the valuation applicable to the Railway and he asked for permission to amend the Rate Book in accordance with the provision of Section 60 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1941 and on the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish the Rate Book was accordingly amended.

- CORPORATION'S CONGRATULATIONS

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. F. M. O'Connor acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution of Congratulation on his conduct of the claim of the Wexford Timber Co. against the Corporation in respect of the malicious injury to their property. In the course of his letter the Solicitor wished it to be placed on record his appreciation of the encouragement he had received and the confidence which had been placed in him by the County Manager during the whole conduct of the case. It was ordered that this letter be inserted in the minutes. The Meeting then terminated.

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At the close of the above meeting the following members of the Committee appointed to consider what steps should be taken in connection with AN TOSTAL, 1953 met. His Worship, The Mayor, presiding and the members present were Councillors: Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris, County Manager and Town Clerk.

In this connection it was suggested that the Wexford Town part in the National Festival should take place on Low Easter Sunday with:

- (1) Attendance at Mass.
- (2) Procession and Bands.
- (3) An open air Concert with Historical Parade, pageants covering the Christian, Norman, Cromwellian and '98 periods in the afternoon or evening at the Municipal Buildings and if possible a Hurling or football match.

As the Wexford Light Opera Society would open their week's performance on Easter Sunday night it was agreed that they should be asked to permit their performance to be regarded as one of the features of Wexford's contribution to AN TOSTAL.

It was further agreed that the following should be asked to join the Committee appointed by the Corporation, namely, the Very Rev. Administrator with representatives from the F.C.A., G.A.A, Christian Brothers, Technical School and St. Peter's College and the joint Meeting with the above was to be held, if possible, on Monday, September, 8th.

LOCAL MUSEUM

During the course of the Meeting reference was made to the formation of a local museum and the County Manager suggested that the former Science room in the Municipal Buildings should be cleared out and set aside as a nucleus of such a project and he felt sure that if the Wexford Festival be held in the Autumn a number of articles of local historical interest might be made available for such a museum.

J. Paul.

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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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Alderman Corish.

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

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated 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 Mr. T. F. McDermott, County Secretary, conveying his very sincere appreciation to the members and Staff for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the recent death of his brother.

It was also reported that formal acknowledgements had been received from the Five T.D.'s for the County acknowledging receipt of the request of the Corporation that they should again approach Coras Iompair Eireann with a view to having the Harcourt Street/Rosslare Boat Train stopped at Wexford South Station.

NEWTOWN HOUSING SITE

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish asked why only 34 houses were being erected on the Newtown (Summerhill) Housing Site. In this connection it was pointed out that the question of sewerage was involved and that a new sewer would have to be provided from this site to the recent extension at Distillery Road as any more sewerage would overload the Whiterock View sewer.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the Consulting Engineer be asked to provide detailed plans for the extension of the sewer from Summerhill to Distillery Road with a new outlet to the sea.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER

In this connection Councillor Cullimore again referred to the condition of the Stonebridge River and proposed that an estimate should be obtained from the Consulting Engineer for the provision of temporary cover by concrete slabs which could subsequently be used for the complete covering in of the River. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously agreed to.

DERELICT SITES

Councillor Howlin asked when it was intended to acquire Derelict Sites in the John Street area and erect houses thereon while the

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building Unit was operating in the District and was informed that this question of the acquisition of derelict sites was at the moment under active consideration and plans, etc. of the various sites were being made.

It was eventually agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish that the making of Preliminary Orders in respect of derelict sites in John Street be authorised.

FOOTPATH AT WHITEROCK VIEW

In reply to Alderman Corish it was stated that it would cost £1032. to provide a new footpath at Whiterock View and the Alderman suggested that this should be examined with the other proposals of the Corporation for the provision of works in connection with the Relief Grant for the current year.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT TRINITY ST.

Councillor Howlin referred to a defective drain at Trinity Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to look into the matter immediately and also at the request of Alderman Corish to look into the question of cleansing the back of the Trinity St. houses.

DERELICT SITE

Councillor Howlin also suggested that the cleansing of the Derelict Site between Sea View Avenue and Fisher's Row might also be examined in connection with Relief Grant proposals.

FOOTPATH AT GIBSON STREET

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Broaders it was agreed that repairs should be carried out to the footpath at Gibson Street and at the junction of the Main Street and Gibson Street.

GRASS GROWING ON ROADS

Reference was also made to grass growing on the Main Roads at Carrigeen St. and John St. and the attention of the County Engineer was to be called to these matters.

Alderman Corish CROSSING AT FRIARY CHURCH called attention to the crossing at the Franciscan Church at John Street, and The Borough Surveyor intimated that he was awaiting the concreting of John Street so that he could connect the concreting of the road at John Street therewith.

FOOTPATH AT THOMAS ST.

Alderman Corish also referred to the condition of the footpath at Thomas Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine and report thereon.

HOUSES FOR OLD PEOPLE

In reply to a query the County Manager intimated that the detailed plan for the proposed erection of houses for old people should be available within the next few weeks.

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MOORE'S FIELD

In reply to a question regarding the proposed acquisition of Moore's field at Talbot Street for the erection of houses the Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Moore was anxious that the Corporation should purchase houses belonging to him at Grogan's Road but it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should not purchase these houses.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

In connection with the repairs to Artizan's Dwellings it was decided that a Meeting of the Special Committee dealing with repairs should be held on Monday, 8th instant.

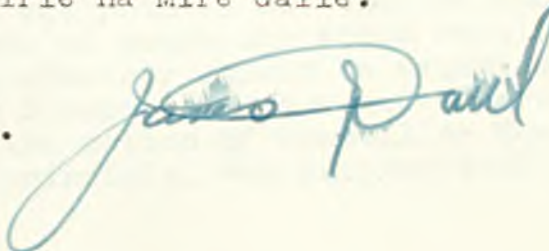
HOUSE AT BISHOPSWATER

Reference was made to the condition of one of the new houses at Bishopswater which had recently been vacated by a man named Thomas and now occupied by Dempsey and the Housing Engineer was to be requested to examine this house and report thereon.

HEROIC ACTION

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the heroic action of two boys - William Gaul, Thomas St., aged 15 and Seamus Sheehan, Green St., aged 16 - who rescued William Browne of Distillery Road from drowning at Ferrybank and asked that the report in the Local Press should be sent to the appropriate authorities and the Town Clerk intimated that he would forward the report and recommendation to Comhairle na Mire Gaile.

The meeting then terminated.



22nd September, 1952.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 8-0 O'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Kevin Morris, Hadden and Howlin.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

The Meeting first acted as an Old Age Pensions Committee and the decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

The Town Clerk produced the report of the Chief Medical Officer dealing with the condition of the various slaughter houses in the Town, only three of which the Medical Officer was prepared to recommend that Licence should be granted in respect of. He stated that the County Manager had considered the report of the Medical Officer and had come to the conclusion that the only solution was the establishment of a Public Abbatoir, and the Meeting was now asked to consent in principle to the establishment of an Abbatoir so that the Officials could proceed to negotiate for the purchase of a site on which this could be established. After some discussion Councillor Howlin proposed that the principle of the establishment of a public abbatoir be approved so as to enable the Officials to negotiate for the purchase of a site. Alderman Corish seconded this motion. Alderman Sinnott, however, proposed that before coming to any decision the Corporation should invite the butchers to discuss the matter but it was pointed out that as such a course had been adopted a long number of years ago which resulted in defeating a proposal that an abbatoir should be established there was no seconder for Alderman Sinnott's motion and accordingly was not put to the meeting, and the motion of Councillor Howlin, that the proposal be approved in principle, was adopted with Alderman Sinnott dissenting.

RELIEF GRANT WORKS

Proposals for the Relief Grant Works during the coming year were briefly discussed but in the absence of the Borough Surveyor a final decision was adjourned until the 29th instant when Mr. McNally would be in attendance.

ROAD FROM DAVITT ROAD TO WATERLOO

In this connection Councillor Hadden referred to a suggestion made sometime ago that a new road should be opened from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo but it was pointed out that the amount of money available, if the whole grant were devoted to this, would not be sufficient to do more than start this project and consequently it was decided not to include this work in the current year's Grant.

CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS

Before the next Meeting the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine the condition of the footpaths at Cornmarket, Wygram Place, Thomas St. and Green St.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

A letter was received from the Wexford Festival of Music and the Arts asking the Corporation to appeal to the Public to decorate the Town during the Festival and it was referred to the Statutory Meeting as was also a question of flood-lighting public Buildings.

LICENCE FOR TOWN HALL

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor regarding the refusal of the District Justice to grant the Licence for the use of the Town Hall for dancing and it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for the attendance of the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting so that the members would have some idea of the cost of carrying out the recommendations of the District Justice.

V.E.C. MEETING POSTPONED

Members called attention to the fact that the 29th instant was the date of the usual monthly meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee and it was decided to ask the Acting C.E.O. to postpone this meeting until 8.30 p.m. on the 29th instant.

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:- His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair). Aldermen: Byrne, Corish & Sinnott. Councillors:- Broaders, Cullimore, Hadden, Howlin, J. Morris, K. Morris & Stafford. The Co. Manager, Boro' Surveyor & Town Clerk were also in attendance.

HANDBALLERS

At the outset the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Handballers who had brought two All-Ireland Championships to Wexford. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously agreed to.

RELIEF GRANTS

The first business was to examine proposals for the Relief Grants for the coming Winter. The Grant amounted to £2,700. together with a Local contribution of £390. making the total amount available £3090. After some discussion the following suggestions were unanimously agreed to:-

Re-surfacing of Oyster Lane.....	£442.10. 0.
Re-surfacing of Church Lane.....	£332. 8. 0.
Footpath at Whitemill Road.....	£1071. 0. 0.
Footpath at Cornmarket.....	95. 0. 0.
Footpaths at Thomas St. and Green St.....	£149. 0. 0.
TOTAL.....	£2089.18. 0.

This left a Thousand Pounds which it was proposed to utilise as follows:-

£500. for the grading and providing a grass sward at the entrance to the Municipal Buildings and £500. for the provision of a tunnel at the Farnogue dumping ground. Neither of these latter two projects met with general favour as it was thought by some members that a clearance of derelict sites in the Town was of more importance and after some discussion it was agreed that £500. should be allocated to the clearance of derelict sites. This left a sum of £500. and Councillor K. Morris proposed that this £500. be allocated to the work at the Municipal Buildings. Alderman Corish seconded.

Alderman Sinnott, however, proposed that £250. be allocated to the Municipal Buildings and the balance to the clearance of derelict sites. Councillor K. Stafford seconded.

Councillor Hadden moved that no allocation be made for work at the Municipal Buildings until the Borough Surveyor submitted a detailed plan of what he proposed to do, although Mr. McNally explained in detail his proposals in this connection. Councillors Broaders seconded.

Councillor Hadden's proposal, which was in the nature of a direct negative to the first two proposals, was put to the Meeting when four voted for and seven against.

Alderman Sinnott's amendment that £250. be allocated to the Municipal Buildings was then voted on when four voted for and 7 against.

Councillor K. Morris's proposal that £500. be allocated to the Municipal Buildings was also defeated by 3 votes for to 7 against.

It was then seen that none of the three proposals could be carried out and Councillor Howlin proposed that a sum of £350. be allocated for work at the Municipal Buildings. This was seconded by His

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Worship, The Mayor and defeated by five votes for to three against.

Councillor Hadden then referred to the proposal to cut a channel in the dumping ground but this did not find favour with the members either.

Councillor Howlin then proposed that the footpaths at Croke Avenue be reinstated at a cost of £166. This was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed to.

This left a sum of £334. and after further lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne that this amount be allocated for work at the entrance to the Municipal Buildings.

CLEARANCE OF DERELICT SITES

On the question of the clearance of derelict sites reference was made to sites at Cornmarket and Alderman Sinnott named the following:-

Corner of Well Lane, Faythe; Old Bake House Site, Faythe; Site alongside Fenlon's, Faythe; Site along side Howlin's Faythe; Site at Rock's Lane, Faythe.

Various sites on the sea-side of the Faythe; Sites at William Street from Maudlintown to Tuskar View and the Site from Byrne's Lane to Seaview Avenue.

PUMPS FOR EDENVALE

Reference was made to the proposal to instal mechanically operated pumps at Edenvale and it was pointed out that when this project was first mooted it was suggested that the pumps should be electrically operated but at the time no definite assurance could be obtained from the E.S.B. as to when the Rural Electrification Scheme would be in Castlebridge and as well the Board required the Corporation to pay the cost of extending their net work to Edenvale together with a guaranteed annual revenue of approximately £400-500.

It was seen at the time that the Corporation could not depend on Electricity for operating the pumps and accordingly had decided to design the Scheme for operation with Diesel Engines.

It now appeared from a letter dated 16th instant from the E.S.B. to the Consulting Engineers, that subject to the Corporation guaranteeing an annual revenue of £190. for four years, they felt confident that this would result in the Castlebridge area being selected for development about the end of October and a supply could be made available for the waterworks at the end of the Spring.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor pointed out that the provision of electric pumps would mean a cheaper capital outlay and cheaper annual outlay at a future date when the pumps might be operated to their full capacity.

Councillor Kevin Morris thereupon proposed that the Corporation give the necessary guarantee to the Electricity Supply Board and instal electrically operated pumps. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted but it was pointed that the original motion agreeing to the provision of diesel operated pumps would need to be rescinded and Alderman Sinnott gave notice that he would move the rescission of such a resolution at the next Meeting. In the meantime it was unanimously agreed that the Officials should take whatever steps were necessary to have electrically operated pumps available as soon as possible.

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DANCING IN TOWN HALL

In connection with the refusal of the District Justice to Licence the Town Hall for dancing the Borough Surveyor stated that in his opinion to carry out the requirements of the District Justice would cost between £500.-£700. and after a short discussion it was unanimously decided that the Corporation Solicitor should be consulted with a view to applying to the District Justice at the Enniscorthy Court on the 8th prox. for an ad-interim Licence pending agreement on the sanitary requirements of the District Justice.

LENTEN, MAY & OCTOBER MEETINGS.

The Mayor also asked that for the future during the Lent and the months of May and October, that the Corporation Meetings should not commence until 8.15. p.m.

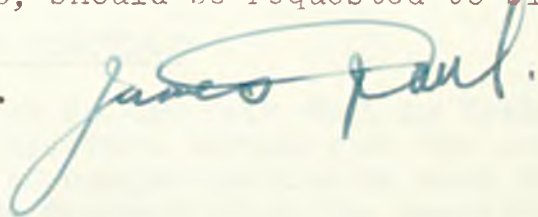
POSTPONEMENT OF STATUTORY MEETING

It was also agreed that as Monday, October, 6th, was Race Day in Town that the usual monthly Meeting be adjourned to the 13th.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF BISHOPSWATER HOUSES.

The County Manager mentioned that it was the intention of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council to request the Minister for Local Government to open a Housing Scheme there on the morning of December 8th next and he thought that the Corporation might wish to avail of the Minister's presence in the County to open the Bishopswater Housing Scheme in the afternoon. Thereupon Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation invite the Minister to open the Bishopswater Housing Scheme on Monday, 8th December at 3-0 p.m. and His Lordship, The Bishop, should be requested to bless them.

The meeting then terminated.



13th October, 1952.

A Statutory 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 being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Hadden, Howlin and J. Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flusk the Minutes of Meetings on 1st, 22nd and 29th ult. (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced a Vote of Sympathy was unanimously adopted with Councillor James Morris on the death of his aunt and was supported by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk, for which Councillor Morris returned thanks.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Fr. James Cummins, C.C., Wexford, on the death of his mother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

AN TAOISEACH'S BIRTHDAY

His Worship, The Mayor, referred to the fact that An Taoiseach, Mr. DeValera, would celebrate his 70th Birthday on the next day and moved that a telegram of congratulation be sent to him with best wishes for his speedy recovery from the operations he had had to undergo in connection with his eye-sight.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Flusk, supported by all the members and Officials and unanimously adopted.

In this connection Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation congratulate Councillor Dr. Hadden on having attained his 70th Birthday and this proposal was also unanimously adopted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments were also read from Coras Iompair Eireann and the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford in connection with the renewed proposal of the Corporation that the Harcourt Street/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train be stopped at Wexford South Station on both journeys. From the correspondence it was seen that there was little hope of success in the Corporation's efforts and no further action was taken for the present.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Alderman Corish asked if any word had been received from the Garda Authorities in connection with the proposed Traffic Regulations for the Town and on the Town Clerk replying in the negative it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk

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should take up this matter with the Superintendent of the Garda or if they considered it advisable - to take the matter up direct with the Commissioner.

With reference to a proposal at a previous Meeting regarding the provision of Traffic Signs at Maudlintown a letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce intimating that in their opinion two signs should be erected there (1) directing traffic through the Town and (2) marked "Wexford Bye-Pass" and a further sign at Swan View directing Traffic towards the Main St.

After some discussion it was decided to leave the question of these Traffic Signs in the hands of the Deputy Manager and Town Clerk to discuss them with the County Engineer on whose roads some of them would of necessity have to be placed.

COMMODORE BARRY CENTENERY

A letter was read from Mr. Michael P. Giffney, addressed to the Mayor, asking the Corporation to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to issue a stamp or set of commemorative stamps to commemorate the Centenary of Commodore John Barry, Founder of the American Navy, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to issue such a stamp or set of stamps.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL

A letter was read from Dr. T. J. Walsh, Chairman of the Wexford Festival requesting the attendance of the members of the Corporation at the Official Opening in the Technical Schools, Wexford, on Sunday, the 26th instant at 3-0 p.m. by the Right Honourable Earl of Longford and it was unanimously agreed that Notice of this invitation should be sent to all the members.

A letter was also read from the Chairman of the Festival requesting the Corporation to make an appeal to the Citizens of the Town requesting them to decorate their shops, etc. during the Festival Week, and such an appeal was made by His Worship, The Mayor.

LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved "whilst strongly protesting against the recent increase of 2% imposed by the Government in respect of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts we call on the Minister for Finance to give a public assurance that this increase will not apply to Loans borrowed by Local Authorities for houses provided for the Working Classes." Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Byrne and Sinnott and agreed to with a proviso - that a copy be sent to the Association of Municipal Authorities.

HOUSING - PARK ROAD

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that immediate steps be taken to proceed with the complete Scheme of Housing in Newtown (Park Road). Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by Councillors Howlin, Alderman Byrne and agreed.

AMENDMENT OF HOUSING REGULATIONS

Alderman Byrne moved a motion calling for the amendment of the Housing (Letting and Management) Regulations. to make it mandatory on County Manager's to submit the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer to the Council before Lettings were made. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion and after some discussion it was agreed that the County Manager should be asked to have a private Meeting with the members of the Corporation and the Chief Medical Officer

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before final recommendations were made.

TENANT-PURCHASE SCHEME

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne moved that a Tenant-Purchase Scheme be prepared for Corporation houses. Councillor Flusk seconded the motion which was agreed to.

HAND-BALL ALLEYS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that Handball Alleys be provided in the Town. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was adopted but it was eventually agreed that the proposer and seconder and Councillor Flusk would meet the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk to examine the possibilities of providing such alleys.

HOUSING SCHEME - WATERLOO RD. TO DAVITT RD.

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Hadden moved that the Corporation provide for the provision of a Housing Scheme from St. John's Rd. to Waterloo Road by the construction of a road from Davitt Road, South to Waterloo and that immediate steps be taken to:-

- (a) Acquire the necessary land.
- (b) The erection of houses thereon.
- (c) The borrowing of the necessary money to finance the project.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

FORESHORE AT FARNOGUE

The next business was to consider the conditions under which the Minister for Industry & Commerce was prepared to grant a Licence to use the Foreshore at Farnogue as a dumping ground but it was agreed, before coming to a final decision, that inquiries be made from the City Managers of Dublin and Cork who had already reclaimed foreshore and ascertain under what conditions a Licence was granted thereto.

REPORT OF AUDITOR ON V.E.ACCOUNTS

The next business was the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Vocational Education Committee for the three years ending 31st March, 1952. This was considered satisfactory.

RESOLUTION FROM BUNCRANA U. D. C.

A Resolution from Buncrana Urban District Council re increase in motor Taxation was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

E. S. B. TRANSFORMER STATION

A Deed from the Corporation to the E.S.B. in respect of a Site for the Transformer Station for the Bishopswater Housing Site, was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

Reference was made by members to a number of public lamps which were out and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the E.S.B.

PURCHASE OF OLD HOUSES

Alderman Sinnott referred to the recent decision of the General Purposes Committee not to purchase any more old houses and intimated he did not agree with this decision which was taken on a night when he was not present. Alderman Byrne agreed and gave notice that he would move that the decision be rescinded at the next Statutory Meeting.

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CALVARY FOR ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

Alderman Sinnott again raised the question of the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and asked that representations be made to the Department of Local Government with a view to having such a proposal sanctioned.

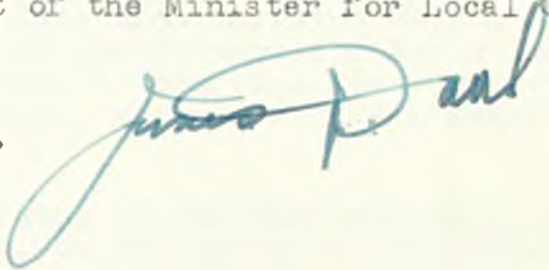
OPENING OF HOUSING SCHEME

With reference to a decision at last Meeting to invite the Minister for Local Government to open the Bishopswater Housing Scheme on the 8th December the Town Clerk reported that as the Minister was opening a Scheme in Enniscorthy at 2 O'clock that day it would not be possible for him to reach Wexford before dark on that evening to open the Wexford Scheme and it was agreed that the formal opening be left until early in the New Year.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT:-

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed to authorise Overdraft accommodation on the Municipal Account in the Sum of £15,000. up to 31st December, 1952, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The Meeting then terminated.



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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 7 O'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Jas. Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Ml. Broaders, F. Cullimore, Ml. Flusk, George Hadden, John Howlin, James Morris, and Kevin Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of previous Meeting (a copy of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Margaret Walsh, Rowe Street, Widow of a former Alderman of the Corporation for a number of years. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mrs. Hawkins, Michael St. on the death of her husband Patrick Hawkins also a former member of the Council. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members and Officials and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from the Rev. James Cummins, C.C. returning thanks to the Corporation and Officials for the Vote of Sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of the Corporation requesting the issue of a stamp or set of commemorative stamps to commemorate the Centenary of Commodore John Barry.

A letter was also read from the Commissioner, Garda Síochána acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution regarding Traffic Regulations. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated to the Meeting that the Garda Traffic Expert, Superintendent Fleming had called to see him during the Week when he (Town Clerk) had urged on him the necessity for having the Regulations drafted as soon as possible. It was seen that nothing further could be done in this direction.

TENDERS

The next business was to receive Tenders for (a) Extensions to Pumping house at Coolree Waterworks and (b) the provision of mechanical pumps. On the tenders being opened two were received for the extension of the pump house from Messrs. Gamble & Blair, Dublin and Patrick Tobin, Ederville. For the provision of mechanical pumps tenders were received from The Hydraulic Engineering Co., London, The Pulsometer Co., London and Messrs. Crossley Bros., Manchester.

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As these tenders were very involved it was seen that they would have to be examined by the Consulting Engineers before a correct price could be extracted and it was unanimously decided that they be forwarded to the Consulting Engineers immediately and that every step possible be taken to expedite the installation of the pumps.

Arising out of a decision of the previous Meeting - to use Electrically driven pumps Alderman Sinnott moved the rescission of the Resolution of 21st and 26th June last agreeing to the installation of Diesel pumps at Edenvale. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

LOAN

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 £13,200. for the provision of 7 houses at Distillery Road. Thereupon it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby Security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £13,200. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890-1952. The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed and witnessed on the part of the Corporation.

PURCHASE & REPAIR OF OLD HOUSES

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the decision of the General Purposes Committee refusing to further consider the purchase and repair of old houses be not adhered to and that each case be examined on its merits. Alderman Sinnott seconded this motion and after some discussion a decision was adjourned pending a report from the Town Clerk on what the new rents of houses already acquired and repaired by the Corporation would amount to.

DISPENSARY

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that in view of the drift of the population to the South end of the Town the County Council be asked to recast the two Dispensary Districts. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hadden and supported by Ald. Byrne who referred to the disgraceful conditions pertaining in the Wexford Dispensary.

In this connection the Deputy County Manager pointed out that the Plans, etc. for a proposed Central Dispensary for Wexford were moving to the stage when they could shortly be advertised for tenders for its erection. In the meantime, however, it was decided to ask the County Council to secure temporary Consulting rooms in the South end of the Town where the population was largest.

RELIEF GRANTS - PREFERENCE TO OLD I.R.A. MEN

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved "that all things being equal preference be given to Old I.R.A. men on the forthcoming Relief Grants as Gangers, etc." Alderman Sinnott seconded. In this connection the Borough Surveyor pointed out that in the employment of gangers he first obtained a List from the Labour Exchange and if no person were suitable he had discretion himself to employ any person he wished. In this connection it was decided to send a Resolution to the Council requesting him to direct that the terms of the Corporation Resolution should be carried out.

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GRASS MARGINS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to rectify the margins to footpaths at St. John's Road. His Worship, The Mayor, seconded the motion and after some discussion it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should re-sow grass there.

MOTOR TAXATION

The following Resolution from the Trim Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

"That we the members of the Wexford Corporation in view of the proposed increases in Motor Taxation, hereby request the Minister for Local Government, to make available, Grants for the upkeep of Urban Roads similar to the Grants made for the upkeep of County Roads in order to relieve the burden on the Urban Ratepayers."

DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that there was no further information regarding the Distillery Road Sewer and it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government for some information by the next Meeting.

Councillor Flusk referred to the condition of the Distillery Road and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should consult with the County Engineer on this matter.

HOUSES ON PARK SITE

In reply to Alderman Corish as to what steps were being taken to provide extra houses on the Park Site the Town Clerk intimated that Maps, etc. were being prepared for submission to the Department.

BARRACK STREET HOUSES

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that some people from Barrack St. had called on him during the week regarding Housing Accommodation but as no houses were ready at present he could do nothing in the matter.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL VOUCHERS

Complaint was made regarding the conditions prevailing at the Town Hall on the previous Friday in connection with the distribution of Fuel Vouchers and the Town Clerk pointed out that this was usual for the beginning of a Scheme and after the First Friday things would gradually settle themselves. He pointed out, however, that the greater part of the trouble was caused by the people who would not form a queue and it was decided to request the Garda Authorities to have a Garda at the Town Hall on each first Friday to regulate the queue.

BOOTS & COATS FOR WORKMEN

In reply to a question the Town Clerk stated that the boots for the workmen would be distributed during the coming week and that a sample of oilskin coats had been asked for from the Official Contractors.

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NUISANCE IN TELEPHONE KIOSK

Councillor James Morris drew attention to a nuisance caused in the telephone kiosk at the Faythe and asked the Corporation to strongly condemn this type of conduct.

All the members condemned this conduct as well as the increasing practice of breaking electric lamps.

COAL BOXES

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor stated that all the coal boxes estimated for had been provided in the Deveroaux Villas Houses and he was asked to examine the condition of No. 6 occupied by Mr. Cullen.

It was agreed to hold a Meeting of the Special Housing Committee on Monday, 10th instant.

The meeting then terminated.



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

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

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

CLEARANCE OF DERELICT SITES

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government under dated of the 11th instant pointing out that the amount of excavation in connection with the Clearance of a Derelict Site at the Faythe had been overestimated by approximately 300 cubic yds. and that the estimated cost of clearing this site should be reduced by about £150.

The Meeting were asked to make suggestions regarding the expenditure of this £150. on the clearance of another derelict site and a number of suggestions were made which the Borough Surveyor was to immediately examine with a view to preparing a Scheme to absorb this £150.

THOMAS ST. FOOTPATH

Arising out of a report from the Borough Surveyor that the Department had not sanctioned the replacement of the Thomas Street footpath Alderman Corish asked that this footpath be repaired.

Arising out of the suggestion to clear certain derelict sites in the Town it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Synnott seconded by Alderman Byrne that Preliminary Orders under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 be made in respect of four sites at the Faythe and one at Fisher's Row.

JOHN ST. SEWERAGE

Councillor Howlin referred to the question of the John St. sewerage and the Town Clerk read the correspondence which had taken place between himself, the Consulting Engineer and the Department of Local Government on this matter. He also intimated that an Inspector of the Department had discussed the question with him on a recent visit in connection with the Relief Grant Works when the Inspector intimated that the proposed new sewer at John St. had to and was being examined in relation to the whole Town Sewerage Scheme. The Deputy County Manager referred to the finances of such a Scheme and pointed out that without substantial state assistance it would be impossible for the Corporation to finance a Scheme of such magnitude. He promised, however, to try and have some estimate and cost for the December Meeting and would make preliminary inquiries as to what grant the Corporation might expect to receive.

At the request of the members the Town Clerk promised to again communicate with the Consulting Engineer and the Department with a view to having a decision on the John St. sewerage speeded up.

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Councillor Hadden referred to the quality of gas being supplied for some time by the Wexford Gas Co. and asked if anything could be done in this matter. Councillor Hadden said, however, that he was aware a new furnace had been put into operation in the last few days and he thought it would result in a big improvement in the supply and as well the Company had come under a new management from the 1st of the month. He thought it only fair that the new management be given an opportunity of improving the supply before the Corporation would consider the matter further. This was agreed to.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Alderman Corish referred to a number of public lamps that were out of commission and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter immediately with the Electricity Supply Board.

Alderman Corish referred to a light at Talbot St., the effect of which was being obscured by overhanging trees on the property of Mr. Murphy, Summerhill and Mr. Murphy was to be asked to have the trees pruned.

CROSS OVER GRAVE

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of a Cross over a Grave at Crosstown owned by Mrs. Grendon, Bride St., which had been broken by a falling tree in the Cemetery during a storm the Borough Surveyor estimated that the provision and erection of a cast iron metal cross would cost £7. 4. 0. and it was unanimously agreed that this should be provided.

WALKS IN CEMETERY

Reference was also made to the condition of the walks in the Cemetery and the Deputy County Manager promised to consult with the County Manager and ascertain what he had in mind when last he spoke to the Corporation on the matter.

PRICES OF GRAVES AVAILABLE

At the request of Alderman Corish the Town Clerk promised to submit a List of graves and prices at present available in St. Ibar's Cemetery.

SURFACE OF DISTILLERY RD.

With reference to a previous discussion on the condition of the surface of Distillery Road the Borough Surveyor reported that he had discussed the matter with the County Engineer and was informed by him that the Gas Co. intended to instal a new main there. He also referred to the proposal to extend the Bishopswater Sewerage.

The County Engineer intimated that restoration work was not possible at the moment and that he was taking up with the District Engineer the question of maintenance, surface, etc. in this connection. It was decided to ask the Gas. Co. when they intended to lay this main.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

Alderman Byrne asked if the Deputy County Manager would make a statement on the repairs at present being carried out to new houses at Waterloo Road and the Manager intimated that he was not prepared to make such a statement without consulting with the Engineer-in-charge, and proposed to make a general statement on the Building Programme of the Corporation for the coming year at the next Meeting and would embody his observations on the question of these maintenance repairs.

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Alderman Byrne also complained regarding the condition of some of the newly built houses at Bishopswater and asked that a Committee be appointed to make an inspection.

The members did not favour this course, however, and suggested that if any persons had a complaint to make they should put it in writing and send it to the Town Clerk when it would be investigated.

In this connection the Deputy County Manager pointed out that the standard for Local Authority Housing was laid down by the Department of Local Government and was, in his opinion, higher than that carried out by private persons.

AN TOSTAL

Reference was made to AN TOSTAL and it was decided to hold a Meeting on Friday, 21st instant at 7.30 p.m. when the following people were to be asked to attend in addition to the Committee already in operation:-

A representative of the National Ex-Servicemen.

Mr. L. Ryan, Manager, Talbot Hotel.

A representative of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

The Meeting then terminated.



1st December, 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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne and Sinnott.

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

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

CERTIFICATES OF BRAVERY

Before the Meeting proper commenced His Worship, The Mayor, at the request of Comhairle na Mire Gaile presented Certificates for bravery to John Brennan, Bride, St., James Carroll, Whiterock View and Aidan French, Casa Rio.

From the citation it appeared that on the 25th July, 1951 a boy named Tierney aged 11 years, found himself in difficulties while bathing at Ferry Bank. Carroll, who was also in the water swam to his assistance but in trying to rescue Tierney both found themselves in difficulties and at this stage Brennan and French entered the water and succeeded in bringing the other two ashore. For their courageous action Comhairle na Mire Gaile had awarded three Certificates of Bravery.

In presenting the Certificates to the three boys the Mayor paid a tribute to their bravery which was endorsed by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and received with acclamation.

CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship, the Mayor, moved that the Corporation, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Citizens of Wexford respectfully tender sincere congratulations to the most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh on the honour bestowed on himself and Ireland by Our Holy Father in elevating him to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was warmly supported by the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk should forward a telegram of congratulation to His Grace immediately.

Alderman Byrne moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Inspector Coonan of the Garda Síochána on his promotion to the Rank of Superintendent. This motion was seconded by Councillor K. Morris, supported by all the members, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

APOLOGY

His Worship, The Mayor stated he had been asked to apologise for the non-attendance of Alderman Corish who was ill and Councillor Howlin who was engaged in Dublin and stated that both of them wished to be associated with the congratulations extended to Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor James Morris the Minutes of Meetings on the 13th and 17th ultimo were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution relative to the employment of old I.R.A. men on Schemes executed with the aid of Grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote and intimating that the matter had been referred to the special Employment Schemes Office for any action considered necessary.

TENDERS FOR WATERWORKS

With reference to Minutes of the 3rd ultimo when tenders had been opened for an extension to the Waterworks plant at Edenvale the Town Clerk read a communication from Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers stating that they had written to both tenderers sending them blank copies of the Bill of Quantities, etc. with the items cancelled which would have to be omitted due to the adoption of electrically driven pumps. These omissions formed such an important part of the total that they found themselves unable to sum up and report back without obtaining revised prices as the preliminary and general items were also effected. The revised tenders and Bill of Quantities of these two Contractors were now before the Corporation when it was seen that the amended quotation of Messrs. Gamble & Blair Ltd. was £1,119.11.10. and that of Mr. Patk Tobin £1,097.2.10. Both tenders were initialled by His Worship, the Mayor, so that they could be forwarded to the Consulting Engineers for examination and report.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

A notice appeared in the names of Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin requesting the Corporation to seek information as to what was the delay in commencing the new Bridge was answered by the Deputy County Manager, Mr. McDermott, who stated that the Plans had been prepared and were under examination in the Department of Local Government. He had no idea how long this would take but that it would be expedited. He also stated that the draft Form of Contract was at present under examination in the Offices of the County Council. Alderman Sinnott referred to the need for widening certain of the approaches to the proposed new Bridge and asked the Deputy County Manager to examine the possibility of having this portion of the work expedited.

ANIMAL DRINKING TROUGHS

A further motion in the name of Alderman Corish that the Animal Drinking Troughs in the Town be cleaned and kept clean was moved by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to and in this connection Alderman Sinnott referred to the fact that no water was available in the Drinking Troughs at the Swan.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

As promised at a recent Meeting of the Corporation the Deputy County Manager reported that since then he had met the Housing Consultative Council and intimated to that Body that he proposed to make a statement to the next Meeting of the Corporation on the Building Programme for 1953 as he considered the Corporation was the Body entitled to be first informed on a matter of such grave importance.

He stated that the Housing Survey compiled some 8-10 years ago showed an estimated need for 614 houses which, in his opinion, was an over-estimation, as 614 houses would house over 3,000 people or 25 percent of the population of Wexford and he could not see where it was necessary to rehouse 25 percent of the citizens of Wexford.

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Since that survey had been made and since building operations had recommenced 289 houses had been erected, or were in course of erection, and it was now time to review the entire position in the light of the information gained from a study of the number of applications for the various houses.

Mr. McDermott stated that with very few exceptions all these houses had been built to one pattern and he felt that this should be varied to some extent. He pointed out that when drawing up a scale of rents for the 128 house-scheme at Bishopswater it had been found necessary to divide the Scheme into three sections (front, centre and rear) and three different rents had been fixed for each scheme. The people paying the high and middle rents were given no different house or extra amenities to those paying the lowest rents and he thought that this should not be so.

For 1953 he suggested that the programme be divided as follows:-

(a) Present type of house; (b) better class house, and (c) small flats, as envisaged by the County Manager in recent discussions with the Corporation, for old couples.

For the coming year he proposed the erection of 38 dwellings as follows:-

26 houses for the completion of the present Newtown Site, 12 of which would be present-type and 14 better-type facing the Road. In addition he proposed the erection (as an experiment) of 12 small dwellings for the housing of old couples as near as was possible to the Churches and shopping centre. This, he felt, would be all the Corporation could carry out in 1953 together with the completion of the Schemes in hand.

Alderman Sinnott thought that a Programme of 38 houses for 1953 would result in the unemployment of craftsmen. These craftsmen, he stated, had stayed with the Corporation for some years past when they could have obtained employment with outside building Firms because they were under the impression that their employment with the Corporation would be continuous for a number of years. The programme now proposed by the Deputy County Manager would cause grave dissatisfaction among the Building Trades and would not be conducive of the men giving of their best. The Alderman therefore appealed for this programme to be enlarged.

Alderman Byrne and other members supported the appeal but reference was made to the heavy rents which had to be charged for the new houses. It was pointed out, however, that the days of cheap houses were past and no guarantee could be given that the houses at present being built, or to be built in the coming years, could be let at rents even as low as the ones built in the past few years.

It was eventually agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Deputy County Manager and Officials be asked to reconsider the Programme for 1953 with a view to enlarging it and to report back to another Meeting, as it was felt that the Housing situation was of such grave importance as to warrant a full night's discussion.

GRAVE SPACES

In reply to a query raised at the last Meeting by Alderman Corish as to the number of vacant grave spaces in St. Ibar's Cemetery the Town Clerk intimated that in accordance with the check made on the 20th instant there were:-

20 graves at 10/-; 210 @ 30/-; 56 @ 25.; 65 @ 25.;

270 @ 28. 10. 0. ; 6 @ 210. ;

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In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the question of acquiring extra land for the Cemetery had received serious consideration by the County Manager early this year before the land which would be suitable for an extension to the Cemetery was tilled and having examined all the figures had come to the conclusion that there was no necessity this year to extend the Burial ground.

Alderman Sinnott again raised the question of the provision of a Calvary in St. Ibar's Cemetery, the Statutory Authority for which had been questioned.

It was pointed out, however, that a Burial Board was entitled to lay out and embellish burial grounds and it was merely a question of interpretation of the word "embellish".

Alderman Sinnott, however, thought that a Calvary should be erected in the Cemetery by the Corporation but this did not appeal to the other members, most of whom thought that a Calvary should be erected by Public citizens.

The Town Clerk pointed out that in 1951 quotations for the provision of a calvary had been received at a cost (he thought) of approximately £200. The Corporation, at that time, considered the price too high and a suggestion was made that tenders should be obtained for the provision of a plain cross to be manufactured locally but the Alderman took strong objection to the provision of a plain cross and it was eventually decided that the Town Clerk should obtain the estimates received in 1951 and submit them to the next Meeting.

MARY ST. CORNER

There was a question of the Agenda in the name of Alderman Corish asking when it was proposed to widen Mary St. Corner, as promised by the County Manager sometime ago. The Town Clerk pointed out that when the County Manager made this promise he had in contemplation the erection of flats between John St. and High St. but an examination of the various property which would need to be acquired to erect the flats and widen the corner would make the cost prohibitive.

It was then suggested that the present derelict site at the junction of Mary St. and John St. should be acquired for street widening but the Deputy County Manager who lived in the area and was constantly driving a car thought that to take off one corner would not improve the position but would likely worsen it. However, he promised to have the question examined by the Borough Surveyor and submit a report to the Corporation at a later date.

LIGHTING GROGAN'S ROAD

A further question in the name of Alderman Corish if the lighting at Grogan's Road was considered sufficient and Councillor Kevin Morris, as a resident, intimated that, in his opinion, it was, but referred to the very unsatisfactory lighting at St. John's Avenue and the Town Clerk promised to examine this with an Official of the E.S.B. on a convenient occasion.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Arising out of this discussion on public lighting the Town Clerk intimated that during the period 4th October to 12th November no less than 118 public lights had been replaced in the Town, of which 24 had been maliciously broken. It was thought that this matter should be referred to the Agenda but the Town Clerk stated he understood that the E.S.B. had already taken such action.

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With reference to a question raised by Alderman Byrne at last Meeting of the Corporation regarding repairs being carried out to Waterloo Road Housing Scheme the Deputy County Manager requested the Town Clerk to read for the members the observations of the Departmental Inspector who had made a thorough inspection of this Scheme during the Summer and whose report was embodied in a letter dated 9th August, 1952 No. N. 85/2/1 by the Minister. The report dealt in detail with each particular house and the general observations of the Inspector were:-

"While many of the defects reported are only of a minor nature such as hair cracks in plaster which are probably due to shrinkage of timber, etc. it is recommended that they be repaired.

In regard to external cracks in main walls which are probably due to settlement it is considered that these should be filled to prevent dampness penetrating. "

In connection with the complaints from tenants that they were receiving electric shocks from water taps the Inspector pointed out that the earthing system was communicated to the water pipes but as asbestos mains were used the earthing was not sufficient and it would appear to be necessary to provide some other means of earthing such as earth-tripping switches.

Alderman Byrne expressed himself as being satisfied with the report and on the question of the earthing of the electricity system it was pointed out that this had happened in various centres all over the Country where asbestos watermains had been used.

In the case of the Waterloo Road houses a number of occupiers had already installed tripping switches but the Deputy County Manager promised to have this whole question again examined.

HEATING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER

Councillor Hadden referred to the heating of the Council Chamber and advocated the provision of electric storage heating although it was pointed out that this system of heating would be at its lowest when required for Council Meetings but the Councillor thought that if the room was made draft-proof it would be sufficiently warm with storage, at Meeting times. It was decided, however, to have the Special Committee which had been appointed some time ago to examine the Municipal Offices, go into the question of heating.

SHOP IN BISHOPSWATER HOUSE

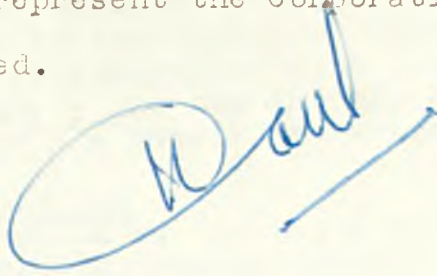
Councillor Kevin Morris referred to a recent case where a decree had been obtained against one of the tenants of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme for keeping a shop in contravention of the Letting Agreement. The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that this question was at present under consideration and intimated that originally two summonses for possession had been issued but one of the persons on whom such a summons had been served had given an undertaking to the County Manager to discontinue the selling of goods from his dwelling-house but he (Town Clerk) now understood that this undertaking had not been kept. He further pointed out that it was against the Regulations laid down by the Minister for Local Government to use these dwelling houses for business purposes and the Corporation were liable to loose the subsidy. In addition the Insurance "Cover" held by the Corporation merely covered dwelling houses and if a fire occurred in one of the dwellings where a business was being carried on the Corporation would not be covered against any loss.

1st December, 1952.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Alderman Sinnott referred to the attendance of the Mayor at a Conference of Mayors held in Dublin on Saturday last regarding the President's appeal for Unity in the Country and asked if the Mayor was there, merely as Mayor, or was he representing the Corporation, and the Mayor replied that he was there merely as the Mayor of Wexford on the invitation of the Mayor of Waterford and had not purported to represent the Corporation.

The Meeting then terminated.



15th December, 1952.

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 (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris and K. Morris.
The Deputy County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset the Town Clerk read a letter from the Secretary, Irish Red Cross Society inviting the members of the Corporation to be present at the presentation of medals by the Bishop of Ferns to the County Wexford Novices Team who had recently tied with County Donegal in the Novices Shield Competition and it was unanimously agreed that the present Meeting be expedited to enable the members to attend.

TENDERS

Tenders were opened and initialled by the Mayor for hardwall plaster in connection with the Corporation Housing Schemes and were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for necessary action.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The Meeting then dealt with a number of old Age Pensions a record of which will be found in the Old Age Pension's Register.

LETTING OF HOUSES -

Alderman Byrne referred to the letting of houses and asked what was the position of a man named Byrne of Michael St. and was informed that the Deputy County Manager had asked for a special report on this case.

RANGE

Alderman Byrne also referred to the application of James McMahon, Caretaker, Coolree Reservoir for a range and was informed by the Borough Surveyor that a new range had been sent out and had been refused by Mrs. McMahon.

RELIEF GRANTS

In reply to Ald. Corish the Borough Surveyor intimated that 33 men were employed on the Relief Schemes and that it was not possible to increase this number. It was pointed out that in the case of Derelict Sites at the Faythe applications had been made to the Courts to have the Preliminary Orders set aside and until the Courts decided these cases the Corporation could not utilise the money which had been allocated for the clearance of these sites. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor K. Morris that any balance of the Current Relief Grant be expended on improving the front of the Municipal Buildings.

WATCHMEN

Councillor Howlin intimated that he would raise at the next Meeting the question of the wages paid to watchmen on Building Schemes as he had been unable to agree with the County Manager on an increase for these men.

HOME ASSISTANCE

Alderman Sinnott asked that the payment of Home Assistance be made before Christmas and was informed by the Deputy County Manager that arrangements had already been made to have this done.

NEW YEAR WISHES

The Mayor then extended to the members of the Corporation and Officials his very best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year when the Meeting terminated to enable members to attend the Red Cross Function abovementioned.

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5th January, 1953.

A Statutory 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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.

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

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor F. Cullimore and family on the death of his brother and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

The Town Clerk also intimated that he had been asked by the County Manager and Deputy County Manager to have their names associated with the vote of sympathy with Councillor Cullimore as neither were able to be present at the Meeting.

The Vote of sympathy was passed in silence.

AN TAOISEACH

Before the Meeting terminated His Worship, The Mayor suggested that a telegram be sent to An Taoiseach congratulating him on his return to Ireland and expressing the wishes of the Corporation for his complete recovery in the New Year.

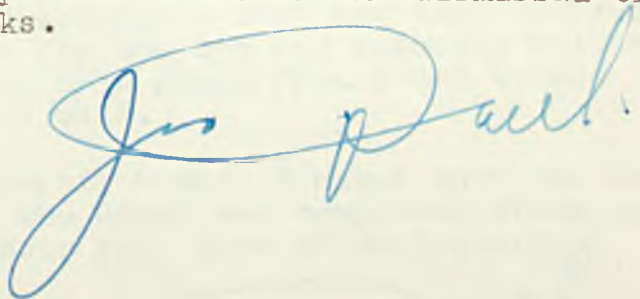
NEW YEAR WISHES

The Mayor also extended to the Corporation, the Members and Staff his best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

RELIEF GRANT WORKS

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Corporation on Wednesday, 7th instant, at 8.30 p.m. to consider the dismissal of men employed on Relief Grant Works.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'James Gaul', is written over the bottom right portion of the page, partially overlapping the 'RELIEF GRANT WORKS' section and the 'The Meeting then adjourned' line.

7th January, 1953.

A Special 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 (Ald. Jas. Gaul) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Howlin, James Morris and Flusk.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Cullimore, Corporation Storekeeper on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Matthew Murphy and to his Worship, The Mayor, also a relative of the late Mr. Murphy.

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

On his own behalf and on behalf of the Murphy Family the Mayor returned thanks for the vote of sympathy.

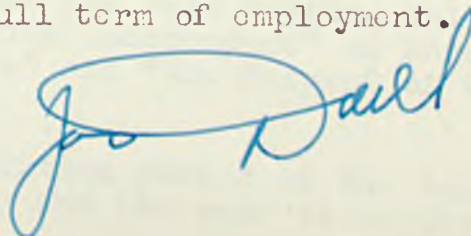
RELIEF GRANTS

Councillor Howlin stated the reason he had asked the Mayor to convene this Special Meeting was that some 12 men had recently been disemployed from the Relief Grant Schemes and moved that the Deputy County Manager be requested to direct the re-employment of those men for their full term of work.

The Borough Surveyor explained that up to Christmas he had employed 54 men on Relief Grant Work. This was a larger number than he would normally employ but in deference to the wishes of the Corporation he had tried to give as much employment as possible prior to Christmas. On the previous Grant the maximum number of men employed was 35, although the allocation was £900. more than the present Grant.

The position appeared to be that normally 12-14 men were due to be laid off on Wednesday, 31st ult. but these men had left their work on the previous Monday to discharge a Boat and there seemed to be no point in employing them for one day and actually relieved the Borough Surveyor of having to draw names from a hat to see whose services would be dispensed with.

After a lengthy discussion the Deputy County Manager gave the Corporation a guarantee that before the Grant was completed these men would be taken back and given their full term of employment.



12th January, 1953.

An adjourned Statutory 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, Ald. Jas. Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes of Meetings of 1st and 15th December, 1952, copies of which had been sent to the members prior to the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the County Manager on the death of his sister-in-law, the late Mrs. John Sinnott, Garrywilliam House, Crossabeg. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

With reference to previous proposal to guarantee the repayment of Principal and Interest on a loan of £1,000. to be raised by The Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the improvement of Wexford Harbour the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

"Whereas the Wexford Harbour Commissioners propose to borrow from The National Bank Limited Wexford Branch a sum of £7000. to be repayable by equal half-yearly instalments of £233. 6. 8. each together with Interest on so much of the said principal sum as shall for the time being remain unpaid at the current rate from time to time charged by Irish Banks on loans to Local Authorities And Whereas at a Meeting of the Corporation held on the 19th day of May, 1952 It was Resolved that the Corporation do assist the said Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of the said principal sum and Interest to The National Bank Limited but so that the Corporation's liability on such guarantee shall be limited to the sum of £1000. in respect of principal together with Interest on that sum at the rate therein mentioned And Whereas in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, the said Resolution was within 14 days after the said Meeting duly published in the "Irish Press" and "Irish Independent" on 23rd May, 1952; and the Wexford "Free Press" and "The People" of 24th May, 1952.

NOW IT IS RESOLVED that the said Resolution passed at the said Meeting on the 19th day of May, 1952 be and the same is hereby confirmed."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was received from His Most Reverend Dr. Dilton Cardinal Elect, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution congratulating him on his selection by the Holy Father as Cardinal.

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A letter was also read from An Taciseach acknowledging receipt of the message sent to him by the Corporation on his return from Utrecht.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs intimating it was regretted that the issue of a stamp in commemoration of Commodore John Barry was not considered feasible.

WAGES OF WATCHMEN

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the County Manager be requested to increase the wages of watchmen. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion.

The motion was eventually agreed to although some members thought that the matter was one to be entirely dealt with between the Trade Unions and the Officials of the Corporation.

EMPTYING OF DUST BINS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that if possible dustbins be emptied on the Main St. before 9 a.m. and that the men handling the dustbins be supplied with proper protective covering. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion.

In this connection it was pointed out that the only way by which the bins on the Main St. could be emptied before 9 a.m. was to issue a Notice to the occupiers that all bins should be on the Main Street by 8 a.m. At present, it was pointed out, that very few of the shops opened before 9 a.m. and where these were lockup shops the bins would not be on the Street in time for the scavengers if they commenced work at 8 a.m. on this Street.

It was seen that the suggestion to have the bins emptied on the Main St. before 9 a.m. was not practicable and as regards protective covering it was thought that if two pairs of gloves were provided for the men handling bins it would lessen infection caused by cuts.

CHANNEL AT MUNICIPAL BLDGS.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish asked that the channel at the entrance to the Municipal Buildings be removed so that cars might enter and leave in safety. Cllr. Howlin Seconded. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that he had discussed this motion with the Borough Surveyor and promised to have the matter remedied.

In this connection Dr. Hadden referred to the necessity for a light over the steps leading to the Municipal Buildings and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine this matter.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

A letter was read from the Commissioner Garda Síochána enclosing copy of the proposed Bye-Laws entitled Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting Bye-Laws, 1953). On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, it was decided that copies of the proposed Bye-Laws should be made available to the members of the Corporation and the Joint Committee who drafted the Regulations, and a Meeting of the Joint Committee convened as soon as possible to enable them to consider the Bye-Laws and make any suggestions for their improvement, considered desirable.

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A Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. relating to the employment of Pensioners in Public Offices was marked "read," as was also a letter from Limerick Borough Council calling for the repeal of the Valuation Acts and the substitution therefor whereby rates would be assessed on land values.

WATER SAFETY

A letter was read from the Irish Red Cross Society on the subject of water safety and asking for financial support for this project. It was decided to adjourn this matter to the Estimates Committee and in the meantime the Deputy County Manager promised to supply a list to the Corporation of the various Local Authorities making grants to the Society and the amounts thereof.

NOTE FOR ELECTIONS

Councillor Kevin Morris asked what was the position of people living in the Bishopswater Housing Scheme regarding their vote in the Urban Area and it was pointed out that any of these people residing in the Bishopswater Area on the qualifying date, 1st September, would not have a vote in future Corporation elections unless the area was taken into the Borough.

Coming out of this matter it was pointed out that the County Council did not favour piecemeal extension of boundaries but would favourably consider an application by the Corporation for an extension of the Boundary to cover whatever area they considered necessary for the future development and extension of the Town, so it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Byrne that the following Committee be appointed to consult with the Officials as to what area should be taken in with a view to an application for an extension to the Borough Boundary:- Alderman Corish seconded

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott, & Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Flusk, Hadden and the Mayor.

TRAFFIC BARRIER

Councillor Dr. Hadden referred to the need for a traffic barrier at the junction of King Street/Trinity St. and the Quay. While a barrier existed facing King St. no such barrier was provided at the Trinity St. end and experienced motorists had spoken to him about the danger to motor traffic on foggy nights owing to the absence of such a barrier. In this connection it was decided to request the County Council to erect a similar barrier facing Trinity St.

Councillor Howlin referred to traffic damage at Castlehill St. and The Folly and suggested that "Go Slow" signs should be erected at the Swan View Entrance to both Castlehill St. and The Folly.

Councillor Hadden also asked that there should be at least one sign on the Quay directing Traffic to the Main Street but this suggestion did not meet with general favour and it was decided to refer it to the Committee considering Traffic Bye-Laws.

Councillor James Morris asked that a Direction sign at Wygram Place, which was removed during the emergency, be replaced.

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Alderman Corish again referred to the condition of St. John's Road which, he stated, was a regular quagmire but Councillor Hadden thought that a considerable amount of the nuisance on this road was caused by people parking cars on the margin.

HOUSING PROGRAMME 1953.

Alderman Sinnott asked that the Special Meeting proposed to be held to consider the Housing Programme for 1953 should be convened as soon as possible and a promise was made that the Special Meeting would be held within two weeks.

CALVARY AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the question of the provision of a calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and was informed that quotations for the provision of such were asked for by the Borough Surveyor.

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the condition of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Deputy County Manager promised to consult with the County Manager on the suggestion the Manager had made sometime ago for preparing these walks.

HEADSTONE

Reference was made to the damage to a headstone belonging to Mr. W. Barlow, Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Caretaker was to be asked for a report.

CONJESTION OF STAFF IN CO. HALL

The Deputy County Manager informed the Corporation that owing to conjestion of Office Staffs in the County Hall an arrangement had been made between himself and the Town Clerk whereby the Co. Checker would occupy a room in the Municipal Buildings. If the arrangement became permanent the County Council would, of course, pay a rental to the Corporation. No objection was seen to this arrangement.

CARETAKER - MUNICIPAL BLDGS.

Councillor Flusk referred to the need for a resident Caretaker in the Municipal Buildings and thought that living accommodation should be provided for the Town Sergeant there, and the Deputy County Manager promised to consider this matter.

During the course of his remarks Councillor Flusk referred to a fire which had taken place in the Building on the previous Friday but the Town Clerk explained that at about 8 p.m. on the previous Friday while passing the building he noticed a large quantity of smoke arising from one of the chimnies. As he (Town Clerk) was aware no fires were lighting in the building at that time he investigated the matter and called in the Captain of the Fire Brigade who discovered that a large quantity of soot was smoldering at the back of the fireplace in the general Office. The Brigade extinguished the burning soot and the fireplace was now being removed to make it safe.

PUBLIC LIGHTS

Councillor Flusk also referred to the fact that during the previous week no light was lighting from Bride Place to Main St. and from Allen St. to the Bullring and the Town Clerk promised to get in touch with the E.S.B. on this matter.

RESERVOIR

Councillor Flusk also referred to the condition of the Reservoir and stated he understood it was still below top water level and it was decided to ask a report from the Borough Surveyor showing the rainfall and general conditions of the reservoir during the last couple of months.

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DEVELOPMENT OF WILLIAM ST./FAYTHE

Alderman Hadden referred to the development of the William St./Faythe Area and asked that the preparation plans, etc. should be expedited as well as the proposal to construct a road from DAVITT ROAD SOUTH TO WATERLOO.

The Meeting then terminated.



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A Special 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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: T. Byrne, N. Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Howlin, Kevin Morris, James Morris.

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

MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT OBJECTION BY COUNCILLOR

At the outset Councillor Kevin Morris protested against the Meeting being convened for a Friday night as it was most unsuitable for business members of the Corporation and asked that no further Meeting should be convened for this night.

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Councillor Kevin Roche on the death of his brother. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott, supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

HOUSING PROGRAMME - REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER.

The Meeting had been convened to consider a report from the County Manager on a 5-6 years' Housing Programme for the Borough. A copy of this report had been furnished to the members at the Meeting and is appended to this Minute.

From a perusal of this report and discussion with the Deputy County Manager it was seen that the number of houses which could be built in any one year would not exceed 50, but some of the members thought that unless a greater number of houses was definitely shown to be in contemplation and the sites, etc. ready for work to be commenced on such different Schemes, the Housing Employees could not feel that there would be a continuity of employment.

While the members generally considered that the County Manager's report was a comprehensive and good one they felt that immediate action would require to be taken to secure the various sites mentioned therein.

The Deputy County Manager produced a Plan for the erection of 22 further houses to complete the Newtown (Park Road) Scheme, which would consist of 6 of the present type and 16 of a better class house, containing two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom with garage space. He estimated that these could be let at approximately 27/6d. per week exclusive of rates and would result in a lesser rent being charged for the remaining 40. A number of members did not agree that the 16 better class houses could be let on this Site, but after some discussion the Deputy Manager suggested that the 16 houses be advertised for tenants and ascertain what demand there was for such a type. In the meantime the Scheme, as outlined, was to be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

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Councillor Howlin thereupon proposed that the Corporation go ahead with the Scheme as outlined by the County Manager and Alderman Byrne seconded.

Alderman Sinnott, however, proposed that the Corporation do not erect the better class houses on this particular site and that the same houses be erected as was being erected in other parts of the Town and that a special site be sought for the construction of the better type of houses as envisaged by the Manager, Councillor Kevin Morris seconded.

On a show of hands being taken there voted for the amendment (2) and (6) against, and Councillor Howlin's Motion was declared carried by the same voting. The Meeting then proceeded to examine the Manager's report seriatim.

(No. (1) As regards the Faythe Area it was pointed out that a survey of (a) had been completed and that (b) would require careful examination and the acquisition of a considerable amount of property so it was thought that there was no immediate prospect of houses on this site. As regards (c) - Development at the back of the Faythe through the Quarry Field - it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor was at present preparing a Plan for this area which would be ready in the course of a week or so when the acquisition of the necessary property could be taken up.

No. (2) A Small Site at King Street was not considered suitable.

No. (3) A field at Green Street recently acquired by Fr. Gaul for the erection of a Boys' Club. This was considered a very suitable site for the erection of bungalows for old persons, and on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Flusk the Mayor and Deputy County Manager were asked to interview Fr. Gaul with a view to seeing if he still intended to go ahead with the Hall or if an arrangement could be made whereby houses could be erected there still.

No. (4) Summerhill Corner. It was agreed that this would be suitable for immediate action and further negotiations were to be opened with the owner for its acquisition.

No. (5) A proposed road from Davitt Road to Summerhill was considered desirable but it was also thought to be a Long Term programme which would require a considerable time to negotiate the purchase of property, etc.

(No. (6) Duke Street Area, and) These were considered a
) (a Long Term policy on which
) No. (7) Rowe Street/Mary Street Area,) immediate action could not
) accepted.

No. (8) John Street: It was thought that a couple of derelict Sites there could be acquired and that Miss Kinsella be asked for a piece of ground from her garden which would enable 4 small bungalows to be erected at John Street Upper.

No. (9) The possibility of acquiring land from Mr. Patrick Hore, Davitt Road. The Town Clerk explained that he had already approached Mr. Hore on this matter unofficially and it was agreed that he should now write to Mr. Hore Officially on the matter.

No. (10) The clearance of the John Street/Hill Street Corner was also considered a difficult problem which would not show any immediate results and was also deferred for consideration.

No. (11) Corner Wygram Place: It was decided that an Engineer's report be obtained on the number of better class houses which could

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be erected there so that a decision could be made as to whether or not the acquisition of the property would be justified.

No.(12) Cornmarket:

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine this area with a view to seeing what could be done to improve the unsightly condition of it in the Centre of the Town.

After some further general discussion the meeting adjourned on the understanding that some definite action would be taken on the various suggestions made within a month.

2nd February, 1953.

A Statutory 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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish & Sinnott.

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

The Deputy Co. Manager, Borough Surveyor & Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and child of the late John O'Loughlin, a former Health Inspector in the Corporation and County Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Staff. The Town Clerk also intimated that he had been asked by the County Manager to especially associate his name with the vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. O'Loughlin and the Deputy County Manager's name was also associated with the vote by the Town Clerk.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the County Manager and Councillor Frank Cullimore and it was ordered that the acknowledgments be recorded in the Minutes.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that we enter the strongest possible protest at not playing the Irish National Anthem and the substitution of the British Anthem at the Rugby International match between Ireland & France at Belfast on January, 24th. Alderman Corish seconded the motion and protested against the action of the Rugby Union in playing the match under such conditions. The motion was supported by most of the members but Councillor Hadden referred to the difficulties of the Irish Rugby Union and stated that it was customary to play the Irish Anthem in Dublin and the British Anthem in Belfast. After some further discussion the motion was unanimously agreed to.

LETTING REGULATIONS

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the Housing (Management & Letting) Regulations so as to permit that where the occupier of a house is prepared to pay the full economic rent he be permitted to carry on business therein. In moving the motion Councillor Howlin stated that, in his opinion, it was the obligation of the Corporation to provide for a shopping centre in large Housing Schemes and further moved that at least three shops be provided confined to existing tenants. Councillor Haddon seconded the motion which was supported by several other members. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that in his opinion the Minister would not amend the Regulations. He was in agreement with the suggestion that Shopping facilities should be provided but thought that such facilities should not be set out of capital provided by ratepayers to set up people in business in competition with private individuals who were obliged to provide their own Capital.

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The motion was unanimously agreed to and a motion by Ald. Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin asking the County Manager to defer legal proceedings instituted against tenants in Corporation houses for opening shops was also adopted.

EXPENDITURE IN DECORATION

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that he proposed including in a forthcoming Local Government Bill a Section empowering Borough Corporations, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners by resolution to incur expenditure not exceeding in any year 3d. in the £. on the rateable valuation for the decoration of their areas for occasions of public rejoicing or for other appropriate occasions. The Minister continued that in anticipation of the enactment of the necessary covering legislation he would raise no objection to the local authorities mentioned incurring expenditure within the limits indicated in connection with An Tostal.

Councillor Howlin objected to the striking of any rate for decoration and several other members expressed the same view, but it was eventually decided to ask the Committee of AN TOSTAL what they had in mind for the decoration of the Town for AN TOSTAL period.

DISMISSAL OF WORKERS

A letter from the Anti-Partition Association protesting against the dismissal of a number of workers at Enniskillen for absenting themselves from their employment to attend Mass on New Year's Day was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

A letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference on the subject of the new Public Health Act was submitted to the Meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Flusk it was unanimously agreed that "An Dail was the proper place to have this discussion.

WATERWORKS

A lengthy report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the position of the waterworks. From this report it was seen that the rainfall for last year was abnormally low as a result of which the reservoir was now 38" below top water level. The Surveyor intimated however, that he was watching the situation very closely and as soon as conditions in the River Sow improved he would operate the pumps for 24 hours per day, but with present conditions he would not feel justified in risking night pumping. If the situation did not improve in the near future the cutting off of the water supply to the Town at night would have to be seriously considered.

The Meeting was also informed that an advertisement for the new pumps for Edonvale had appeared in the Press and it was hoped if manufacturers could be induced to comply with the terms of the specification that these pumps would be installed by the end of June or early July.

RELIEF GRANTS

Councillor Howlin asked if the men who were dismissed sometime ago from the Relief Grant work would soon be reinstated and was informed they would be in the course of the next few days.

SEWERAGE SCHEMES

As a result of a discussion on proposed sewerage schemes it was decided to again ask the Consultant to expedite the preparation of the necessary documents.

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The meeting then terminated.

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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, Alderman James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of Meeting of 2nd February, 1953 (copy of which had been circulated amongst the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Furlong Family of South Main Street on the death of their mother, relict of the later Alderman M.J. Furlong, an old and esteemed member of the Corporation.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the members, by the Town Clerk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Manager and Deputy County Manager.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. H. F. Doyle, Accounts Clerk to the Corporation, on the death of his brother.

Alderman Byrne seconded, which was supported by all the members by the Town Clerk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Deputy County Manager.

The Mayor further proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacob, Rathdowney, on the unexpected death of their son, Mr. Tony Jacob, who had for the past couple of years placed Ireland on the "World Map" by sailing the Atlantic Ocean in small boats on two occasions.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, the Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The wife, son and brothers of the late Jack O'Loughlin returned sincere thanks for the expression of sympathy passed by the Corporation at their last Meeting.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

A letter was read from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Mayor and Corporation to take part in the Procession to the Republican Plot in Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday. It was decided, however, that the Corporation should attend the Easter Commemoration Mass and leave it to individual members to take part in the Procession at the Cemetery in the afternoon.

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Alderman Byrne raised the question on the Manager's Orders not being on the table and asked the reasons for this omission. It was explained to the Meeting that for years following the inception of a County Management System the Orders had been placed on the table but with the exception of one member had never been availed of. At another stage the Corporation requested that copies of the Orders be circulated to them and this had been done until it was countermanded and a decision reached that the Orders for the previous month should be laid on the table at each Statutory Meeting and it was decided that this later procedure should be carried out at future Meetings.

HOUSES AT PETER STREET & FAYTHE

Councillor Broaders raised the question regarding the alleged condemnation of two houses at Peter Street and at Faythe and asked the reason why they had been condemned.

The Town Clerk explained that at approximately 3-0 p.m. on the 24th ultimo he had received a requisition signed by 6 members of the Corporation requesting that a Special Meeting of the Council be immediately called to ascertain the reasons for the condemnation of the two houses in question.

He (Town Clerk) had immediately replied to that communication pointing out that all six members were under a misapprehension on the matter. The facts were that notice had been served on the owners fixing the time and place when the future user of the dwellings would be considered and, continuing, the Town Clerk pointed out it was possible that repairs might be necessary or the future user of the houses might be restricted to an old couple or a small family and that definitely the houses had not been condemned.

As regards a special Meeting of the Corporation, he pointed out that the Law required three days Clear Notice for such a Meeting exclusive of the day of service and the day of the Meeting. Consequently even had he (Town Clerk) been in a position to have Notice of the Special Meeting served on each member on the Tuesday he received the requisition the Meeting could not have been held prior to Saturday, which he did not consider a suitable evening to hold a special Meeting of the Council, more particularly as the Statutory Meeting was due to be held on the following Monday.

Certain members then took objection to the phraseology of the Notice issued, holding that as the Corporation as a Body were not consulted before the Notice was issued that the words "Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses" should not have been used, but it was pointed out both by the Deputy Manager and Town Clerk that this Notice was a Statutory one and neither the Corporation, Manager, nor Town Clerk had any authority to alter the phraseology.

As regards the houses themselves the members contended that they were in perfect condition although it was pointed out that as far back as November, 1944 under the general Housing Survey the houses were classed as "unfit but can be made fit." The Borough Surveyor reported on an inspection made last week of the dwellings and in the case of the house at Peter Street stated the front plaster was defective, no plaster on back wall, broken soil pipe to drain defective yard drainage, some broken slates on roof and eave shutters stopped. Initially there was ground dampness on the ground floor and in the Hall.

As regards the house at Swan View the Borough Surveyor reported that externally the roof was in poor condition with moss tending to cause dampness and the roof in general was in poor condition.

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Its removal would be necessary in the near future, the eave gutters and yard required cleaning. Initially there was evidence of dampness in the walls, particularly, on the ground floor the plaster work in places is soft and needs to be renewed, one small room over the scullery was in a very damp condition and needed replaster; the floor in the two front rooms was defective. A light to the stairs was advisable and desirable from a ventilation point of view.

After a lengthy discussion it was pointed out to the members that if the owners made representations and undertook to carry out repairs prior to the time set out in the Notice, their representations would be considered and if the undertaking was accepted the dwellings could be re-let.

CIVIC RECEPTION

The Mayor moved that a Civic Reception be accorded to delegates from Northern Ireland visiting the old Wexford Society in the near future. This motion was seconded by Councillor Flusk and unanimously agreed to.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SINNOTT RE UNEMPLOYMENT

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved "that owing to the alarming state of unemployment in Wexford Town We call on the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Health and the Powers that be to put the following Schemes (already discussed) into immediate operation:-"

- (1) Housing Schemes - Better class S. etc.
- (2) Laying of sewer and concreting road in John St.
- (3) Erection of Central Clinic.
- (4) Covering of Horse River.
- (5) Speeding up erection of Wexford Bridge.
- (6) Dredging of Wexford Harbour.
- (7) Erection of Public Lavatory.

In moving the motion the Alderman stated that he was aware that some of these Schemes were outside of the control of the Corporation but that having regard to the abnormal amount of unemployment in the Town that it would be as well to press the various Ministers concerned to expedite the necessary sanctions so that the Authorities charged with carrying out the works could proceed without further delay. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion.

As regards No. (1) Housing Scheme, it was pointed out that at a later stage of the Meeting a number of Schemes would be put up for approval by the Corporation and that a Scheme for the erection of 16 better class houses and 6 ordinary houses for the completion of the Newtown (Summerhill Scheme) was at present before the Department of Local Government awaiting sanction and it was decided to request the Minister to expedite approval to the Plans submitted.

No. (2) Laying of sewer in John St. and concreting of roadway:

It was pointed out to the members that for some years past the laying of a sewer in John Street had been contemplated as part of a General sewerage Scheme for the Town and that recently it had been decided to proceed with this sewer as a portion of the General scheme and the Consulting Engineer had been instructed to consult with the Department's advisors on the technical aspects

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of it. As well it had been found necessary to lay a new sewer at Summerhill from the Corporation Housing Site to connect with the Distillery Road sewer and as this latter sewer was essential to enable the houses to be erected the Consultant had been instructed to give it priority in the preparation of the necessary Contract Documents. These Documents had been prepared and were now with the Department of Local Government awaiting approval. It was agreed that the Department should be asked to expedite approval to the Summerhill Sewer and the Consulting Engineer requested to expedite the Plans, etc. for the John Street sewer. As regards the concreting of the road surface in John Street it was pointed out that this road was under the jurisdiction of the County Council and that the concreting of it would be a matter for that Body.

(3) Erection of a Central Clinic: This was the responsibility of the Wexford County Council as the Health Authority and the Deputy County Manager pointed out that all the documents in connection with this proposal had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government last week for approval and he expected it would be possible to advertise for tenders within the next two or three months.

(4) Covering of the Horse River: As this was part of the General sewerage Scheme the Consulting Engineer was to be asked if it could be fitted in economically with the General Scheme.

(5) Speeding up erection of Wexford Bridge: This was also a matter for the Wexford County Council but it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government to expedite approval to the Plans already submitted by the Council.

(6) Dredging of Wexford Harbour: It was understood that tenders had already been invited for this work and the Department of Industry and Commerce were to be asked to expedite approval to the acceptance of a tender.

(7) Erection of a Public Lavatory at South Main Street: The Town Clerk intimated that Plans for the erection of such a convenience were submitted to the Department last year. The Department had raised certain queries which the Borough Surveyor had now answered and he (Town Clerk) stated he would forward the Borough Surveyor's replies to the Department during the coming week.

Arising out of the question of a public lavatory Councillor Flusk asked that the Corporation clean up the two lavatories on the Quays.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when it had been decided to ask the Local AN TOSTAL Committee what their proposals were for the decoration of the Town during AN TOSTAL Period a letter was read from the Secretary of the Committee stating that the Corporation Members who were members of AN TOSTAL Council, would communicate the views of the Council at the next meeting of the Corporation. The Mayor stated as Chairman of AN TOSTAL Council that they merely required the Town to have a general clean up and it was unanimously decided that no special rate be raised in the Financial year 1953/4 for the decoration of the Town. HOUSING SCHEMES

The next business was to consider proposed Housing Schemes.

The first was a Lay-Out Plan for the erection of 40 houses at the Faytho. In this connection it was pointed out that the area would first have to be declared a Clearance Area and afterwards a Combined Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Order made.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk stated that the fact of declaring the area to be a Clearance Area and the making of a Clearance Order did not mean that the houses in the area would be immediately condemned and thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, the area was declared a Clearance Area and the Map produced was declared to be a Clearance Area under Section 5 of

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the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

The next Scheme was for the erection of 14 houses between William Street and the Faythe and a similar procedure was outlined as being necessary in this case so, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to declare the area between William St. and the Faythe, as outlined, on the Map produced, a Clearance Area under Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

The next business was to consider a report from a Joint Committee consisting of representatives of the Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council and Drapers & Bootmerchants' Association on proposed Traffic Bye-Laws for the Borough. This Joint Committee had met on several occasions last year and had drafted a set of Regulations which they considered should be given effect to for a trial period of 12 months.

The suggestions of the Joint Committee had been approved by the Corporation and forwarded to the Commissioners of the Garda Síochána who had now forwarded a draft of Bye-Laws proposed to be made by him regarding Parking Places under Section 150 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933. A copy of the draft Bye-Laws and the Commissioner's Covering Letter had been circulated amongst the members of the Corporation and the Joint Committee. In his covering letter the Commissioner stated that the Scheme submitted by the Corporation had been reviewed by a Traffic Section at Head Quarters not only in regard to Local Conditions in Wexford but also in the light of experience in the Control of Traffic in other cities and Towns where Bye-Laws were already in operation. Accordingly, the Commissioner stated, the suggestion to permit vehicles to wait up to 20 minutes in any part of South or North Main Street was considered unsound and impracticable and pointed out that the Streets or portions of Streets where waiting would be prohibited were set out in the 2nd Schedule to the proposed Bye-Laws. The Joint Committee met on the 16th ultimo and the report of their deliberations had been forwarded to each member of the Corporation prior to the present Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Joint Committee the main objection to the Commissioner's Scheme was the prohibition against waiting in any part of the Main Street. The representatives of the Chamber of Commerce stated unequivocally that the Chamber was unanimous in its opposition to the restrictions imposed by the Commissioners for the Main Street on the grounds that such restrictions would effect trade by making it difficult to shop and asked the Corporation to request the Commissioner to give a fair trial to the system of control waiting suggested in the original report of the Joint Committee.

The representatives of the Trades Council and the Drapers & Boot-Merchants' Association were opposed to any waiting on the Main St. and favoured the suggestions of the Commissioner for dealing with traffic thereon.

Alderman Corish thereupon proposed that the Corporation approve of the Traffic Bye-Laws prepared by the Commissioners of the Garda and Councillor Howlin seconded.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce reiterating the opposition expressed by their representatives at a Meeting of the Joint Committee.

The Mayor, however, proposed, as an amendment to Alderman Corish's motion that the Commissioner be requested to give effect to the Scheme as outlined in the original report of the Joint Committee which was adopted by the Corporation on the 8th June, 1952. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the amendment.

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On a Poll being taken there voted for the amendment:-

Alderman Byrne, Alderman Gaul, Mayor, Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Morris James, Morris Kevin..... (7).

Against: Alderman : Corish, Sinnott and Councillor Howlin.. (3).

The amendment was accordingly declared carried by 7 votes for to three against and on being put to the Meeting as a substantitive motion was declared carried by the same voting.

ESTIMATES 1953/54.

In connection with the Estimates for the year 1953/54 it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation be held on Monday, 30th March, 1953.

UNSIGHTLY BUILDING-STH. MAIN ST.

Arising out of the discussion on the cleansing of the Town For AN TOSTAL reference was made to a most unsightly building in South Main St., near Bride Street and the Meeting was informed that the only way the Corporation could deal with it was to acquire the Site under the Acquisition of Dorelict Sites Act, 1940, so on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that the making of a Preliminary Order be authorised with a view to acquiring this Site under the Act.

ANNUAL MEETING I.P.B.M.I.LTD.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that His Worship, The Mayor should represent the Corporation at the annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Association Municipal Authorities intimating that the annual Conference would be held in Clonmel on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th September next and requesting that any motions or matters the Council desired to have discussed at the Conference should be forwarded in good time for the Agenda and the Town Clerk asked the members to give him notice in good time of any matter which they considered could usefully be discussed at the Conference.

LICENCE FOR THEATRE ROYAL

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was granted in respect of the Theatre Royal, High Street, for the year ended 28th February, 1954.

LICENCE FOR ABBEY CINEMA

On the motion of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne a similar Licence was granted in respect of the Abbey Cinema, George St. for the year ending 20th January, 1954.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PARTITION

A letter from the Anti-Partition Association requesting the members of the Corporation to take part in a National Demonstration against Partition to be held in Dublin on Easter Monday next was noted.

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PASSAGEWAY BETWEEN ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT & DISTILLERY RD.

A question by Alderman Corish regarding the passageway between St. Aidan's Crescent and Distillery Road was deferred to the next Meeting as the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was meeting representatives of Messrs. P. Pierce & Co. during the present week regarding this passageway.

MOTION BY CLR. K. MORRIS RE DISPENSARY

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris asked

- (1) What progress was made with a view to recasting the Dispensary Districts.
- (2) What number of Dispensary people are in No. (1) and (2) Districts respectively; and what steps are being taken to have a proper Dispensary in Wexford.
- (3) As regards the last portion of the question this had been dealt with in connection with Alderman Sinnott's motion earlier in the Meeting dealing with Schemes for the relief of Unemployment and as regards the first two parts of the question the Town Clerk stated that he had no information whatever on these matters nor was he personally in a position to obtain it so it was decided to ask the County Manager, who was familiar with this position, to have the information, if possible, for the next Meeting.

ENISKILLEN WORKERS

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to a discussion at last Meeting in connection with the dismissal of Council Workers in Eniskillen for attending Mass on New Year's Day. The Councillor intimated it had been stated in the Corporation that Civil Servants in Southern Ireland were not allowed time off to attend Mass on Church Holidays and that this statement had received wide publicity in the English Papers. He (Clr. Morris) had made inquiries and ascertained that Civil Servants who had to be on duty before 8 a.m. were allowed time off to attend Mass. Councillors Howlin stated that whilst Civil Servants. Councillor Howlin stated that whilst Civil Servants working in Wexford might be allowed time off, as suggested by Councillor Morris, he thought that in the Diocese of Ferns, where nobody but Civil Servants worked on Church Holidays, that these be allowed to fall in line with the General practice of the Diocese.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the motion of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Corish it was resolved as follows:-

"Whereas at a Meeting of the Corporation held on the 19th day of May, 1952 It was Resolved to assist the Wexford Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of the sum of £7000. to be borrowed by the said Commissioners from The National Bank Limited with interest thereon but so that the Corporation's liability on such guarantee should be limited to the sum of £1000. in respect of principal together with interest on that sum at the rate therein mentioned AND Whereas the said Resolution was duly confirmed by Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Corporation held on the 11th day of August, 1952 And Whereas the Minister for Local Government has by Order dated the 24th day of October, 1952 confirmed the said Resolution NOW IT IS RESOLVED that in pursuance of the aforesaid Resolutions and Order the form of Guarantee submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be addressed to The National Bank Limited be approved and that accordingly the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto."

CLEANING OF GRAVEYARDS

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have the graveyards limewashed and cleaned in the coming year before AN TOSTAL Period instead of waiting for the usual Pattern Day O.A.P.

The Meeting then resolved itself into an O.A.P. Committee and their decisions as such will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

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The Annual Estimates 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, Ald. James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

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

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Sutton, Caretaker, St. Ibar's Cemetery on the death of his brother. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by the other members by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Miss Annie Kelly, a former member, on the death of her sister. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was also supported by the other members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Meeting first decided, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, to deal with the County Manager's report and at the outset Councillor Howlin complimented the County Manager and Town Clerk on the comprehensive report which had been submitted.

ARREARS OF RENTS

Alderman Byrne referred to the paragraph in the report dealing with the arrears of rent and blamed the arrears on the priorities which had to be taken into consideration by the Manager in letting the houses. He (Alderman Byrne) was aware of a number of families in Town who could afford to pay the rents but who could not be re-housed owing to the priorities referred to and he thought that people were getting houses who were unable to pay for them.

Councillor Howlin disagreed with Alderman Byrne's contention, that only people with certain incomes should be allocated Corporation houses and Councillor K. Morris agreed with Councillor Howlin. Councillor Hadden asked what Alderman Byrne's suggestion was to deal with the situation.

Alderman Corish appealed to the tenants who were in a position to do so, to clear off the arrears of rent, as soon as possible, and Alderman Sinnott intimated that in his view the people must be rehoused irrespective of income and Councillor Cullimore thought that an example should be made of people who were able to pay and who were in arrears.

The County Manager then dealt in a comprehensive way with the GENERAL Rent Position and the action proposed to be taken, as outlined in his report.

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the erection of a further six houses and the Manager intimated that these would be commenced with as little delay as possible.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the Faythe Scheme and was informed that the Borough Surveyor was at present engaged on the house design, and that steps would be taken next week to survey the area for the

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for the purpose of making a Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Order. Alderman Sinnott referred to the cost of repairs to Artizan's Dwellings and complained strongly that repairs had been carried out without the prior consent of the Committee appointed to supervise this and it was eventually agreed that the Borough Surveyor should submit to the Corporation, as soon as possible, an itemised account of all work done with particular reference to work done since November, last.

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the amount of money spent on roads and expressed grave dissatisfaction that the Borough Surveyor was unable to give details of what work had actually been carried out and after some discussion it was agreed that details of the work carried out on the roads and footpaths should also be submitted to the Corporation with the details of repairs to houses.

RATE ESTIMATE

The Meeting then took up the Rate Estimate and it was seen that no further reductions or alterations could be made other than those made by the Corporation on the 25th instant which required a Rate of 35/4d. in the £. Thereupon Alderman Sinnott moved that Table A/Expenditure amounting to £90138. be adopted. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. Alderman Byrne moved that Table B/Receipts amounting to £41,731. be adopted. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that a Rate of 35/4d. in the £. to include a sum of £1201. in respect of portion of Debit Balance be adopted for the year ending 31st March, 1954. Councillor Flusk seconded this motion which was also unanimously agreed to, and thereupon Table C., the Determination of the Rates in the £., was signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

This concluded the Estimates Meeting and Alderman Sinnott moved that the County Manager and Town Clerk be complimented on the excellent manner in which the Estimates and report were presented. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillors Kevin Morris, The Mayor and Councillor Flusk and also by Councillors Broaders and Cullimore who urged that the strictest economy should be observed during the coming year by all Officials concerned with Expenditure as Grade was not at present good and was inclined to move towards the Rural Areas from the Town.

Ald. Sinnott intimated that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that a sum of money be borrowed to provide for resurfacing the walks and the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery.

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A Statutory Meeting was held at the close of the Estimates Meeting. The same members being present:-

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jacob, Rathdowney House, Taggart acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's Resolution of Sympathy with them on the death of their son, Mr. Tony Jacob.

The Minister for Local Government acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's Resolution calling for an amendment of the Housing (Management & Letting) Regulations, 1950.

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TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The first business was to consider a letter from the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána (copy of which had been furnished to the members on the 10th instant) relating to proposed Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1953.

The Commissioner's letter noted that the Corporation favoured the adoption of the Draft Bye-Laws with the exception of that portion prohibiting Waiting on the Main St. and stated this was where the general Traffic Problem existed, and, as pointed out in his letter of the 19th December, last, the suggestion to permit waiting in any part of South or North Main St. was considered unsound and impracticable. This conclusion had been reached following a review of the Corporation's Scheme on the ground and in the light of experience already gained in the control of Traffic and the making of Traffic Bye-Laws for several Cities and Towns in this Country.

Accordingly the Commissioner did not think it necessary to make any Bye-Laws by way of experiment and would be glad if the Corporation would give the matter further consideration. Following the circulation of this letter to the members Alderman Corish had intimated that he would move the rescission of the Resolution of the Corporation of 4th instant adopting a Traffic Control Scheme for the Town and if such Resolution were rescinded he would further move that the Corporation approve of the Draft Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1953 proposed by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána. It was seen from the correspondence that the Commissioner of the Garda was not inclined to make any Bye-Laws except on the lines set out in his draft and Alderman Corish thereupon moved, in accordance with Notice given, and an intimation of which had been given to the members on the 20th instant in accordance with the provision of Section 44 of the Commissioner's Clauses Act, 1847, that the Resolution of 2nd March, 1953, adopting a Traffic Control Scheme for the Town be rescinded. Councillor Howlin seconded.

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that as there was a greater number of members in attendance at the present Meeting than at the Meeting on March, 2nd, when the Resolution was adopted it could be rescinded by a simple majority.

Alderman Byrne was sceptical of adopting the Scheme proposed by the Commissioner of the Garda and moved that the matter be adjourned for a month to consult with the Traders of the Town.

Councillor Kevin Morris opposed the rescission of the previous Resolution and Councillor Hadden took objection to the final paragraph of the Commissioner's letter which he termed dictatorial and pointed out that the Garda were the Servants of the people and not the masters and, in his opinion, the Local people were the best judges of what was necessary in the way of traffic control for the Town. After some further discussion a Poll was taken on Alderman Corish's proposal to rescind the Resolution of March, 2nd when there voted for rescission:-

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and the Mayor.

Councillors: Flusk and Howlin.....(5).

Against Rescission: Alderman Byrne, Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Hadden, James Morris and Kevin Morris.....(6).

The proposal to rescind the Resolution of March, 2nd, was thereupon declared lost and it was further agreed to request the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána to reconsider his decision.

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CIVIL SERVANTS' ARBITRATION AWARD

Two motions appeared on the Agenda calling on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Civil Servants' Arbitration Board. They were in the names of Councillors Howlin and Broaders.

Councillor Howlin intimated he would withdraw his motion as he understood that some people thought that such a Resolution coming from him would be tainted with Politics but Politics were not in his mind when he tabled the motion. As a Trade Unionist he accepted the principle of Arbitration and the view of Trade Unionists Arbitration was morally binding on both sides.

Councillor Broaders thereupon moved "That we call on the Government to make a special effort to meet the Civil Servants' Arbitration Award as we consider the Service is worthy of the Government's earliest consideration." Councillor James Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

A letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare under date of the 13th instant intimating that it had been decided to discontinue the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the Summer Months and stating that no Grant would be available for the operation of a Scheme during the period 30th March to 31st October, 1953.

Strong objection was taken by the members to this decision and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister to reconsider his decision and to ask the County Council to continue to operate the Scheme for Home Assistance Recipients.

WAGES OF WEEK-END WATCHMEN

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that the County Manager be requested to increase the wages of week-end watchmen. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin and unanimously agreed to.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

A Resolution from Limerick Corporation calling for Local Elections in the current year was submitted and after some discussion it was moved by Councillor Flusk that the Resolution be marked "read." This was seconded by Councillor James Morris. On a Poll being taken there voted for marking the Resolution "read."

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

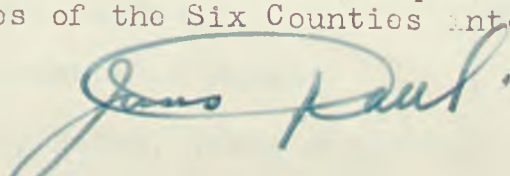
Against:- Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, The Mayor and Councillor Howlin.....(4).

The Resolution was accordingly marked "read."

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SIX COUNTIES INTO DAIL EIREANN.

A Resolution from the Limerick Corporation on the question of the election of the representatives of the Six Counties into Dail Eireann was also marked "read."

The Meeting then terminated.



BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS 1952/53 AND 1953/54.

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EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum allowed for 1952/53. £.	Service	Estimate for 1953/54. £.
		<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	
1.	500	Ordinary Road Works	500.
2.	460	Salaries	460.
3.	25	Tree Planting	25.
4.	75	Parking &c. signs	75.
5.	400	Loan Charges	400.
6.	100	Contingencies	100.
7.	7000	Special Grant Works	5000.
8.		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
8.	945	Burial Grounds	1100.
9.	2250	Domestic Scavenging	1940.
10.	2375	Public Scavenging	2525.
11.	5864	Waterworks	6164.
12.	430	Sewers - Loan Charges	430.
13.	350	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
14.	100	Food & Drugs Acts	100.
15.	275	Salaries	300.
16.	150	Bathing Place	150.
17.	150	Public Convenience-Loan Charges	150.
18.	300	do. do. Wages	300.
19.	1100	Public Lighting	1200.
20.	100	Contingencies	100.
		<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>	
21.	22,020	Loan Charges - Housing of the W.C. Acts.	26,120.
22.	2500	Maintenance of Houses	2500.
23.	330	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insee.	430.
24.	900	Collectors' Commission	1000.
			51419.

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1952/53. £.	Service	Estimate for 1953/54. £.
25.	580	Loan Charges -Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	5149 510.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
26.	19048.	County Council Demand	19367
27.	1000.	Unemployment Assistance	1100.
28.	20.	Tourist Development	20.
29.	300	Maintenance of Corporate Property	350.
30.	3554	Vocational Education	2442.
31.	800	Fire Brigade	800.
32.	905	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insee.	905.
33.	4900	Salaries	5000.
34.	450	Printing, Stationery & Ad- vertising.	450.
35.	265	Telephones, Office requisites, Postage, Rate Receipts and Paying Orders	265.
36.	100	Fuel and Light	100.
37.	100	Allotments	Nil.
38.	4500	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4500.
39.	300	Legal and Audit Expenses	200.
40.	150.	Overdraft Interest	150.
41.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.
42.	20.	Uniform & Boots for Town Sergeant	20.
43.	40	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands	40.
44.	350	School Meals	450.
45.	250	Rate Refunds	250.
46.	550	Loan Charges	400.
47.	635	Materials, machinery & Stores	650.
48.	600	Superannuation Allowances	600.
49.	Nil.	Subscription to Red Cross, Water Safety Section	20.
50	100	Grating Charges	100.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	90138.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1952/53	Particulars	Estimate 1953/54.
	£.	<u>ROADS</u>	£.
1.	6500	Special Grant Works	4500.
2.	30.	Estate Duty Grant	30.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
3.	1210.	Water Rents.	1700.
4.	250	Scavenging Main Roads	286.
5.	350	Burial Ground Fees	350.
6.	75.	Public Convenience	75.
7.		<u>HOUSING</u>	
7.	15000	Rents.	17500.
8.	9040	State Grants	9940.
9.	500	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
10.	1610	Vocational Education	610.
11.	100	Fire Brigade	150.
12.	100	Air Raid Precautions	Nil.
13.	100	Allotments	Nil.
14.	4500	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4500.
15.	90	Refund of Fees.	90.
16.	600	Government Rates	600.
17.	445.	Town Hall & Corporate Estate.	500.
18.	175	School Meals	225.
19.	175	Market Rents	175.
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			41,731.

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, 1954.

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. 5000.	£. 1560. 5000.
TOTAL		6560.	6560.
Sanitary	Sanitary	14809.	14809.
TOTAL		14809.	14809.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes Small Dwellings Acq.acts.	30050. 510.	30050. 510.
TOTAL		30560	30560.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	2384.	2384.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	8083.	8083.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3713.	3713.
Health(County)	Health (County)	1732.	1732.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	3425.	3425.
Separate chgs.	Separate charges	30.	30.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1100.	1100.
Other Urban Purposes:	Tourist Development Vocational Education Other Purposes Materials, machinery & Stores	20. 2442. 4630. 650.	20. 2442. 14630. 650.
TOTAL		38209.	38209.

TABLE B.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager. (3) £.	Adopted by Council. (4). £.
Urban Roads	State Grants	4530.	4530.
	TOTAL	4530.	4530.
SANITARY	Sanitary Receipts	2411.	2411.
	TOTAL	2411.	2411.
HOUSING:	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents	17500.	17500.
	State Grants	9940.	9940.
	Other Receipts:		
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.	500.
	TOTAL	27940.	27940.
General Urban Purposes:	State Grants.	5935.	5935.
	Other Receipts	915.	915.
	Materials Expense (balance)		
	Machinery expense (balance)		
	TOTAL	6850.	6850.

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 THE VALUATION OF AREA (£28,080). (pence). 8.
				ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY). 5. £.	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY). 6. £.	AMOUNT LEVIABLE. 7. £.	
URBAN ROADS	6560	4530	2030	Nil.	Nil.	2030.	17.35.
SANITARY SERVICES	14809	2411	12398	Nil.	Nil.	12398.	105.97.
HOUSING	30560	27940	2620	Nil.	Nil.	2620.	22.39.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:							
ROADS	2384)				61	2445	20.90.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	8083)				209	8292	70.87.
MENTAL HOSPITAL	3713)				96	3809	32.55.
HEALTH (COUNTY)	1732)	Nil.	19367.	Nil.	45	1777	15.19.
GENERAL PURPOSES	3425)				90	3515	30.04.
SEPARATE CHARGES	30)					30	.26.
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1100	Nil.	1100.	Nil.	Nil.	1100.	9.40.
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	17742	6850	10892	Nil.	700.	11592.	99.08.

TOTAL GENERAL RATE

424.00.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment) of the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 30th day of March, 1953, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A.B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rate 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, 1954.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1953.

Countersigned

(Town Clerk)

Signed

(Mayor of Wexford)

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4th May, 1953.

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 Ald. Jas. Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris, Kevin Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, the minutes of previous Meetings (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous Meetings were read from:-

Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Emmet Furlong and Mr. Patrick Sutton on the votes of sympathy passed with them at previous Meetings.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Hugh McGuire whose father and brother had been former Mayors of Wexford. Alderman Sinnott seconded.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Miss A. Kelly, a former member of the Corporation.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Order of Christian Brothers on the death of Rev. Bro. Markey, a former Superior in Wexford. Ald. Sinnott seconded.

It was further moved by the Mayor that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ex-Councillor Crosbie on the death of his niece and seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and family of the late Councillor Patrick Keegan, Enniscorthy and Councillor Howlin seconded.

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Sean McBride, T.D. on the death of his mother, Madame Gonno McBride. Councillor Howlin seconded.

All the members present, the Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the Manager and on his own behalf, and the Town Clerk associated themselves with the Votes of sympathy which were adopted in respectful silence.

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CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution protesting against the decision to discontinue the operation of a Cheap Fuel Scheme during the Summer Period. The letter stated that the decision not to operate the Scheme during the Summer Period was taken after all the relevant factors had been carefully considered.

Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister be again asked to reconsider his decision and on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to inquire what the relevant factors were which had brought about the decision.

RATE OF 35/4d. in £.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed unanimously that a Municipal Rate of 35/4d. in the £. be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the Services of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1954 as agreed to on 30th March last.

QUARTERLY MEETING

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that a Quarterly Meeting be held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1953 at half-past Eight o'clock p.m.

A question then arose as to the venue of this Meeting and Alderman Corish moved and Councillor Howlin seconded the proposal that this Meeting be held in the old Town Hall, Cornmarket.

Councillor Kevin Morris further moved that the Meeting be held in the Municipal Buildings and Councillor Cullimore seconded.

On a vote being taken, however, four members voted for the Town Hall and five for the Municipal Buildings, and it was accordingly agreed that the Meeting be held in the Municipal Buildings.

WALKS & CALVARY IN ST.
IBAR'S CEMETERY.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that a Loan be raised to finance the resurfacing of walks in St. Ibar's Cemetery and the provision of a Calvary therein. Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

The Borough Surveyor's Estimate for the resurfacing of the walks amounted to £1940. and the provision of a calvary was estimated to cost approximately £200.

Some members thought that the entire matter should be deferred until the Borough Surveyor had examined and reported on alternative means of repairing the walks. After a lengthy discussion, however, Alderman Sinnott insisted on moving his motion to decide in principle that the walks should be repaired and the calvary provided.

On a Poll being taken, five voted for and five against the motion and the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of it when it was declared carried and the Borough Surveyor instructed to submit

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further Estimates for repairs to walks in different ways and the provision of a Calvary.

PARKING REGULATIONS

A letter was read from the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána on the subject of proposed Parking and waiting Byo-Laws for the Borough and stating that as the draft Byo-Laws as regards the North and South Main Streets were not feasible to the Corporation he had decided to postpone the making of the Byo-Laws. Councillor Haddon again protested against the attitude of the Commissioner pointing out that he had no right to dictate such Regulations as the Community was the best judge of what was required for the Town. Councillor Kevin Morris agreed.

The other members, however, pointed out that the Garda Authority had been called in to advise on Traffic Problems in the Town and when their advice had been given it was not accepted.

It was eventually decided to again ask the Commissioner to institute the modified Form of Traffic Regulations suggested by the Corporation sometime ago.

INSPECTION OF HOUSES

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that an inspection be made of the houses at Wolfe Tono Villas and White Rock View to determine the necessary external repairs, and a report submitted to the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Howlin seconded the motion and there was coupled with it the Abbey St. houses occupied by William Connolly, Wilson and McCormack.

- FLAG POLES AT MUNICIPAL BLDGS.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish asked what was the cost of the purchase and erection of two flag poles at the Municipal Buildings and how financed and was informed that the materials cost £42. and labour £23. making a total of £65. 0. 0. which was financed out of the Capital charges for the acquisition and reconstruction of the Building.

Some members thought that the flags were not properly placed and that the cost was too high and as well that such an expenditure could have been brought before the Corporation for approval before it was incurred.

PATHWAY FROM ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT TO DISTILLERY ROAD.

Alderman Corish also asked what progress had been made with a pathway from St. Aidan's Crescent to the Distillery Road and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had discussed this recently with Mr. Doris, County Engineer, and had made suggestions to the County Manager which were under consideration by him and it was decided to defer the matter until the Manager was present.

PILLAR BOXES AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a pillar box at Bishopswater and Cllr. Howlin seconded. The motion was agreed to.

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PURCHASE OF OLD HOUSES

Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation revert to a system of purchasing old houses and putting them into repair. This motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

Some members objected to the motion, however, on the grounds that a motion had been passed some time ago to discontinue the purchase and repair of old houses but the Town Clerk pointed out that the decision in question had only been taken on a particular application at a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee and if the present motion were passed it would merely mean that each individual case would have to be examined on its merits.

RANGES AND GRATES

A question regarding the provision of ranges and grates during the last three years was deferred by Alderman Byrne to give the Town Clerk an opportunity of going into it.

LICENSES FOR CAPITOL CINEMA AND
AND CINEMA PALACES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor James Morris it was agreed to renew Licenses for a further 12 months in respect of the Capitol and Palace Cinemas.

HOUSING REPAIRS COMMITTEE

At the request of the Town Clerk it was decided to hold a Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee on the 11th inst. and a Meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed extension of the Borough after the General Purposes Committee on the 18th instant. The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Borough Surveyor setting out the repairs which had been carried out to the various Artizans' Dwellings, as requested at the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation, and it was decided that a copy of this should be sent to each of the members.

URBAN ROADS

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the amount of money expended on Urban Roads during the previous year and actually what work was carried out and this was considered satisfactory.

DERELICT HOUSES AT GIBSON ST.

Councillor K. Morris referred to the condition of two derelict houses at Gibson Street and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine & report.

HOUSING

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk gave details of the progress which had been made regarding the erection of further houses at Newtown, Thomas Street and the proposed Housing Scheme for Faythe and William Street.

Councillor K. Morris referred to the allocation of houses at BISHOPSWATER and in particular to the case of Murphy & Berry Common Quay Street and the Town Clerk replied that these people were not on the instructions he had received from the County Manager

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Councillor Howlin referred to the case of Mrs. Malone, King Street who had not yet been granted a house and reference was also made to the case of Michael Murphy of Maudlintown.

Councillor Flusk further stated that, in his opinion, priority lists made out by the County Manager were interfered with by the Town Clerk.

The Deputy County Manager stated that this was impossible. The Town Clerk could not change such lists and promised to investigate the applications further.

The Meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Paul", is written in a cursive style.

18th May, 1953.

A 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 (Alderman James Gaul) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James Crosbie who for a number of years had been a member of the Council and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Co. Manager and adopted in respectful silence. Before the Meeting terminated, however, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish it was agreed to authorise Overdraft Accommodation on the Revenue Account of the Corporation in the sum of £20,000. in respect of the Quarter ended 30th June, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, Overdraft accommodation on the Capital Account of the Corporation was authorised in the sum of £100,000. in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1953.

The Meeting then terminated.



1st June, 1953.

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, Alderman Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of previous Meetings (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

His Worship, The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Flusk, an old employee, on the death of his wife and with Councillor Michael Flusk on the death of his sister-in-law. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, supported by all the members present; by Mr. McDermott, on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

BRAVERY OF YOUNG MEN

Alderman Byrne proposed that the young men engaged in the recent rescue in Wexford Harbour be recommended to Comhairle na Mire Gaile for Certificates for Bravery. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and unanimously adopted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

An acknowledgment was read from the Superior General of the Christian Brothers' Order of the vote of sympathy adopted with the Corporation on the death of the late Brother Markey.

An acknowledgment was also read from the relatives of the late Miss Annie Kelly of the vote of sympathy passed with them.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEMES

A letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution on the subject of the discontinuance of the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the Summer Period and stating that the Scheme was originally introduced as a temporary measure to ensure that fuel would be available for necessitous persons when it was scarce and unobtainable - that position no longer existed and fuel was now available on the open market. In addition the number of Recipients had declined from 29,358. in the summer of 1947 to about 7,900. in 1952 indicating that there was no longer any real necessity for its continuance.

Alderman Byrne again objected to the discontinuance of the Scheme and proposed that it be referred back for further consideration by the Minister. Councillor Howlin seconded and stated he understood the Scheme was to alleviate hardship on old people and even though a considerable number of recipients had not availed of the Summer Scheme in recent years there was no reason why the remaining 7,900 people should be deprived. The Resolution was supported by Alderman Corish and Sinnott and adopted.

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HOUSE AT TALBOT STREET

An application was also submitted from Mr. Kehoe for the purchase of a house at Talbot St. occupied by Mr. Fitzpatrick in respect of which Legal proceedings had recently taken place in which the Town Clerk had to give evidence that it was regarded as unfit for human habitation so it was decided that the application be referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report on the condition of the house from a structural point of view.

GERRARD PROPERTY

Arising out of this matter it was requested that a report on the proposed purchase of the Gerrard property at John St. be ready for the next Meeting.

OTHER PROPERTY

Reference was also made to the dangerous condition of houses at John Street/Gibson St./Barrack St. and the Deputy Manager promised to go into the matter of taking action.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden raised the question of Traffic Regulations and stated he understood, in Waterford, Galway and Carlow the Councils were dissatisfied with the operation of the Bye-Laws in use there by the Garda Síochána and asked that the Town Clerk should be directed to obtain the views of the Town Clerks in these three towns as to their experience in the operation of the Traffic Bye-Laws prepared by the Garda.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT ABBEY ST.

Councillor Howlin asked the question regarding repairs to the house at Abbey St. in the occupation of John Goodisson and the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had a report from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that a range was required and some plastering at a total cost of £22. and the repairs Committee were specially asked to deal with this at their next Meeting.

LETTING OF HOUSES

At the request of Councillor Kevin Morris the following particulars of the letting of houses were given to the members:-

Thomas Savage had been transferred from No. 12 on the front row to a back row house leaving the 7 front row houses now available for occupation.

As John Fenlon of Sth. Main St. had been allocated a centre row house and A. Springate of St. Aidan's Crescent had been transferred to the Centre row this left one centre row still to be filled.

W. Dempsey, Barrack St., R. J. Murphy, 7, Bride St. and H. Malone, King St. had been allocated three back row houses which left one back row house to be filled.

John Rossiter of Wolfe Tone Villas had been allocated the vacant house at Saltee Avenue.

It was proposed to transfer John Gaul, 14, Harbour View to Mr. Springate's house at St. Aidan's Crescent and if he accepted the transfer to advertise one vacant house at St. Aidan's Crescent and if he did not accept the transfer to advertise two vacant houses at St. Aidan's Crescent.

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Arising out of this report the members thought that they should be informed when these allocations had been made and the Deputy Manager suggested that he would have a chart placed in the Council Chamber showing the vacant houses as they arose together with the names of the persons to whom they had been allocated.

In connection with the present vacant houses the Manager was asked to specially consider the cases of Murphy, Maudlintown, where it was stated that 10 children and 4 adults resided in one small house.

Delaney, Foundry Lane: Walter Doyle, Devereaux Villas and James Mahoney, Emmet Place.

He was also asked to consider the application of Roy Doyle formerly of Rowe St. who was on the priority lists for a back row house and was not successful in obtaining one and was now willing to accept a centre row house although when offered a centre row house sometime ago he refused.

TRINITY STREET & WILLIAM ST.

Attention was called to the condition of Trinity St. and William St. due to grass growing on the sides of it and the County Engineer was to be asked to have the sides cleaned up.

BARRIER AT PAUL QUAY

Reference was also made to the need for a Warning sign or barrier at the junction of Paul Quay and Trinity Street and it was decided to ask the Harbour Commissioners to extend the existing barrier to the corner of the Talbot Garage because it was considered on foggy nights there was danger to traffic going over the Quays.

SEAT ON CRESCENT QUAY

Councillor Hadden raised the question of the provision of a seat inside the railing on the Crescent Quay near the present public lavatory and one in the Paul Quay area.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the provision of a concrete seat at the cross of Wolfe Tone Villas and Alderman Sinnott asked that a seat be replaced at the gable end of the house at Michael Street.

Alderman Corish, however, thought that three seats should be provided at the Crescent.

The Town Clerk, However, pointed out that a very small allocation had been made in the Estimates this year for such work and he would obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor as to the cost of what was now proposed.

REDMOND MONUMENT

Reference was also made to the condition of the Redmond Monument near the North Railway Station and the Town Clerk was asked to examine the question as to whether or not this monument had been vested in the Corporation.

DUST BINS

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to complaints he had received regarding the emptying of dustbins on the Main Street and pointed out that there were a number of lock up shops there could not have their bins on the street by 8 o'clock -

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the time the scavenging cart commenced work.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which it was pointed out that it had always been the practice to start at the corner of King St. at 8 a.m. but recently it had been found that a number of bins were not on the Streets in time as a result of which the scavenging staff were delayed considerably in the removal of the bins. This meant that when they reached the North End of the Town they were emptying bins when food, etc. was exposed for sale in the shops and when traffic in the narrowest part of the Town was beginning to get heavy, and on a few occasions the passing of the Scavenging Cart caused congestion. As well, with the big extension of this service in recent years it would be impossible to have the men waiting on the Main St. in the morning for bins and some weeks ago it had been decided to tighten up and start the collection of the bins at King St. at 8 a.m. each morning. This had given rise to a number of complaints but in the opinion of the Officials the people had now got used to it and practically 100% of the bins were being collected daily.

Some members held, however, that the people on the Main St. were dissatisfied with the present system and Councillor Kevin Morris proposed that the collection of dust bins on the Main St. be commenced at 9 a.m. from the corner of King St. and Alderman Byrne seconded. The Deputy Co. Manager, however, pointed out that he saw no reason why the bins could not be put out the night before as was done in most Cities and Towns but the members thought that this would result in a considerable amount of garbage strewn over the Main St. by mischievous persons and did not look with favour on it. The Deputy Manager then promised to have the entire matter re-examined with the Borough Surveyor and see if it was possible to have the Scavenging Cart used in some residential area between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

SEWER AT DISTILLERY RD.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the open sewer at Distillery Road and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received such a complaint from the Health Inspector this afternoon and had referred it to the Borough Surveyor for examination and report.

It was stated that the houses known as Casa Rio and Alvina Brook discharged their sewerage into the open river and that no provision had been made in the new sewer constructed at the Distillery Road sometime ago to allow the sewerage to those houses to be connected thereto. Councillor Hadden suggested that in dry weather this river could be flushed down by the damming of the old mill stream at Ballinagee and periodically releasing the flood water to wash down the bed of the river carrying the sewerage.

GAS COOKERS

It was agreed to hold a Meeting of the Committee appointed to examine the question of the provision of Gas Cookers for Corporation houses on Thursday, June, 25th, at 4-0 p.m. if this time suited the Officials of the Wexford Gas Co.

GULLY TRAP ON QUAY

Councillor Kevin Morris raised the question of a defective gully trap on the Quays opposite the premises of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the National Bank and asked to have the Borough Surveyor examine it and if necessary carry out repairs.

CORRY'S VILLAS

A Memorial was read from the occupiers of the house at Corry's Villas, Waterloo Road requesting the Corporation to rescind their Resolution naming the place Corry's Villas and to substitute therefor Waterloo Road or Waterloo Road West.

Some members thought that the tenants should be facilitated in their request and after some discussion Councillor Howlin gave notice that he would move the rescission of the Resolution at the next Meeting of the Corporation which would leave the matter open for discussion.

VALUABLE HEIFER THROWN

A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the National Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals stating that at the March Fair owing to the condition of the roads a valuable heifer was thrown and her horn broken and in view of such loss and pain the Committee suggested that the Town Council might see its way to sand the streets in question for subsequent Wexford Fairs. On the suggestion of Councillor K. Morris it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the suggestion of the Committee.

TENDERS FOR SAND & GRAVEL

In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk stated that tenders had been opened sometime ago by His Worship the Mayor for sand and gravel in connection with the erection of new houses at Newtown and the accepted tender was Messrs. Wilson & Products for washed and graded sand and gravel at 7/3d. per cubic yard delivered.

TENDERS FOR GATES AND FENCING

Tenders were opened and initialled by His Worship, The Mayor for gates and fencing in connection with the erection of houses at Hill St. and Newtown.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Paul

15th June, 1953.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

PURCHASE OF TWO HOUSES AT PARNELL ST.

The first business was the proposal that two houses at Parnell St. be purchased from Mr. James Williams of Whiterock for the sum of £900. According to the Borough Surveyor both houses were soundly built and the cost of the repairs would amount to £377. and after allowing for slight alterations which might have occurred from the time the Estimate was made in August, 1952, it was seen that the houses would cost the Corporation approximately £1300. or £650. each. It was there-upon proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that the two houses be purchased from Mr. Williams for the sum of £900. subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

PURCHASE OF THREE HOUSES AT TALBOT ST.

The next business was the proposed purchase of three houses at Talbot St. from Miss Sally Hopkins. Miss Hopkins offered the three houses for the sum of £750. They were held under lease for 800 years from 1845, subject to a ground rent of £6. 6. 0. per annum. The Borough Surveyor reported that to repair these houses would cost £1,110. but as this estimate was made in July, 1951 it was thought that it would have to be amended. Taking the Borough Surveyor's Estimate, however, it was seen that the houses would cost £620. when purchased and repaired, and allowing for an increase in the Borough Surveyor's Estimate of £80. it would bring them to £700. each. The members thought that even at £700. each the houses would be a good purchase and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Cllr. K. Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne to purchase the houses from Miss Hopkins for the sum of £750. and to have them repaired.

HOUSE AT HIGH STREET

A letter was read from Mr. Thos. J. O'Brien asking the Corporation to make an offer for a house at High Street occupied by a Mr. Dunne and it was decided to refer the application to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE

Alderman Sinnott asked that the question of purchasing house No. 64, The Faythe, owned by Mrs. Underwood of South Main St. be examined by the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSE AT SWAN VIEW

Reference was also made to an application sometime ago from Mrs. Dovle of South Main Street for the purchase of a house at Swan View occupied by McGrath and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine and report on this.

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30th June, 1953.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 8 o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman James Gaul, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne and Corish.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Hierarchy of England on the death of the late ^{Arch}Bishop of Liverpool, who was a Freeman of Wexford, Most Rev. Dr. Downing.

Alderman Byrne 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 and the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Dr. Hadden on the death of his sister which had occurred in the previous week. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present, the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Meeting was to appoint a Mayor who would hold Office until the Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1954 and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Hadden proposed that Councillor James Morris be elected Mayor. Councillor Broaders seconded.

Alderman Byrne proposed the re-election of Alderman James Gaul and Alderman Corish seconded.

At this stage when there was no other nomination for the Mayoralty Councillor Howlin asked if it was in order for the Corporation to elect any Mayor, and the Town Clerk intimated he had received a copy of the Local Elections Act, 1953 which adjourned Local Elections until 1955.

This Act legalised the appointment of Chairman and other Statutory Committees at this stage but where no Date had been fixed for the present Quarterly Meeting the Town Clerk was authorised to fix the time and place for such a Meeting for the election of Mayor. As however, the Corporation had fixed the present Quarterly Meeting sometime ago everything was in order but Councillor Howlin insisted on the Circular being read and the Town Clerk produced same together with a copy of the Act. It was thereupon seen that the Meeting was completely in order as well as the proposal to elect a Mayor.

A Poll was thereupon taken on the two proposals of Councillor Morris and Alderman Gaul when there voted for Councillor James Morris:-

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, James Morris, Kevin Morris and Stafford.....(7).

For Alderman Gaul:-

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Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Councillor Howlin.....(3).

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Alderman Gaul, the outgoing Mayor, thereupon declared Councillor James Morris elected whereupon the new Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

Having taken the Chair the new Mayor returned thanks to the members of the Corporation for electing him to the highest Office in their provence and the other members present extended their congratulations to the new Mayor.

THREE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 23rd June, 1954 and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the following dates be fixed:-

5th October, 1953.

4th January, 1954.

5th April, 1954.

All at 7.30 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

There was submitted to the Meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 3rd instant No. RG/32/1 enclosing copy of a letter under even date and reference addressed to Wexford County Council on the subject of Wexford Bridge.

In his letter to the County Council the Minister asked that Body to forward a copy of the plans of the proposed Bridge to Wexford Wexford Corporation, the Road Authority required under the Bridge Order to contribute to the cost of the Structure, and in his letter to the Corporation the Minister requested the Corporation to communicate to him if they had any observations to offer on the Plans in accordance with Section 51(3) of the Local Government Act, 1946.

The Plans which had been forwarded, in accordance with Statute, by the Wexford County Council, were now laid before the present Meeting and having examined them the members agreed they had no objection so it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Flusk that the Plans of the proposed Wexford Bridge, submitted by Wexford County Council, in accordance with provisions of Section 51 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1946 be and hereby approved and that the Minister for Local Government be informed that the Corporation have no other observations to offer thereon.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Paul
James J. Morris

6th July, 1953.

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 James Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin, Kevin Morris.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes of previous Meetings were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

DROWNING RESCUES

Alderman Gaul referred to recent rescues from drowning at Curracloe and Ferrybank and it was agreed that these matters should be referred to Comhairle na Mire Gaile. Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation approves the payment of a bonus of 12½% to all Officials retrospective to 1st November, 1952.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

Alderman Corish moved that permission be granted to the public to attend all Statutory Meetings of the Council. Alderman Byrne seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for the motion:-

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

Against: Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Kevin Morris and His Worship, the Mayor.....(5).

The Mayor gave his casting vote against the motion which was declared lost.

CORRY'S VILLAS

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved that a Memorial from the tenants of Waterloo Road to have the name changed from "Corry's Villas" be discussed. Alderman Corish seconded.

The matter was then open for discussion and Ald. Gaul moved that there be no change and Ald. Sinnott seconded.

Alderman Byrne moved that the name be changed to McCurtain Road and Councillor Howlin seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for a change to McCurtain Road:

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Councillors: Broaders & Cllr. Howlin
.....(4).

For no change there voted:

Aldermen: Sinnott and Gaul: Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk
Kevin Morris and His Worship, The Mayor....(6).

The motion to change the name was accordingly declared lost.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The next business was to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities, and on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, Councillor Kevin Morris was proposed as one delegate. This was seconded by Alderman Byrne. Alderman Byrne was proposed as a second delegate on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish. Both were agreed to.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

A Resolution from Cobh U.D.C. requesting the Government to increase Old Age Pensions was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES

Requests to purchase houses at George St. and Carrigeen St. were referred to the Borough Surveyor and Chief Medical Officer.

I. R. A. MEN

Councillor K. Morris moved that old I.R.A. men be given preference on all works and that the Housing Engineer be requested to have such men employed. Ald. Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

DEPUTATION FROM UNEMPLOYED

A Deputation of three members of the Unemployed Builders' Labourers' attended the Meeting and set out the position they were in owing to having been dismissed from the building sites through lack of work. They stated the amount of money they received from Unemployment Assistance and the members promised to do all in their power to have further building work commenced as soon as possible.

The Meeting also decided to request the Minister for Local Government to Officially open the Bishopswater Housing Scheme in the near future and it was decided that the Corporation should then discuss with him the possibility of Grants for the Relief of Unemployment.

A number of Schemes for the Relief of Unemployment were discussed and it was agreed that the only Scheme which could possibly give employment was the proposed road from Davitt Rd. to Waterloo.

DUST BINS

Alderman Corish asked why were dust bins not emptied in the John's Road Area after the 29th June and it was pointed out that the men did not work on Church Holidays, therefore it was not possible to overtake that work during the ensuing week. The question of emptying of dust bins on the Main Street was again raised, and the Deputy County Manager intimated that a Scheme to relieve the situation was under active consideration.

ROADWAY AT MUNICIPAL BLDGS.

In reply to Alderman Corish it was intimated that the Borough Surveyor would have the roadway opposite the side entrance to the Municipal Buildings cleaned up and the weeds on spare ground at Davitt Rd. North, cut.

The Meeting then terminated.

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10th August, 1953.

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 J. J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

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

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A letter was read from the Library Association of Ireland requesting the presence of the members of the Corporation at the opening of their annual Conference to be held at the Technical Institute, Westgate on Tuesday, 22nd September next at 11 a.m., and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed that all the members available should attend.

OBJECTIONABLE LITERATURE -

A letter was read from the Association for the boycott of objectionable Publications and it was unanimously agreed that this should be given to the members with a request for publication.

OLD TOWN WALLS

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that the Corporation call on the Government to introduce legislation permitting the Commissioners of Public Works to take over Old Town Walls as National Monuments. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Letters were read from Waterford and Carlow Corporations re operation of Traffic Regulations in these Towns. Councillor Dr. Hadden gave a lengthy resume of discussions he had had with the City Manager and Town Clerk, Waterford where modified Regulations had been introduced and the Town Clerk, Carlow, on this subject but in view of the fact that the Corporation had already turned down the Commissioner's proposals on two occasions the matter was adjourned until it could be raised in accordance with Standing Orders of the Corporation.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES

A lengthy letter was read from the Minister for Local Government on the sale of Urban Houses and it was decided to circulate a copy of it to the members for consideration so that they would be more familiar with the terms suggested by the Minister when the matter came up for further consideration of specific schemes which might be offered to the tenants.

STREET SEATS

A report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor on the cost of providing Street seats. This showed that the present cost of making and erecting a seat was £9. 0. 0. and the provision of a concrete seat at Wolfe Tone Villas £8. 0. 0., and it was unanimously decided to erect seats at Wolfe Tone Villas, Crescent Quay and the corner of King Street and at Paul Quay. It was also decided that the seat be replaced at the junction of Michael Street which was removed some time ago.

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PURCHASE OF HOUSES

requests from Mr. L. Kirwan to purchase two houses at John Street, Mr. Michael Kehoe purchase a house at 83, The Faythe and Mrs. Malone, Davitt Road, South to purchase a house at Rose Rock Terrace were referred to the Borough Surveyor for reports.

STANDING ORDERS OF CORPORATION

in accordance with Notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that a Committee be set up to revise the Standing Orders of the Corporation but this was withdrawn in favour of a motion by Councillor Flusk, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a copy of the existing Standing Orders be supplied to each member.

QUESTIONS BY CLR. HOWLIN.

The following questions were raised by Councillor Howlin:-

Any intimation could be given as to when the proposed new sewer at John Street would commence, and the Town Clerk replied that revised Plans were submitted to the Department on 16th July for sanction and it was agreed to request the Department to expedite approval.

What is the position of the sewerage Scheme from Newtown to Bishopswater. The Town Clerk replied that the accepted tender had been sanctioned, the Contractor informed and requested to arrange Contract Bond, and the Corporation Solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary Contract.

Third question by Councillor Howlin was what was the position regarding the development of the Davitt Road/Waterloo Road area. He was also informed that the Engineer was at present working Plans for submission to the Minister for Local Government. Arising out of this it was agreed, the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott that the current year's Relief Grant be allocated to this work and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to provide further Grant to enable the Road to be completed.

BLESSING OF BISHOPSWATER SCHEME

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to a newspaper report in connection with the recent blessing of the Bishopswater Scheme and stated it would appear from the report in one Local paper that members of the Fianna Fail Party had absented themselves from this Function, which he stated was not true.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk was again requested to communicate with the Department of External Affairs regarding the position of the proposed Commodore Barry Memorial.

PASSAGEWAY AT HENRIETTA STREET

Councillor Kevin Morris complained of the condition of the passageway at the rear of houses in Henrietta St. and stated he understood it was the property of the Corporation. The Town Clerk replied he was not aware that this was the property of the Corporation but would look the matter up and see if it was.

RANGE FOR HOUSE AT ABBEY ST.

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk intimated that he had already given instructions to have a range provided in the house at Abbey St, occupied by John Goodisson.

FOOTPATH AT DAVITT RD. SOUTH

Councillor K. Morris referred to a footpath outside Cadogan's Davitt Road, North, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have it repaired.

FOOTPATHS LEADING TO ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE

Councillor Howlin referred to the footpaths leading to the houses at St. Magdalen's Terrace and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report and Estimate.

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Alderman Byrne referred to the recent acceptance of tenders for the provision of railings and

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NEWTOWN/HILL ST. Housing Schemes and was informed it was not possible to accept the tender Local Firm owing to such a big difference in price.

TOWN HALL

Councillor Broaders referred to the allocation of the Town Hall for dancing and complained the Local Regatta Committee had received no allocation so it was unanimously decided if possible to make an allocation to them in the near future.

ALLOCATION OF BISHOPSWATER HOUSES

Councillor Cullimore referred to the delay in allocating the Bishopswater houses and the City County Manager explained the position in this connection, and reference was made to need for Housing Accommodation by Roy Doyle, Common Quay St., Walter Doyle, Devereaux St. and Philip McGuire, John's Gate St.

SALTEE ISLANDS

Councillor Kevin Morris stated he understood that the owner of the Saltee Islands had placed a number of foxes on these Islands recently and he felt that the presence of these animals on the Islands would have a serious effect on the bird life there which was one of the greatest sanctuaries in Europe and it was decided, on the motion of Cllr. Morris, seconded by Ald. Butt to send a protest to the Minister for Justice.

Meeting then terminated.

J. Morris

24th August, 1953.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 J. J. Morris) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Gaul.

Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin, Kevin Morris.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late James Lawlor, an employee of the Corporation, who was accidentally killed at Wexford North Railway Station on the previous Friday night. Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk, on behalf of the Officials and Employees. The Resolution was passed in respectful silence.

ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH CORPORATIONS

A letter from the Chairman of the Dunlaoire Borough Council on the subject of the formation of an Association of Borough Corporation was referred to the Statutory Meeting.

RE- VALUATION

A list of premises submitted for re-Valuation in the current year was read for the members.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Two Old Age Pension Claims were submitted and decided.

TENDERS FOR TIMBER

number of tenders for timber, etc. for 16 houses at Summerhill and 10 houses at Thomas St. were opened and initialled by the Mayor and referred to the County Manager for a decision.

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position of the 16 houses at Summerhill and the 10 bungalows at Thomas St. It was pointed out that both these Schemes had commenced and that tenders had been opened this night for the supply of timber for them.

Councillor Howlin and the other members considered that more employment could be given in these schemes but the Deputy Co. Manager pointed out that the Corporation was not an employment Agency, the Housing Programme for the year was being carried out and with present proposals before the Department for the acquisition of further lands he did not see that there would be any slackening off of the present employment rate.

The Manager also pointed out that when the Corporation commenced to build by direct labour only 72 houses were involved in that Scheme and decided it could be fairly stated that as much, if not more employment was at present being given than when direct Labour was commenced. Councillor Flusk made the point that a new Scheme should be ready to employ redundant workers when other Schemes were nearing completion and the Manager pointed out that this was being looked after in as much as two further Schemes were at present before the Department awaiting sanction to the purchase of the necessary land and the Councillor asked the Deputy County Manager to try and expedite the preparation of these Schemes. In connection with the proposed Scheme at the Faythe the Deputy County Manager stated that he had examined this and was of opinion that this Scheme could be expedited by only acquiring the land at the rear of the houses there and not acquiring the houses as at present and he intended to bring proposals before the Corporation at the next Statutory Meeting and to make the necessary Order. Councillor Cullimore thought that the number of houses being erected was too great having regard to the amount of rents charged and thought that it would be utterly impossible to let houses at these rents. Alderman Gaul asked what was the position regarding the discussion with the Minister sometime ago regarding a Grant for the Relief of employment and was informed that the Acting Borough Surveyor was at present preparing Plans for the proposed new road from Davitt Road South to Waterlo.

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It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee on Monday, 31st instant.

SEAVIEW AVENUE

Alderman Sinnott produced a letter from the residents of Seaview Avenue requesting the Corporation to take over the maintenance of this Avenue under the Local Government Act, 1953 and it was decided to refer this to the Borough Surveyor for a report on the maintenance and cost.

FOOTPATHS AT ST. MAGDALEN'S TCE.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk stated the Borough Surveyor had been asked for a report on repairs to the footpaths at St. Magdalen's Terrace.

GAS COOKERS

A discussion took place regarding a circular recently issued inviting applications from the tenants of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme to take Gas Cookers and the members thought that this was misleading as it gave the occupiers the impression that the charge of 1/3d. per week would be in perpetuity and not terminable when the cookers were paid for.

The Town Clerk replied that he would examine the Circular again and if that impression was given he would have it corrected by a fresh Circular as it was not intended that the increase of 1/3d. per week would be in perpetuity.

H.. PEARE, BISHOPSWATER

Reference was made to the case of H. Peare, Bishopswater who was due for eviction on the next day for arrears of rent and the Deputy County Manager stated that if a reasonable offer was made to him before the eviction took place he would consider it and have the eviction stopped.

The Meeting then terminated.



7th September, 1953.

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 James Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Nicholas Corish, James Gaul and James Sinnott.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, Michael Broaders, Kevin Morris and Dr. G. Hadden.


SYMPATHY

At the outset His Worship, The Mayor, intimated that it was his melancholy duty to propose a vote of sympathy with their colleague Councillor John Howlin on the death of his father. His Worship stated that the late Edward Howlin was a man who had reared a large family and was a lifetime supporter of the Volunteers Gaelic Football Club and the G.A.A. generally. As well two of his sons Mr. Edward Howlin and their present colleague Mr. John Howlin had served in the Corporation and he thought it was only fitting that they should adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to his memory. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by Mr. T. F. McDermott, Acting County Manager on behalf of the Manager and on his own behalf and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation Staff.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Wm. Gaul, St. Peter's College on the death of his mother, which had taken place this afternoon. Fr. Gaul the Mayor stated, had given a considerable amount of his time to the organisation and running of a Boys' Club in Wexford and the Boys' Annual Holiday Camp at Carne. The Gaul family had been associated with the commercial and seafaring life of the Town for a considerable time and it was only fitting that the sympathy of the Corporation should be extended to them on this sad occasion. Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was also supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk.

Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the family of the late Stephen Martin, Bride Street whose family had for a number of years acted as carters for the Corporation. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and officials present.

The three motions were then adopted in respectful silence and the Meeting adjourned..



14th September, 1953.

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 James J. Morris (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, John Howlin and Kevin Morris.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, Parish Priest, Blackwater and the Very Rev. James Sinnott P.P. Taggart, on the death of their brother.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Manager and Deputy County Manager.

The resolution was adopted in respectful silence all the members standing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from the Rev. William Gaul, St. Peter's College, Councillor John Howlin, and Mr. Michael Martin, Bride St.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER.

There was submitted to the meeting an Order entitled: "the Compulsory Purchase (The Faythe) Order, 1953:" which proposed the acquisition of twenty six portions of land at the Faythe, Wexford, and on the motion of Councillor Alderman Gaul seconded by Thomas Byrne. It was unanimously agreed that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Order and the map referred to therein and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to confirm the Order.

The Order together with the map referred to therein was thereupon Sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 11th July, 1953, No. H. 6/53 on the subject of (1) Sale of Urban houses and (2) Review of existing rents.

A copy of this Circular had been furnished to the members some time prior to the meeting, and the Town Clerk submitted an outline scheme for the sale of two of the existing Corporation Housing Schemes to the tenants.

It was seen however that a number of points such as the existing condition of the houses, cost of collection, insurance, ground rent etc. would have to be considered and it was therefore agreed on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a committee consisting of Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Howlin, Flusk, and Hadden together with His Worship, The Mayor be appointed to examine the whole question in conjunction with the Officials, and submit a report to the Corporation.

ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH CORPORATIONS

A letter from the Chairman of the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council suggesting the formation of an Association of Borough Corporations was submitted but as the Chairman stated this matter would likely come up for discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities be held on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th instant.

It was decided, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris to leave the matter for discussion at the Annual Conference.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul a Contract with Mr. Maurice Blake for the construction of a sewer from Distillery Road to Newtown for the sum of £4415. 2. 3. be sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation be asked to have all public buildings floodlit for the forthcoming Wexford Festival of Music & Arts. A letter was also read from a special Committee of the Festival requesting the Corporation to receive a deputation to discuss the question of the decoration of the town during the Festival.

Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation undertake the floodlighting of the Municipal Buildings and County Hall during the period of the Festival and Alderman Gaul seconded.

After some discussion, however, it was decided that the motion be agreed to in principal but that no definite decision be taken pending estimates of costs from the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSING

The following motion was tabled by Alderman Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Councillor Howlin: - "That in view of the big demand for houses in Wexford, the Housing Engineer be required to employ the maximum number of workers possible to ensure the speedy completion of these under construction and that arrangements be made for the commencement of further schemes." Alderman Byrne moved the adoption of this motion and complained that time and time again the Corporation had passed resolutions requesting the speeding up of the housing programme but without avail. They now had reached the stage when Tradesmen, particularly masons, were idle, while only one mason was employed on the Ten-House Scheme at Thomas Street, the Alderman intimated that he held the Officials responsible for this state of Affairs, and unless immediate steps were taken to remedy the situation, he would have to move for more drastic action on the part of the Corporation. Alderman Corish seconded the motion, and also complained of the slowing down of the housing programme. Councillor Howlin, Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Kevin Morris also supported the motion in a similar strain and Councillor Michael Flusk thought that the Housing Engineer should be in attendance at Meetings when motions of this kind were tabled for discussion so that the members would be in a position to receive an explanation direct from him.

The Deputy County Manager once again pointed out that the Corporation Housing Programme for the current year had been settled with the Corporation earlier in the year and had been fixed with a view to a long term policy, and on that occasion it had been agreed that the aim of the Corporation should be the erection of fifty houses per annum. Of the fifty proposed for this year forty-four had been commenced and a site had now been obtained to accommodate the remaining six which would be started within the next six or eight weeks.

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BARRY MEMORIAL.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council requesting the Corporation to take all steps possible to expedite the erection of the proposed Barry Memorial. A letter was also read from the Department of External Affairs intimating that the American Government had decided that the project should be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible and placing responsibility for its execution on the State Department which will have the assistance of the Battles Monument Committee. On the motion of Councillor Howlan seconded by Kevin Morris it was unanimously agreed that an attempt should be made by the Mayor and Town Clerk to reform the former Commodore Barry Memorial committee.

LOANS FOR HOUSING, WATERWORKS, SEWERAGE, ETC.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlan, the following loans were authorised.

HOUSING

	£
Six houses at Newtown.	9,164.
Sixteen houses at Newtown.	30,240.
Ten houses at Thomas Street.	10,200.
Acquired houses at Parnell Street.	1,200
Acquired houses at Faythe.	2,800.

WATERWORKS.

	£.
Original contract with Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll excess	1,900.
Excess on Contract South of Ireland, Asphalt Co. Ltd.	3,080.
New chlorinator for Water-works.	500.
New Pumps for Water-works.	2,321.
Building to house pumps.	1,096.
Engineering fees and expenses, legal expenses, mortgage, together with printing and advertising.	574.
Sewerage Scheme Distillery Road to Newtown.	5,000
Proposed Public Lavatory at South Main Street.	1,950.
Municipal Buildings.	7,500.

HOUSE WATERLOO ROAD.

Councillor Kevin Morris asked to be informed of the position regarding the vacant houses at Waterloo Road and the Town Clerk informed him that two of these houses had been allocated to Messrs. Fine Wool Fabrics for occupation by their key workers. The original person who had been allocated left their employment some months ago and since then another member of the staff had been allocated the house, but, as he was trying to dispose of a house in England and bring his family and furniture to Ireland, the house was unoccupied for some time. Recently this second person had given notice of his intention to leave the employment of this firm and consequently they were trying to secure the service of a successor. The rent had been paid to date and the rates up to the 31st March, 1954, so that the Corporation were not at any loss through the vacancy. The facts as given by the Town Clerk of the efforts of Fine Wool Fabrics to secure a key worker in their factory were borne out by Councillor Howlin and the discussion was dropped.

Alderman Corish asked for steps to be taken to adopt the nuisance now being caused in the river at Distillery Road and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine and make a report on this.

The Alderman also asked for steps to be taken to make a thoroughfare between St. Aidans Crescent and Distillery Road and the Deputy County Manager informed the meeting that he had this matter

In addition he stated proposals for the acquisition of further land at Newtown which would accommodate approximately a further sixty houses, had been submitted to the Department of Local Government; the sites in question had been approved of in principle but certain questions had been raised by the Department in connection with them and those were being dealt with as expeditiously as possible, as well the members were aware that at the present meeting, they had made a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land at the Faythe, which would accommodate a further forty dwellings. He thought however that a Compulsory Order might involve delays but he did not see any much delay in completing the purchase of the extra land at Newtown and he had no fear whatever, but that this would be available for development early in the new year. Eventually it was agreed that the Deputy County Manager consult the Housing Engineer and ask him to employ extra masons on the ten-house scheme at Thomas Street, in connection with the development of the Newtown site, Alderman Sinnott proposed and Councillor Flusk seconded that the Borough Surveyor have the development plans prepared in the next two weeks for submission to the Minister for Local Government with a view to an early commencement of development work.

It was also agreed that the Deputy County Manager request the attendance of the Housing Engineer at the next meeting.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to improve the approach to St. Ibar's Cemetery so that cars might be able to leave the cemetery in an expeditious manner. Alderman Sinnott seconded it but it was unanimously agreed that further discussion of this matter be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to submit report and estimate on the suggestion.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the report some time ago to provide a calvary in the cemetery and the Borough Surveyor intimated that although he had written to the people who tendered some years ago for the provision of a calvary he had got no reply and as well a local firm had been unable to obtain a tender for such work.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to again try and obtain a quotation for a calvary and to submit same with his report on the improvement of the walks.

TENDER FOR SITE AT CORNMARKE.

It was stated that some time ago a quotation had been received from Messrs. Larkin Brothers to purchase an old site at the junction of Cornmarket and Abbey Street, for the purpose of the provision of a shop. When this matter came before the Corporation it had been pointed out that as this was public property, it would have to be advertised and this had been done.

Only one tender had been received and on being opened was from Mr. P. Larkin, 15, Abbey Street, Wexford, who offered the sum of £20.

The Deputy County Manager pointed out that the offer would have to receive consideration and would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, so on the motion of the Councillor Kevin Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to accept the offer subject to the sanction of the Minister.

An offer for the purchase of the Borough Council's old Calvary and Monument was submitted to the meeting and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the site be again advertised for sale.

under consideration for the current years relief scheme. Councillor Kevin Morris asked if the trees there being cared for, and the Borough Surveyor replied that the place had been cleaned up and that all the trees were growing.

Alderman Sinnott asked that a rain coat be supplied to Mr. J. Rossiter who had been employed for a considerable number of years and it was agreed that he be given a coat.

Alderman Corish asked that the Corporation employees be supplied with their annual boots as soon as possible and the Town Clerk intimated that he would invite tenders for the supply of boots. Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the dangerous position of a building at the corner of Monck Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine it and take steps to have it made safe.

Before the meeting terminated it was unanimously decided to extend congratulations to Mr. John Ryan, Bridgetown, on winning the All Ireland Handball Championship, and to the Volunteer Gaelic Football Club on winning the Wexford Championship.

The meeting was then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Morris', is written above a single horizontal line.

5th October, 1953.

A Quarterly 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 James J. Morris,
In the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.

Councillors: Flusk, Hadden, Morris, Broaders and
Howlin.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Garry Doyle on the death of his sister and to Mr. John Kehoe on the death of his sister-in-law, both employees of the Corporation.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

His Worship, The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his brother-in-law. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, the other members and Officials associating themselves with it.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Sinnott on the loss sustained by the Dunbar Family. Alderman Byrne seconded this proposition which was adopted in respectful silence. Alderman Sinnott suitably thanked the members for their kind sympathies.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 7th and 14th ultimo were submitted for ratification having previously been circulated to the members and, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINE

A number of tenders were opened for a proposed new fire engine and having been authenticated by His Worship, The Mayor, were transmitted to the County Fire Officer for his report thereon.

TOWN HALL SITE

Two tenders were received for the purchase of a plot of ground at Redmond Place, Wexford, known as the "Town Hall Site". One from Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Auctioneer, offering

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£550. and the other from the North End Garage, Wexford, Ltd. offering £575. 0. 01

A long discussion ensued on this matter and various suggestions were made by the members, including one, - that this space should be utilised as a garden entrance to the Town. Eventually Councillor Howlin proposed that no action be taken on this matter as both tenders were considered too low. Councillor Flusk seconded this proposition, which, on a show of hands was carried by 6 votes for to three against.

DEPUTATION WEXFORD FESTIVAL

A Deputation from the Wexford Festival Decoration Sub-Committee was received.

On behalf of the Deputation, Dr. Walsh explained that they required approximately £30. for electric current for the purpose of flood-lighting during the Festival Period, and, on the proposition of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to pay this amount plus the extra cost which would be entailed, for the erection of the flood lights on the Municipal Buildings.

It was also decided that the Borough Flag be flown during the period of the Festival.

PUBLIC LIGHTING OF THE TOWN

The Mayor moved that a light be provided at Tuskar View. The members agreed that this was necessary, at the same time pointing out a number of other streets in Town which were very badly lighted.

After a short discussion on this matter it was seen that the best way to tackle this matter was for all the members to make a tour of the Town and see for themselves where lighting was actually deficient.

It was finally decided that the members would start at the Municipal Buildings at 8 o'clock p.m. on Monday next, 12th instant with this object in view.

NAMING OF NEW HOUSES AT HILL ST.

In accordance with Notice given His Worship, The Mayor moved that the eight new houses in Hill Street, just completed, should be named "McDermott Street" and numbered upwards from the older houses in Hill St. commencing from No. 37 to 51. This proposition was seconded by Councillor Morris, supported by all the members and passed unanimously.

RE-NUMBRING OF STREETS

Arising out of this matter it was also decided

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that the following streets be re-numbered as soon as possible:-

ABBEY STREET: SCHOOL STREET: JOHN'S GATE STREET :
WILLIAM STREET: CARRIGREEN STREET:

NEWTOWN HOUSING SITE

Councillor Howlin moved that the Housing Engineer be given permission to enter the Newtown Housing Site for the purpose of preparation. It was explained that all the necessary Plans, etc. had been sent to the Department of Local Government and pending a reply therefrom nothing could be done in the nature of entering the Site.

STAMP DUTY RESOLUTION ARKLOW U.D.C.

The following Resolution was read from Arklow U.D.C.

"That this Council considers that the State Stamp Duty should not be payable on the Sale Price of Council Houses purchases from Urban Housing Authorities by the occupying tenants, and we strongly urge that if new amending legislation is necessary to exclude such transactions from Stamp Duty, the Minister for Local Government should arrange for its introduction immediately. We also urge that the Minister should arrange with the Incorporated Law Society or other bodies concerned for the determination of a reasonable basis for the charging of fees on such transactions."

The Resolution was adopted on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. C. Morris.

ENGINEER'S REPORTS ON HOUSES OFFERED
TO CORPORATION FOR PURCHASE

(1) NO. 54, THE FAYTHE: (MRS. UNDERWOOD, OWNER)

The Borough Surveyor reported the cost of repairs to this house to be approximately £353. and he doubted if it would realise £300. when repaired.

In the circumstances the members had no option but to refuse considering buying this house.

(2) NO. (2) HIGH STREET: (OCCUPIER MICHAEL DUNNE).

The repairs in this case were estimated to cost £660. and the Borough Surveyor doubted if £700. could be obtained for this house even when reconstructed. It was nevertheless decided to ask the owner to make an offer.

(3) NO. (34) TALBOT STREET (OCCUPIER MICHAEL FITZPATRICK).

As this house is in the middle of a row of houses, some of which are in an unstable condition it was decided to adjourn consideration generally.

(4) NO. (24) GEORGE STREET:

It was decided to ask the owners in this case to submit an offer which would be considered by the Corporation.

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A similar decision was arrived at in the case of the following houses:-

- (a) No. 4, Thomas Street.
- (b) No.'s 58 and 62, Lr. John Street.
- (c) House at Rose Rock Terrace owned by Mrs. James Malone.

An offer of a house in Parnell Street owned by Mr. James Redmond, Talbot Street and an offer of two houses in the Faythe owned by Miss Margaret Kelly were referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

In reply to a question by Alderman Byrne the Deputy Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Committee set up to examine the possibility of extending the Borough Boundary would be called together when the Town Clerk returned from sick leave.

GAS COOKERS BISHOPSWATER

In reply to a question the Deputy Clerk informed Councillor Howlin that as only 16 applications had been received from Bishopswater it was not thought feasible to go ahead with the Scheme. After some discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter and have the figures re-examined with a view to lowering the weekly charge from 1/- to 6d. per week over a number of years.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1953/54.

The Borough Surveyor's report on proposed Relief Grants 1953/54 visualised the development of the new roadway from Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road. In the event of any technical difficulties holding this Scheme up he had prepared an alternative one, viz., resurfacing of the Avenue, Main walks and subsidiary pathways at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown.

Alderman Sinnott strenuously opposed the idea of doing the alternative Scheme by way of a Relief Grant as he contended it had already been decided to raise a Loan for this purpose. Alderman Corish mentioned footpaths at George Street, Bride St. and Thomas St. and suggested that if there was any money available these should be incorporated in the Relief Schemes.

Councillor Flusk suggested that footpaths in Town and especially along the west side of School St. were in a bad state of repair.

After a long discussion it was decided to carry on as suggested in the Borough Surveyor's report and in the event of it being necessary to revert to the alternative Scheme - Crosstown Cemetery Walks - that the footpaths mentioned would be included in the Scheme.

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ERECTION OF SIGNS

The Deputy County Manager promised to investigate the possibility of the erection of signs on the principal approaches to the Town.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOYS' CLUB

An invitation was received from the Spiritual Director of the St. Michael's Boys' Club to be present at a Public Meeting to be held on TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER, 1953 at 8.30 p.m. in order to enlist the support of the Townspeople in their endeavour to start a Youth Centre for the youth of the Town.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was decided to accede to this request.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the salary of the Mayor for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1953 be fixed at £120. and for the remaining three-quarters of 1953/54 at £37. 10. 0. per quarter.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Jones

12th October, 1953.

A meeting of the Corporation was held this day in accordance with the decision arrived at on the 5th instant for the purpose of examining the Public Lighting System of the Town.

The members present were: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. J. Morris.

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne and James Sinnott.

The members together with Mr. H. F. Doyle of the Town Clerk's office proceeded to examine the lighting system of the Town and the following recommendations were unanimously agreed on:-

- (1) That an extra light be provided at the junction of Belvedere Road and Windmill Hills.
- (2) That an extra light be provided at the cross roads at Summerhill/Belvedere Road and that the light near the cross be shifted one pole lower down Summerhill.
- (3) That a light be provided at the bottom of Tom Brien's Hill.
- (4) To provide a new light on the 2nd pole proceeding to the rear of St. Aidan's Crescent from the direction of Bishopswater by shifting the light from the 3rd pole thereto and providing a new one at the 4th pole.
- (5) To provide an extra light at the bottom of Devereux Villas and to increase the wattage in the existing light on the right hand side coming up.
- (6) To provide a new light in Green Street near the Corporation Houses (Thomas Street end).
- (7) To provide a new light at Distillery Road between the existing light at the Distillery and that at the end of Corporation houses (22) at Distillery Road.
- (8) To provide an extra light in the interior of the Bishopswater houses at a point where the footpath from the Distillery Road emerges.
- (9) To shift the lamp bracket on the next light in the interior of Bishopswater slightly to left or right.
- (10) To provide an extra light approximately outside No. 5, Alvina Brook.
- (11) To shift slightly the lamp bracket in the Faythe (opposite No. 62), in order to more effectively light the recess at the gable end of the side of No. 62, Faythe.
- (12) To provide an extra light at St. Brendan's Road.
- (13) To provide an extra light in William Street on the pole above i.e. Maudlintown end of Tuskar View.
- (14) To provide an extra light between the Talbot Hotel and the Gas Co. Premises.
- (15) To provide an extra light in Fisher's Row.
- (16) To provide two extra lights at Paul Quay.
- (17) To provide an extra light at Crescent Quay.
- (18) To provide an extra light at High Street.

While inspecting the lighting system Alderman Sinnott drew the attention of the committee to a stay for the pole at the end of the Corporation houses (22) at Distillery Road which he stated was a danger to pedestrians especially when the light was not lighting. The Committee agreed and directed Mr. Doyle to bring this matter to the attention of the E.S.B. with a view to having the position of the stay changed to a less dangerous position from the point of view of passing traffic.

The meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris

18th October, 1953.

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 James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.

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

At the outset His Worship, The Mayor moved the following resolution:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation hereby register our protest against the treatment accorded the Cardinal Primate and other members of the Polish Hierarchy and Clergy at the hands of the Polish Government and direct that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of Poland and also to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII."

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

RESIGNATION OF TOMAS D. UAS.
O STIONOID, BALNISTEOR AN CHIONIDAE.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott officially informed the Corporation that the County Manager, Mr. T. D. Sinnott had tendered his resignation as County Manager to take effect on 31st instant.

His worship, The Mayor and all the members present referred to the outstanding characteristics Mr. Sinnott had displayed since he became County Manager and expressed regret that his resignation was due to ill health. The members also hoped that now that he had cast from his shoulders the onerous burden he had borne for the past 11 years that his health would improve to such an extent as would enable him to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

The Deputy County Manager associated himself with the members and intimated that the remarks he had passed at the Meeting of the County Council, when Mr. Sinnott's resignation came before that Body, were equally applicable on this occasion.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor also expressed sincere regret that Mr. Sinnott was compelled to retire through ill health and expressed the wish that he would long enjoy his retirement.

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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Corporation members who made an inspection of the Public Lighting system of the Town on the 12th instant, were now considered. A copy of these minutes had been furnished to the members prior to the present Meeting.

At the outset Councillor Howlin and other members apologised for their non attendance and Councillor Howlin proposed that the report be accepted in toto.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion and congratulated the members on the excellent report they had submitted.

After some discussion on the question of cost it was unanimously decided to add to the report of the Committee the provision of a light at Upper Rowe Street, close to the Statue of the Blessed Virgin, and an extra light at the lower end of Parnell Street on the pole approximately outside Miss Daly's house.

Reference was also made to the Cinema Lane, and Henrietta Street and it was decided to have these further examined to see if it was possible to fix lights in these streets.

Alderman Corish referred to the fact that occasionally the time switches controlling the all-night lights seemed to be out of order, and the attention of the E.S.B. was to be directed to this matter.

At the request of Councillor Dr. Hadden the Borough Surveyor was to examine and submit a report on the provision of a light over the steps leading to the Municipal Buildings.

RELIEF GRANTS

In connection with the Relief Grant proposals for 1953/54 two sets of proposals were submitted, the first was for the partial construction of a road from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road, which would absorb the entire £2,900. available. In the event, however, of this proposal not being approved by the Minister for Local Government or if any difficulty arose in connection with the necessary acquisition of the land the following alternative proposals were submitted:-

- (1) The repairs to the Avenue and main walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery at a cost of £1790.
- (2) Improvements to the grounds at Municipal Offices £914. and provision of footpaths at Henrietta Street and Gibson Street £216.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris the foregoing proposals were adopted. The Surveyor was asked to report on the position at the next Meeting.

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On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed that a seat be provided at Trinity Street subject to the consent of the County Engineer.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed that a Meeting of the special Housing Committee be held on Friday, 23rd instant at 8.15 p.m.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES -

The next business was to consider offers regarding the purchase of houses, and it was unanimously decided that consideration of these should be adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting, and that a Schedule be prepared setting out the list of houses inspected together with cost of repairs and the purchase price requested by the owners.

Councillor Dr. Hadden referred to the condition of a house at Richmond Terrace and other members referred to the condition of a house at South Main Street which were derelict Sites within the meaning of the Act. In the case of the house at Richmond Terrace Councillor Hadden moved that a Preliminary Order under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 be made in respect of this dwelling, and Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

In connection with the derelict Site at South Main Street the Deputy County Manager intimated that he would consider this case in conjunction with the Borough Surveyor and see what could be done on the matter.

Councillor Dr. Hadden also referred to the house at North Main St. formerly Miss Carroll's, and it was pointed out that as it was not a derelict site within the meaning of the Act no steps could be taken by the Corporation in connection with it.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the Boyle Estate at John Street and intimated he was aware that the owners were willing to dispose of this property to the Corporation as a Housing Site.

The Town Clerk intimated, however, that sometime ago the Manager had under consideration the provision of a public abattoir on this site and that all the particulars relating to the Title, etc. were available on the files, so it was decided to ask the County Manager to examine these particulars and consider if the site should be acquired by the Corporation.

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the condition of the road at Maadlintown, and the attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to this.

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TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman Sinnott also moved that the Minister for posts and Telegraphs be asked to provide a telephone kiosk near the Bishopswater Housing Site.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAGDALEN'S TCE.

A question was raised regarding a house to be come vacant at Maudlintown and the Manager intimated he proposed to transfer a relative of the present tenant from Maudlintown which would give him (Manager) a cheaper house to accommodate some person on the priority list who was unable to pay the rent for a new house.

PUBLIC LAVATORY

Alderman Hadden asked that a sign be placed in the Bullring indicating that a public lavatory was available at the 3rd turn to the left.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. M. M.

2nd November, 1953.

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 were:-

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

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

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEXFORD FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Before the business of the Meeting commenced
Councillor Dr. Hadden moved:-

"That this Corporation place on record its
recognition of the prestige that successive
Festivals have brought to Wexford. They
congratulate the Organisers of the 3rd Wex-
ford Festival on its outstanding successes
and trust that succeeding Festivals may add
lustre to our ancient Town."

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which
was supported by all the other members, and
His Worship, The Mayor, as a members of the
Committee, returned thanks on behalf of the
Organisers.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by
Alderman Gaul the minutes of previous Meetings,
copies of which had been circulated to the members
before the present Meeting, were taken as having
been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous
Meetings were read from the following:-

His Excellency, the Papal Nuncio on the Resolution
protesting against the persecution of the Church
in Poland;

From the Very Rev. John Sinnott, P.P. acknowledging
receipt of the vote of sympathy passed with him on
the death of his brother; and

From the Department of Finance on the subject of
the preservation of National Monuments. In this
letter the Minister for Finance stated that it was
intended to introduce a Bill for the preservation of National Monuments
(Amendment) Bill a clause which would permit the
Commissioners of Public Works to take over and

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maintaining National Monuments owned by a Local Authority. On the suggestion of Dr. Hadden it was decided to acknowledge this letter expressing pleasure at the decision conveyed therein and hoping that the necessary legislation would soon be forthcoming.

LETTING OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

The next business was a motion in the name of Alderman Byrne:-

"That in view of the dissatisfaction existing relative to Letting of Artizan's Dwellings that the Corporation set up a Committee of elected representatives to advise the County Manager on same and if necessary the permission of the Minister for Local Government be sought."

In moving his motion Alderman Byrne stated he was prompted to do so by the number of complaints he had received about lettings and he felt sure that other members of the Corporation had received similar complaints. He stated that the Association of Municipal Authorities had already taken up this matter with the Minister who replied that he would take an opportunity of discussing this question with the Managers. He (Alderman Byrne) was anxious that the Resolution now proposed by him should go to the Minister for consideration.

Councillor Howlin intimated that he would second the motion to put it in order but was not at all anxious that the letting of houses should be a reserved function of the Corporation.

Sometime ago he stated when the Minister for Local Government addressed the Corporation he asked that suggestions for the amendment of the County Management Act should be forwarded to him for consideration, and he, Councillor Howlin thought that the proposal of Alderman Byrne should be sent to the Minister as a suggested amendment.

Councillor Kevin Morris stated he was aware that in Waterford a number of the houses were set aside for allocation by members.

Alderman Sinnott considered that the present system of letting was the best but if a doubtful case arose the advice of the members could be of great benefit to the Manager.

Councillor Flusk proposed that where applications were received for a Scheme of houses and if the number of applications exceeded the number of houses available that when the applications were scaled down and the applicants who were not considered as really in need eliminated, that the remainder should be drawn for.

Councillor Kevin Morris seconded this motion.

The Acting County Manager, however, stated that this proposal was not legally possible unless all circumstances were equal such as a number of newly married couples who were starting out in life, and Councillor Howlin thought that such a procedure could debar cases of extreme hardship which might not be drawn. In this connection Councillor Flusk intimated that such cases should receive first preference for the next available houses.

The Acting County Manager stated he felt that this function could not possibly be exercised by an Advisory Committee and unless the Committee had executive functions he could not see how it could operate. He was aware that the advice which the elected representatives who were mixing amongst the people could be very helpful when a large number of houses were being let but when only one or two houses were available consideration by the Corporation could be the opposite. The Acting Manager also stated that if the Chief Medical Officer intimated that a number of applicants were equally deserving he would have no hesitation in directing that a draw take place.

Councillor Kevin Morris raised the question of the allocation of individual houses and thought that if an entire Scheme was completed together the persons allocated these houses should be permitted to draw for individual ones. He estimated, however, that this was not possible on a large Scheme where a small number of houses were being let from time to time and did not mean his remarks to apply to such cases. The Acting Manager said he would have no objection to this course if all the houses were completed and being allocated at the one time.

In connection with the original motion it was eventually adopted as a suggested amendment to the County Management Acts.

IMPORTATION OF RUSSIAN TIMBER

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne also moved that the Corporation protest against the importation of Russian timber into this Country. Alderman Corish seconded.

Alderman Sinnott stated in his opinion if the Government had banned the direct importation from Russia it would be bought in England by the Merchants at an extra cost to this Country.

Alderman Corish stated that to be consistent they should call a ban on the importation of all goods from Countries behind the Iron Curtain and referred to certain classes of fish which were at present being imported from Latvia. Councillor Kevin Morris stated he thought this was a question for the Dail and that the Tanaiste had effectively dealt with it in reply to a recent question in Dail Eireann. Councillor Haddon said that in his opinion the only way to get to the end of the antagonism with Countries inside the Iron Curtain was for both sides to remove barriers and try to understand the ideological view point of each other.

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Councillor Howlin referred to the conditions of labour aboard the ship which imported this timber and stated that nobody had an opportunity of find^{ing} out whether it was slave Labour or otherwise.

Eventually it was decided to amend the original motion - that the Corporation appeal to people importing goods from Countries behind the Iron Curtain to refrain in future from dealing with such Countries.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to with Councillor Kevin Morris dissenting.

TURNING CIRCLE - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that he had examined the Turning Circle at St. Ibar's Comotery and found that the removal of two trees would enlarge the circle and give a width of 45' and intimated he had given instructions to have the trees removed.

Some of the members who had visited the Cemetery recently said that the removal of these trees was a big addition and that the place was now satisfactory.

In regard to the grave-cover the Surveyor intimated that the Caretaker informed him that any appreciable addition to its present width would leave the cover very unwieldy and beyond the capacity of any two men to carry for a distance. The addition of a cross, however, made out of 4 x 1" timber would not cause any inconvenience. It was decided to have a cross placed on the cover.

DEPUTATION RE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE SOUTH MAIN STREET.

At this stage a Deputation from the occupiers of property at South Main Street adjacent to the Site on which a public convenience was being erected was in attendance.

Before the Deputation was received the Town Clerk gave a brief Summary of the position.

On the 4th October, 1947 a Memorial was received from some of the residents of South Main Street protesting against the proposal to erect a Public Convenience at Mann's Lane. This memorial was submitted to the Corporation on the 6th idem and referred to the General Purposes Committee. On the 11th November, 1947 a decision was taken to erect a Public Convenience at Selskar and the question of the provision of a second was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report as to whether the Market Place or Mann's Lane was the most suitable site. This question of a second public convenience was deferred until the 8th August, 1949 when the Corporation decided by 6 votes to 5 to erect a second convenience at Mann's Lane as against Keyser's Lane. On the 4th June, 1952, Plans, etc. for this second Convenience were submitted to the Dept. of Local Government and eventually approved. Tenders for the erection of the convenience were invited by Public Advertisement on the 16th April last, and the tenders were opened and discussed at a Corporation Meeting on the 1st June, 1953. On the 1st June 1953 the County Manager accept-

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ed the lowest tender and this was approved of by the Department on the 21st August last. The necessary Contract and Bonds had now been entered into and the Contractor was in possession of the Site and had commenced work so that it would appear that little could be done to meet the objection of the six residents at this stage.

It was decided, however, to receive the Deputation, and when they came before the Meeting the main objections made were that the convenience was along side a dwelling-house, close to a Meat Shop and opposite Milk and Fish Shops.

After making these objections the deputation withdrew and the Corporation decided that the new structure could not be a nuisance as it would be operated on the same lines as the Convenience at Selskar where no nuisance had been complained of since its erection.

It was also pointed out by members that the place was at present being used as a public lavatory and was a bigger nuisance in its present state than it could possibly be after the erection of a modern convenience.

The Town Clerk was directed to convey in writing the views of the Corporation to the members of the Deputation.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES

The next business was to consider the proposed purchase of certain houses in the Town which had been offered to the Corporation by the owners, but before coming to a decision on this matter the Acting County Manager pointed out that the Corporation would be well advised to defer a decision on this matter until a case which had recently been taken in the Gorey District Court against occupiers of such houses, as the Corporation now contemplated purchasing, for an increase of rent, was decided by Higher Court.

In the Gorey case the Justice had held that a Rent Restrictions' Act applied to such houses and the Manager intimated that this case was being appealed to the Circuit Court and, if necessary, would have to be appealed to the Highest Court in the Land.

It was therefore unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris to adjourn the question of purchasing these houses until the Legal position in Gorey was clarified.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

In accordance with Notice given ALDERMAN BYRNE asked why the Housing Engineer was not requested to attend a Meeting of the Corporation in accordance with the decision arrived at in September.

The Deputy County Manager, replying to this question, stated that when the Direct Labour Organisation was initiated in Wexford early in 1948 the Housing Engineer was given full control over the employment and dismissal of men and if the Corporation wished to discuss such a matter they were inter-

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fering with the basic principle on which the Direct Labour Organisation was established.

Continuing, the Acting County Manager stated that he had no objection to the Housing Engineer being present to discuss general matters relating to the Direct Labour Scheme with the members who were fully entitled to be kept informed of everything being carried out by or for the Corporation.

He, Acting Manager, felt, however, that it would be unwise to bring the Housing Engineer to a Meeting of the Corporation until the Corporation had an opportunity of fully considering the implications of a discussion on the employment and dismissal of labour such as had arisen at the September Meeting. If the Corporation, in their wisdom, decided to revoke the Condition giving full power to the Housing Engineer to deal with Labour questions, he would direct the Engineer to be present and he felt that if such a course were taken the Direct Labour Organisation, which had up to now been one of the outstanding successes in the Country, would shortly collapse.

After some discussion, however, it was unanimously agreed that if members tabled motions pertaining to Housing the Acting County Manager stated he would have the Engineer present if he considered it necessary to enlighten the members on the set point for discussion.

INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS

Councillor Howlin asked if the Manager is prepared to instal gas cookers in Corporation houses on the same conditions as Waterford Corporation and if it was his intention to have gas cookers installed in houses now in course of construction. In reply to the second part of the question the Acting Manager stated that he had no objection to cookers being installed in new houses and if the Gas. Company put up a Scheme he would favourably consider it.

As regards the first part of the question the Manager stated that the demand for the installation of gas cookers from the occupiers of the 128 House-Scheme at Bishopswater was not sufficient to warrant the organisation of such a Scheme and he felt that it was up to the Local Gas Company to organise a Scheme, and if they did so he would give it favourable consideration.

It was eventually decided, however, to obtain further information from the Waterford Corporation regarding their Scheme before a final decision was arrived at regarding the provision of gas cookers for the Corporation dwellings.

REPAIRS OF ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

Alderman Corish asked what amount was spent on the repair of Artizan's dwellings and the balance due to be spent.

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In reply the Town Clerk stated that the amount spent

up to September was £1,103. leaving a balance of £1,397.

The Alderman Stated that he raised the question chiefly to see if more skilled labour could be employed to overtake the arrears of repairs authorised by the Special Committee. The members of this Committee intimated that they had already made such a recommendation to the Borough Surveyor that extra tradesmen should be employed to complete the work already approved by them.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME AT
NEWTOWN

Alderman Corish asked:-

- (a) What was the position of the proposed new Housing Scheme at Newtown.
- (b) Had sanction been received.
- (c) If so would the Housing Engineer move in immediately to prepare the Site, make blocks, etc.

In reply to his query the Town Clerk intimated that all the information required by the Department had been furnished but up to date sanction had not been received, and consequently the 3rd part of the question did not arise. SPAFIED AVE.

The Town Clerk, however, stated, that he had been directed by the Manager to read correspondence which had passed between the Department and himself regarding the erection of 6 houses at Spafield Avenue.

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On the 9th October last the Department/asked if there would be any objection to the commencement of these houses by Direct Labour as if continuity of building by existing direct Labour Organisation were to be ensured this procedure would be necessary. On the 22nd idem he had again communicated with the Department asking for a decision on the question raised in his letter of the 9th and pointing out that the economical organisation of a Direct Labour Unit necessitated Planning in advance of the programme to provide continuity for the building group and that the progress of the work on the Schemes already under construction demands a decision at this stage regarding continuance of building by direct Labour.

Under dated of the 28th ultimo the Department had replied that before making a decision on the proposal to carry out the Scheme by Direct Labour evidence would be required that this course would be more expeditious and economical than construction by a Contractor, and the estimates of the cost of this scheme and such other relevant information as the Corporation may be in a position to furnish should be submitted. In addition the Department had returned the Plan with 9 minor amendments. ©: Wexford Borough Council

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been asked to submit an amended plan on the lines suggested by the Department.

SPAFIELD AVENUE SCHEME

As regards the question as to whether or not the Spafield Avenue Scheme could be carried out by Direct Labour the Acting Manager informed the Meeting that all the relevant factors had been prepared, and that as soon as the Housing Engineer furnished his detailed estimate the facts would be submitted to the Department.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman Corish asked why no public scavenging was carried out at Bishopswater Housing Scheme, and the Borough Surveyor replied that^{as} such area was outside the Corporation Boundary the Corporation Staff were not bound to carry out scavenging. It was therefore decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that public scavenging be carried out as the tenants of this Housing Scheme were paying full Urban Rates.

TENDER FOR SITE AT CORNMARKET

Councillor Morris asked if sanction had yet been received to the acceptance of a tender for a site at Cornmarket and was informed that the Manager considered the offer of £20. entirely too small.

After some discussion, however, it was decided that the Manager discuss this matter with Mr. Larkin who had made the offer, and see if some agreement could be arrived at.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris
Chairman

16th November, 1953.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 James Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and James Sinnott.

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

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

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Nicholas Corish on the death of his aunt, the late Mrs. Roche. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Manager and adopted in respectful silence.

MR. T.F. McDERMOTT AS COUNTY MANAGER

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government enclosing an Order under seal appointing Mr. Thomas F. McDermott, County Secretary, Wexford County Manager for the County of Wexford as from 1st November, 1953 until a person has been appointed to be County Manager for the said County under the Provisions of Section 4 of the County Management Act, 1940.

Councillor Howlin moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. McDermott on his appointment and expressed the hope that he would be made permanent County Manager.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and for which Mr. McDermott returned thanks.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

His Worship, The Mayor referred to the publication in the Local Edition of the People the previous week of letters addressed to him by Rev. Brother Aidan, O.S.F., New York on the subject of the Commodore Barry Memorial. In a covering letter Brother Aidan stated he had received no replies to these communications, but His Worship, The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to read the replies which had been sent. The Town Clerk stated that Brother Aidan's letter to the Mayor was dated, 30th September, and at the time he (Town Clerk) was constantly in contact with the Department of External Affairs on this matter but it was only on 23rd October that he had received some definite word from the Department regarding the position of this memorial and on the 26th a copy of this letter had been sent to Brother Aidan. A further letter was received from Brother Aidan on the 6th inst.

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and a reply had been sent by airmail on the same date informing him of further developments in the matter of the Statue.

If there was delay in replying to Brother Aidan's communication it was because there was no definite information which could be sent to him.

Most of the members considered that the matter had been dealt with as expeditiously as possible by the Mayor and Town Clerk but others thought that some of the correspondence could have been sent by airmail, and the matter dropped.

PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE ENGINE

It was recalled to the members that for sometime past the Corporation had been trying to purchase a suitable fire engine for the Town and it was now reported that following recent public advertisements tenders had been received for 19 different types of machines. These tenders had been referred to the County Fire Officer for examination and report and he had reported that in his opinion the most suitable machine was that tendered for by Messrs. Dennis Brothers, Guilford, England, who quoted the sum of £3,578. for a machine delivered at Wexford within 9 months from date of order.

The machine was powered by a Rolls-Royce Engine of 126 B.H.P. and was fitted with a Dennis Pump capable of delivering 500 gallons of water per minute at 100 lbs. pressure per square inch.

The machine carried a First Aid Tank capable of holding 300 gallons of water and the cap provided for eight of a crew.

The overall width of the machine was 6'6".

The overall length 18'10" and the turning circle 38'.

It was explained to the Meeting that sometime ago the Wexford County Council had agreed to give financial aid to Urban Authorities in connection with the capital expenditure for firefighting equipment and that application had been made to the Wexford County Council for a substantial Grant towards the cost of this machine.

The members considered the purchase of this engine as a satisfactory transaction and unanimously approved the acceptance of the tender by the County Manager.

As regards the financing and the purchase of a fire-fighting engine it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Loan of £3,578, plus expenses, less any capital contribution made by the County Council be raised for this purpose.

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THIRD RENT COLLECTOR

It was further reported that it had been found necessary to appoint a third rent Collector to the Corporation. The sanction of the Minister for Local Government had been obtained to such an appointment and applications for the post had been invited by Public Advertisement.

In reply to queries the Town Clerk quoted the salary scale laid down by the Minister for Local Government for the post of part-time rent Collector and intimated that on the collection it was at present proposed to allocate to the new collector earnings of approximately £4. 10. 0. were possible and that as other new houses became occupied these earnings would be increased.

It was, however, intimated to the members that as a Body they would have nothing to do with the appointment which was an executive function to be exercised by the County Manager.

It was also reported that it was proposed to advertise for applications for 40 houses at NEW TOWN at an approximate rent of 16/- each per week plus rates which was the same rent as had already been fixed for the middle row houses at Bishopswater.

In this connection question was raised as to whether or not people who had applied for and did not obtain one of the Bishopswater houses would be considered and the County Manager intimated it was intended to bring forward these applications for consideration.

GAS COOKERS FOR BISHOPSWATER

With reference to minutes of late Meeting when the question of the provision of gas cookers in Corporation houses was raised the Town Clerk read a letter from the City Manager of Waterford intimating that the cost of installing gas cookers in pre-war houses amounted to £17. each and that a charge of 6d. was made on the rents which would probably continue in perpetuity.

Councillor Howlin thought that the majority of tenants would be satisfied to pay a charge of 6d. per week even in perpetuity for the benefit of a gas cooker. Alderman Sinnott agreed.

Councillor Hadden, however, thought that the installation could be carried out much cheaper if a gas ring only were installed but this suggestion did not meet with favour.

Councillor Howlin then asked the Manager if he would consider the Waterford Scheme but the Manager intimated that he would be prepared to consider such a

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Scheme if the necessary canvas was made by the Gas. Company and a list of persons desirous of obtaining cookers submitted to him as he considered the officials of the Corporation had sufficient work to do without organising a Scheme such as this.

HOUSING PROGRESS

The Housing Progress reports for the month of October were submitted by the Town Clerk in respect of three schemes at Newtown & one at Thomas Street.

In this connection Councillor Morris raised the question of only part-time watchmen being employed and he thought that they should be employed all night as it was after 12-0 'clock that damage was likely to be done.

Councillor Howlin contended that the ten bungalows at Thomas Street could be completed much quicker, following tradesmen employed sooner if more masons were engaged on the Scheme.

He, however, intimated that the Trades Council were entirely dissatisfied with Housing progress in Wexford.

Alderman Byrne referred to a promise which he stated was made when Direct Labour started - that there would be a continuity of employment for 10 years and also intimated he was entirely dissatisfied with the progress being made.

After an appeal had been made by Councillor Flusk for the employment of further masons before Xmas short reference was made to a Conference which had been held that morning with the County Manager, representatives of the Trades Council and Local A.D.'s at which it was intimated that it appeared to be the policy of the Minister to insist on tenders being invited and compared with the Direct Labour prices before sanction would be given to the organisation of any further Schemes by Direct Labour, but it was thought that if a strong resolution was sent to the Minister that the 38 house Scheme now proposed at Newtown, would be allowed to proceed by the Direct Labour Method so as to give the Corporation an opportunity of inviting tenders for future schemes without causing a lengthy break in the employment of building workers, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Mullimore it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to permit of the 38 house Scheme now proposed at Newtown to be carried out by Direct Labour as if tenders had to be invited the delay in starting the Scheme would be such as would cause lengthy unemployment amongst building workers.

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Before the discussion ended the County Manager stated that having regard to its nature he felt it was only just that he should publicly state he had complete confidence in the Housing Engineer.

FLOODING CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY

Councillor Kevin Morris again referred to flooding at Custom House Quay opposite the National Bank and premises of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

This matter had been raised at a previous Meeting and referred to the County Engineer but so far nothing had been done, and the Manager promised to take the matter up with the Engineer immediately.

WINTER RELIEF SCHEME

In reply to Alderman Byrne it was stated that sanction had not yet been received for the commencement of the Winter Relief Grants but that every effort would be made to obtain sanction and that work would be commenced without delay when sanction was received.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

Alderman Sinnott asked the Borough Surveyor to expedite repairs to Artizan's Dwellings which had been authorised by the Sub-Committee and if necessary to employ extra craftsmen to carry out this work.

The Meeting then terminated,

7th December, 1953.

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 J. J. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

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

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

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 with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

PRESENTATION TO COUNTY MANAGER

The Mayor referred to a decision at the General Purposes Meeting of the County Council held this day when it was decided to ask the members of the Public Bodies in the County to be associated with the Presentation organised by the Local Officials to the former County Manager, Mr. T. D. Sinnott. The Town Clerk explained the decision in so far as the Officials were concerned and intimated that he would send a Circular to the members during the week so that any of them who wished could be associated with this presentation.

SYMPATHY

His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk and Mrs. Byrne on the death of Mrs. Byrne's brother, the late Mr. Timothy Butler. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne.

Councillor Kevin Morris proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to James Malone, an employee, on the death of his brother. This motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin. Both proposals were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence, after which the Town Clerk returned thanks of behalf of Mrs. Byrne for the Corporation's expression of sympathy.

BONDING STORE AT ANNE ST.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation take the necessary steps to compel the Custom and Excise Authorities to put the boundary wall of the Bonding Store at Anne Street in a presentable condition. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion but the Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation had no jurisdiction over the Bonding Store unless the boundary wall was a danger to the Public and no evidence to that effect had been put forward. He also intimated that as far as he was aware the Customs and Excise Authorities did not own the Bonding Store but merely rented it from local people. It was decided that the Town Clerk should try and get in touch with the owners of the Bonding Store with a view to having the wall repaired as soon as possible.

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WM. POWER, CARCUR

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that Mr. William Power of Carcur be re-housed in the Borough. In this connection the County manager explained that the case of William Power was under consideration by both the County Council and Corporation Officials and both were aware of the unsatisfactory position of his accommodation, and steps would be taken as soon as possible to have Power re-housed.

MR. LIAM KELLY, M.P.

Councillor Morris also moved that the Corporation protest in the strongest manner against the arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly M.P. for Mid-Tyrone. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by all the other members. It was also agreed that a copy of the Resolution be sent to An Taoiseach and other public representatives.

RIGHT - OF - WAY

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the provision of a right of way from St. Aidan's Crescent to Distillery Road. This report stated that it would entail the building of a wall, the provision of a gate-way and incidentals at a cost of £200. but did not provide for the provision of steps from St. Aidan's Crescent to Distillery level. The Borough Surveyor's report was strongly recommended by the County Manager and unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne. In this connection, however, Councillor Dr. Hadden and Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the provision of a right-of-way from Distillery Lane to Distillery Road but it was pointed out that this would not be possible at the present time, although an alternative might be possible from Devereaux Villas to Distillery Road and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should examine this suggestion. Alderman Sinnott also referred to the piece of ground at the Distillery Road side of the River owned by Messrs. Stafford and asked the Borough Surveyor to have a report made on it.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee enclosing a copy of the Annual Scheme for the year 1954/5. The Annual Scheme provided for a rate of 11d. in the £. for the coming year which would exceed the rate for the Current year by 1.12d. in the £. and therefore came within the terms of Section 4(1)(d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950 and required the approval of the Corporation before the end of December.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Vocational Education Scheme for the year 1954/55 providing for a Local Contribution of £1332. or a rate of 11d. in the £. on the valuation of the Borough as at 1st April, 1953 be approved.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STH. MAIN ST.

Councillor Kevin Morris asked when and why was the signed Memorial from the Residents of South Main Street against the construction of a public convenience withdrawn, and the Town Clerk replied that this matter was now the subject of Court proceedings and therefore no reply could be made to the question.

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PURCHASE OF HOUSES

Alderman Byrne asked why the houses purchased by the Corporation last June and situated in Parnell Street and Talbot Street had not yet been paid for, and the Town Clerk replied that the purchase had not yet been sanctioned.

RELIEF GRANTS

Alderman Sinnott asked what was the position of the Relief Grants and the Town Clerk replied that the position to-date was that a small portion of the Scheme for the provision of new footpaths at Gibson Street and Henrietta Street had been sanctioned but that the main proposals for St. Ibar's Cometary had not yet been approved. He (Town Clerk) had been on the 'phone with the Department that afternoon and had arranged to 'phone again on the following morning with a view to obtaining sanction. The members protested very strongly against the delay in commencing the Relief Schemes in Wexford Town and Councillor Howlin moved that if sanction was not received in time to commence work on the remaining of the Scheme by Thursday morning that a special Meeting of the Corporation be called for Thursday evening to deal with the matter further. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and Councillor Cullimore stated that he would be in Dublin on the following day and undertook to see the Minister for Local Government personally with a view to having the Schemes approved, and the Manager undertook that if the Schemes were sanctioned to have the maximum number of men possible employed before Christmas.

BARRY MEMORIAL

Alderman Sinnott also asked what was the position regarding the Barry Memorial and the Town Clerk explained the exact position as far as the Officials were aware of it. The County Manager, however, thought that it would be better if the Corporation at this stage took no action further than what had been taken in connection with this Memorial and the Manager's advice was accepted.

LIGHTING OF STEPS

Councillor Dr. Hadden asked the Borough Surveyor to prepare proposals for the lighting of the steps leading to the Municipal Offices.

LIGHTS IN TOWN

Alderman Sinnott referred to a recent decision to provide extra public lights in the Town and the Town Clerk intimated that no estimate had yet been received from the E.S.B. Reference was also made to a number of lights out in the Town and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the Local representative of the E.S.B.

HOUSE AT WATERLOO ROAD

Alderman Corish referred to the house of Mr. Richard Murphy, Waterloo Road where certain alterations had been made in the course of the erection of the houses at Corry's Villas. Mr. Murphy stated that the house was now damp whereas it was never damp prior to the alterations, and this matter was referred to the Housing Engineer for attention.

WATER SUPPLY- MARY'S LANE

Councillor Broaders complained that Mr. Patrick Goggins of Mary's Lane could not obtain a water supply and the Borough Surveyor promised to see the planning authority.

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The meeting then terminated.

J. J. Grogan

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 mate	Amount all- owed for 1951-52.	Actual Expenditure to 29/2/52.	Estimated Expenditure to 31/3/52.	Total	Estimated Expenditure 1952/53..
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
s	8460	6111	200	6311	8560.
tary					
ices	12854	12187	600	12787	14389.
ing	21185	20875	250	21125	26330.
ral					
oses	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	1.11
	25303	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	.72.
	5199	5.78..
	89947	100.00.

ESTIMATES FOR 1952/53.

It 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 this general tendency of increasing prices shows no sign of abating and in framing the Estimates for the ensuing year this fact has had to be taken into consideration.

ROADS

The total estimate for Ordinary Road Work is £1,560. as against £1,460. 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 not, having 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 Grounds 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 reached five. Public Scavenging is up by £400. due entirely to Labour Costs. Waterworks show an increase of £250. also due to increased Wages. Miscellaneous Sanitary Services are increased £240. (Loan Charges £170. Salaries £15. Bathing Place £25. wages £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 Commission £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 of each Scheme. This will, of course, be subsequently offset by the increased subsidy. As in previous years the sum allowed (£650. 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 insist that they be done by the tenant. In this connection the members 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 materials cost 50% less than at present. While it is generally admitted 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, be taken would be to insist on tenants carrying out all but major repairs. A typical example of repairs the Corporation are asked to execute is where the tenant's boiler goes or breaks the

key 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 688 of your houses:-

No.	@	Rent s. d.	No.	@	Rent s. d.
66		1/ 2.	13		3/3.
8		1/ 3.	7.		3/4.
82		1/11.	2		3/5.
25		2/0.	8		3/11.
45		2/2	51		4/0.
12		2/3	6		4/4.
23		2/4	54		4/5.
3		2/5	1		8/0.
30		2/6	4		9/0.
1		2/7	77		11/6.
30		2/8	5		12/6.
26		2/9	11		13/6.
7		3/1	4		20/0.
4		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 now overdue to examine the entire question of the rents charged for artizans' dwellings, and, if possible, to adopt a Scheme of graded rents based on the incomes of the tenants. It does seem unfair to charge a man receiving, say 15/- per week Unemployment assistance the same rent as his next-door neighbour with an income of, 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.

The Bishopswater 128-house-scheme is still in progress and some 4 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.

Preliminary work has commenced on the Hill St./Monument Place scheme, 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. The new position has then to be met and purchases made at the best price possible. This practice has now become so widespread that the question is it not a waste of time and money to invite tenders at all. Recently tenders were invited for materials and on being examined 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, as a result of which a lower tender was received and accepted.

The suggestions made at a recent meeting regarding derelict sites throughout the Town are under consideration and as far as possible 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 £1733. 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 £1415. 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 £1944. against £1411. 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.

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 all of whom are now up to-date with the payment of the County Council Demand. If somewhat similar provision were made in the next 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. 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 standards achieved the co-operation of every individual in the State 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 Borough during 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.
10.	1975	Public Scavenging	2375.
11.	5614	Waterworks	5864.
12.	360	Sewers - Loan Charges	430.
13.	350	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
14.	100	Food & Drugs Acts	100.
15.	260	Salaries	275.
16.	125	Bathing Place	150.
17.	150	Public Convenience - Loan Charges	150.
18.	270	do. do. Wages	300.
19.	1100	Public Lighting	1100.
20.	100	Contingencies	100.
		<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>	
21.	17800	Loan Charges - Housing of the W.C. Acts.	22020.
22.	1650	Maintenance of Houses	2500.
23.	305	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance.	330.
24.	850	Collectors' Commission	900.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Estimate 1951/52.	Particulars	Estimate 1952/53.
	£.	<u>ROADS</u>	£.
1.	6450.	Special Grant Works	6500.
2.	30.	Estate Duty Grant	30.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
3.	9950.	Water Rents.	1100.
4.	250.	Scavenging Main Roads	250.
5.	300.	Burial Ground Tax.	350.
6.	50.	Public Convenience	75.
		<u>HOUSING</u>	
7.	11720.	Rents.	13000.
8.	6040.	State Grants	9040.
9.	500.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
10.	410.	Vocational Education	1610.
11.	50.	Fire Brigade	50.
12.	100.	Air Raid Precautions	100.
13.	100.	Allotments.	100.
14.	4500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes.	4500.
15.	80.	Refund of Fees.	90.
16.	600.	Government Rates	600.
17.	400.	Town Hall & Corporate Estate	400.
18.	175.	School Meals.	175.
19.	100.	Market Rents.	100.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£38570.

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

AUTHORITY

- WEXFORD CORPORATION -

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 Assistance	Public Assistance	8500.	8500.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3217.	3217.
Health (County)	Health (County)	1035.	1035.
General Purposes (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.

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OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

The Corporation then sat as an Old Age Pensions Committee and the record of their decisions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

GERARD PROPERTY

In reply to Councillor Gaul the Town Clerk stated that the question of purchasing the Gerrard property in John Street was well under consideration and a report on the matter would shortly be submitted to the Corporation.

EMERGENCY EXIT- TOWN HALL

In reply to Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor stated he proposed finishing the emergency exit in the Town Hall as soon as the mason was free from other work and at the request of the members intimated that he would enlarge the Collecting Box.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor promised that the exit would be finished by the end of July and if he found any difficulty in keeping this promise he was to ask the Housing Engineer for the loan of a mason.

EXTRA LIGHT AT ST. AIDAN'S

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk stated that he had an appointment with a representative of the Electricity Supply Board during the following week and would urge on him the need for an extra lamp at St. Aidan's Crescent which was ordered last October.

ENTRANCE TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Reference was also made by the Alderman to the entrance to the Municipal Building and the Town Clerk informed him that the County Manager had given notice to the Borough Surveyor that the work should be completed by the 13th July when it was intended to confer the Freedom of the Borough on Senator Miss Margaret Pearse at the Municipal Buildings. The Borough Surveyor intimated to Alderman Corish that he was having the necessary preparatory steps taken to repair the coal boxes at Devereaux Villas.

LETTING OF HOUSES

Complaint was made regarding the letting of six houses at Bishopswater and the Town Clerk intimated that it was only on Saturday last that the County Manager had received the priority list and that a decision on the tenants of the six would be made the following day.

ENGINEER TRAINEE

In reply to Dr. Hadden the Town Clerk stated that the Manager intended to appoint an Engineer Trainee to complete a detailed survey of Derelict Sites during the coming month.

JOHN STREET SEWER

In reply to a question by Alderman Sinnott regarding the John Street Sewer the Town Clerk intimated that the Manager had had several discussions with Officials of the Department on this matter and that a decision was expected in the near future and the Borough Surveyor intimated that an Inspector had visited Wexford during the last week in connection with this matter.

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30th March, 1953.

The Annual Estimates 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, Ald. James Gaul (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

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

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

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Sutton, Caretaker, St. Ibar's Cemetery on the death of his brother. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by the other members by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Miss Annie Kelly, a former member, on the death of her sister. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was also supported by the other members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Meeting first decided, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, to deal with the County Manager's report and at the outset Councillor Howlin complimented the County Manager and Town Clerk on the comprehensive report which had been submitted.

ARREARS OF RENTS

Alderman Byrne referred to the paragraph in the report dealing with the arrears of rent and blamed the arrears on the priorities which had to be taken into consideration by the Manager in letting the houses. He (Alderman Byrne) was aware of a number of families in Town who could afford to pay the rents but who could not be re-housed owing to the priorities referred to and he thought that people were getting houses who were unable to pay for them.

Councillor Howlin disagreed with Alderman Byrne's contention, that only people with certain incomes should be allocated Corporation houses and Councillor K. Morris agreed with Councillor Howlin. Councillor Hadden asked what Alderman Byrne's suggestion was to deal with the situation.

Alderman Corish appealed to the tenants who were in a position to do so, to clear off the arrears of rent, as soon as possible, and Alderman Sinnott intimated that in his view the people must be rehoused irrespective of income and Councillor Cullimore thought that an example should be made of people who were able to pay and who were in arrears.

The County Manager then dealt in a comprehensive way with the GENERAL Rent Position and the action proposed to be taken, as outlined in his report.

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the erection of a further six houses and the Manager intimated that these would be commenced with as little delay as possible.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the Faythe Scheme and was informed that the Borough Surveyor was at present engaged on the house design, and that steps would be taken next week to survey the area for the

10th August, 1953.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES

Requests from Mr. L. Kirwan to purchase two houses at John Street, Mr. Michael Kehoe to purchase a house at 83, The Faythe and Mrs. Malone, Davitt Road, South to purchase a house at Rose Rock Terrace were referred to the Borough Surveyor for reports.

STANDING ORDERS OF CORPORATION

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that a Committee be set up to revise the Standing Orders of the Corporation but this was withdrawn in favour of a motion by Councillor Flusk, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a copy of the existing Standing Orders be first supplied to each member.

QUESTIONS BY CLR. HOWLIN.

The following questions were raised by Councillor Howlin:-

Any intimation could be given as to when the proposed new sewer at John Street would commence, and the Town Clerk replied that revised Plans were submitted to the Department on the 16th July for sanction and it was agreed to request the Department to expedite approval.

What is the position of the sewerage Scheme from Newtown to Bishopswater. The Town Clerk replied that the accepted tender had been sanctioned, the Contractor informed and requested to arrange Contract Bond, and the Corporation Solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary Contract.

A third question by Councillor Howlin was what was the position regarding the development of the Davitt Road/Waterloo Road area. He was also informed that the Engineer was at present working on Plans for submission to the Minister for Local Government. Arising out of this it was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott that the current year's Relief Grant be allocated to this work and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to provide further Grant to enable the Road to be completed.

BLESSING OF BISHOPSWATER SCHEME

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to a newspaper report in connection with the recent blessing of the Bishopswater Scheme and stated it would appear from the report in one Local paper that the members of the Fianna Fail Party had absented themselves from this Function, which he stated was not true.

COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk was again requested to communicate with the Department of External Affairs regarding the position of the proposed Commodore Barry Memorial.

PASSAGEWAY AT HENRIETTA STREET

Councillor Kevin Morris complained of the condition of the passageway at the rear of houses at Henrietta St. and stated he understood it was the property of the Corporation. The Town Clerk replied he was not aware that this was the property of the Corporation but would look the matter up and see if it was.

RANGE FOR HOUSE AT ABBEY ST.

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk intimated that he had already given instructions to have a range provided in the house at Abbey St, occupied by John Goodisson.

FOOTPATH AT DAVITT RD. SOUTH

Councillor K. Morris referred to a footpath outside Cadogan's Davitt Road, North, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have it repaired.

FOOTPATHS LEADING TO ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE

Councillor Howlin referred to the footpaths leading to the houses at St. Magdalen's Terrace and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report and Estimate.

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Alderman Byrne referred to the recent acceptance of tenders for the provision of railings and

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NEWTOWN/HILL ST. Housing Schemes and was informed it was not possible to accept the tender from a Local Firm owing to such a big difference in price.

TOWN HALL

Uncillor Broaders referred to the allocation of the Town Hall for dancing and complained that the Local Regatta Committee had received no allocation so it was unanimously decided if all possible to make an allocation to them in the near future.

ALLOCATION OF BISHOPSWATER HOUSES

Uncillor Cullimore referred to the delay in allocating the Bishopswater houses and the Deputy County Manager explained the position in this connection, and reference was made to the need for Housing Accommodation by Roy Doyle, Common Quay St., Walter Doyle, Devereaux Place and Philip McGuire, John's Gate St.

SALTEE ISLANDS

Uncillor Kevin Morris stated he understood that the owner of the Saltee Islands had placed a number of foxes on these Islands recently and he felt that the presence of these animals on the Islands would have a serious effect on the bird life there which was one of the greatest bird sanctuaries in Europe and it was decided, on the motion of Cllr. Morris, seconded by Ald. Emmott to send a protest to the Minister for Justice.

Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris

24th August, 1953.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 J. J. Morris) in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Gaul.

Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin, Kevin Morris.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late James Lawlor, an employee of the Corporation, who was accidentally killed at Wexford North Railway Station on the previous Friday night. Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk, on behalf of the Officials and Employees. The Resolution was passed in respectful silence.

ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH CORPORATIONS

A letter from the Chairman of the Dunlaoire Borough Council on the subject of the formation of an Association of Borough Corporation was referred to the Statutory Meeting.

RE- VALUATION

A list of premises submitted for re-Valuation in the current year was read for the members.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Two Old Age Pension Claims were submitted and decided.

TENDERS FOR TIMBER

A number of tenders for timber, etc. for 16 houses at Summerhill and 10 houses at Thomas St. were opened and initialled by the Mayor and referred to the County Manager for a decision.

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position of the 16 houses at Summerhill and the 10 bungalows at Thomas St. It was pointed out that both these Schemes had commenced and that tenders had been opened this night for the supply of timber for them.

Councillor Howlin and the other members considered that more employment could be given on these schemes but the Deputy Co. Manager pointed out that the Corporation was not an employment Agency, the Housing Programme for the year was being carried out and with present proposals before the Department for the acquisition of further lands he did not see that there would be any slackening off of the present employment rate.

The Manager also pointed out that when the Corporation commenced to build by direct labour only 72 houses were involved in that Scheme and decided it could be fairly stated that as much, if not more employment was at present being given than when direct Labour was commenced. Councillor Flusk made the point that a new Scheme should be ready to employ redundant workers when other Schemes were nearing completion and the Manager pointed out that this was being looked after in as much as two further Schemes were at present before the Department awaiting sanction to the purchase of the necessary land and the Councillor asked the Deputy County Manager to try and expedite the preparation of these Schemes. In connection with the proposed Scheme at the Faythe the Deputy County Manager stated that he had examined this and was of opinion that this Scheme could be expedited by only acquiring the land at the rear of the houses there and not acquiring the houses as at present and he intended to bring proposals before the Corporation at the next Statutory Meeting and to make the necessary Order. Councillor Cullimore thought that the number of houses being erected was too great having regard to the amount of rents charged and thought that it would be utterly impossible to let houses at these rents. Alderman Gaul asked what was the position regarding the discussion with the Minister sometime ago regarding a Grant for the Relief of Unemployment and was informed that the Acting Borough Surveyor was at present preparing Plans for the proposed new road from Davig Road South to Waterloo.

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24th August, 1953.

It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee on Monday, 31st instant.

SEAVIEW AVENUE

Alderman Sinnott produced a letter from the residents of Seaview Avenue requesting the Corporation to take over the maintenance of this Avenue under the Local Government Act, 1953 and it was decided to refer this to the Borough Surveyor for a report on the maintenance and cost.

FOOTPATHS AT ST. MAGDALEN'S TCE.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk stated the Borough Surveyor had been asked for a report on repairs to the footpaths at St. Magdalen's Terrace.

GAS COOKERS

A discussion took place regarding a circular recently issued inviting applications from the tenants of the Bishopswater Housing Scheme to take Gas Cookers and the members thought that this was misleading as it gave the occupiers the impression that the charge of 1/3d. per week would be in perpetuity and not terminable when the cookers were paid for.

The Town Clerk replied that he would examine the Circular again and if that impression was given he would have it corrected by a fresh Circular as it was not intended that the increase of 1/3d. per week would be in perpetuity.

H.. PEARE, BISHOPSWATER

Reference was made to the case of H. Peare, Bishopswater who was due for eviction on the next day for arrears of rent and the Deputy County Manager stated that if a reasonable offer was made to him before the eviction took place he would consider it and have the eviction stopped.

The Meeting then terminated.

