

17th October, 1955.

A Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings

at 9 o'clock p.m. (after meeting of the Commodore John Barry Memorial Committee)

the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish.

Aldermen;

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:

John Howlin, James Sinnott and James J. Morris.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously

agreed that overdraft accommodation be authorised on the Revenue Account in the

sum of £25,000 for the period 1st April, 1955 to 31st December, 1955 and on the

Capital Account in the sum of £143,000 for the period 1st April, 1955 to 31st

December, 1955 or until loans are available for the Capital Works in progress.

Nicholas P Corish

24th October, 1955.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen: T. Byrne, John Cullimore and K.C. Morris.

Councillors: J. Sinnott, E. Hall, J. Gaul, M. Flusk, F. Cullimore and J. Morris.

The Acting Town Clerk, Mr H.F. Doyle, The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Miss E.M. Phillips were also in attendance.

APPLICATIONS:

The application of Mr James Byrne, sub-tenant at No. 18 St. Aidan's Crescent was submitted to the Meeting. From the records in the Town Clerk's Office it appears that this man has not been residing in this house for the required twelve months. Alderman Morris thereupon provided documentary evidence, contrary to the evidence submitted by Mr. Byrne in his application form, which showed he had been in residence at least thirteen months and the Alderman intimated that it was his intention to move at Meeting to be held on the 2nd prox. that he be appointed tenant in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The same decision was arrived at in the case of Mr John Byrne, sub-tenant at No. 26 Antelope Road.

REPAIRS:

Complaints were made by some members with reference to the amount of repairs which had to be carried out by the Corporation Staff after some tenants leaving the houses. A long discussion followed on this matter and various suggestions were put forward. One suggestion was that the offenders should be prosecuted, another suggestion put forward visualised the payment of a deposit by all new tenants in Corporation houses. Eventually it was decided to direct the Rent Collections to submit monthly reports on all the houses in their area.

HOUSING - GENERAL:

Alderman Byrne complained of the fact that only twenty-nine houses were handed over to the Corporation last year instead of the fifty per annum originally agreed upon. The County Manager explained some of the difficulties experienced during the year including inclement weather, cement strike, etc. as causative factors and it was decided to have the Housing Engineer present at the next meeting of the Committee which is due to be held on the 2nd prox.

ARREARS ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS:

At the request of Councillor Hall it was agreed to have the arrears due on Artizans' Dwellings available for the next monthly meeting.

MARIAN ROW - LODGERS:

With reference to a complaint at the last meeting regarding lodgers at Marian Row the Acting Town Clerk read a report from the Rent Collector which showed she had failed to find any lodgers in this Row.

DAVITT ROAD - WATERLOO SITE:

A general discussion took place when it was tentatively decided that this site should be used for the purpose of private building, the standard of the buildings to be decided on and fixed by the Corporation.

WYGRAM:

The position of Wygram Corner was also discussed and adjourned to next meeting.

This terminated the business of the Housing Consultative Committee and as it was now too late to start the business of the Repairs Committee it was decided to adjourn same to Wednesday night next, the 26th instant at 8 p.m.

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

NOVEMBER.
2nd October, 1955.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, the members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman N.P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen:

K.C. Morris; J. Cullimore; T.F. Byrne.

Councillors:

O'Flaherty; Flusk; Hall.

The Meeting had been called to implement a notice given in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in connection with two sub-tenants of Corporation houses, on the provision of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne it was decided to adjourn this Meeting owing to the small number of members present, until Monday next, the 7th instant.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee to be held at the close of above Meeting was also adjourned on account of the illness of the Housing Engineer and it was decided to fix the date of the adjourned Meeting on Monday next, 7th instant.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

7th November, 1955.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen:

John Cullimore, Thomas Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, Ed. Hall, James Morris, John O'Flaherty,
Frank Cullimore, James Sinnott and James Gaul.

The Acting County Manager - Mr. T.F. McDermott, the Acting Town Clerk - Mr. H.F. Doyle and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, the Mayor, proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. J. Reck an employee of the Council on the death of his wife. This resolution was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the other members associating themselves therewith together with the Acting County Manager and Acting Town Clerk on behalf of the officials and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES.

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

The acknowledgement of a resolution of sympathy was received from the relatives of the late Mr. John Butler formerly County Registrar of the G.A.A.

WALL AT WATERLOO.

In accordance with motion handed in Alderman Morris moved that a wall be built around Mrs. Quirke's house at Waterloo Road. The Alderman intimated that when the Corporation built the new road there that the rear of Mrs. Quirke's premises was left without protection and he thereupon proposed that an estimate be obtained for the doing of this work. This resolution was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and passed unanimously.

SUMMER FUEL SCHEME.

Alderman Morris raised the question of the reintroduction of the Summer Fuel Scheme when the last communication from the Department of Social Welfare, dated the 17th May last, was read intimating that no decision had yet been given as to the reintroduction of the Summer Cheap Fuel Scheme, whereupon the Alderman proposed that the minister for Social Welfare be requested to reintroduce this scheme next summer.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Flusk and adopted unanimously.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK.

Alderman Byrne moved that the trustees of the Redmond Memorial Park be contacted by the Corporation with a view to discussing the future of the park. Councillor Sinnott seconded this proposition which was adopted.

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TOWN HALL.

Alderman Byrne asked what was the position regarding the proposed repairs due to be carried out in the Town Hall Cornmarket. The Acting Town Clerk informed the Alderman that the Department of Local Government had been requested to sanction a loan of £600 for the alteration, repair and decoration of the Town Hall in accordance with the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor, he further stated that he understood an Inspector from the Department of Local Government had been in Town some ten or twelve days ago with a view to reporting on this proposition. A short discussion followed on this matter when the Acting Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the Department by telephone in the morning with a view to expediting ministerial sanction.

FIRE BRIGADE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council enclosing copies of recommendations of the County Manager on the question of control of Fire Brigades in the County. A long discussion took place on this matter and eventually it was unanimously decided to request a report thereon from the County Fire Officer, Mr G. Forde, in collaboration with Mr. McNally, Borough Surveyor, and as well to find out the difference in payments between the old arrangements and the present proposals.

REORGANIZATION OF WEXFORD DISPENSARY DISTRICTS

A letter was read from the County Council pointing out that the Department of Health had asked for a recommendation on the subject of the reorganization of Wexford Dispensary Districts in view of the fact that the majority of new housing schemes had been erected in the No. 2 Dispensary District with a consequent increase in the population in that area. The County Council now asked for the views of the Corporation on this matter with special reference to a redivision of the districts in the light of the above facts. After a number of proposals and a lengthy discussion on this matter it was eventually decided to adjourn consideration of this letter until the next meeting.

Arising out of this discussion Alderman Morris complained of the lack of Insulin and other necessary drugs in the Clinic. Mr McDermott, Acting County Manager, explained the position obtaining with reference to the ordering of drugs etc. and the matter ended.

SIX HOUSES - NEWTOWN.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that a loan of £9,600 would be advanced to finance the cost of the erection of six houses at Newtown. The Corporation had already requested an advance of £9,900 which it would be expected would be final all in cost of this scheme. In the light of the above it was decided that when the final figures were arrived at to borrow from the Treasurer the balance required for the completion of this scheme subject of course to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The next matter on the agenda was to implement notice already given in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which had been adjourned from the previous meeting:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Corporation require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager of the said Wexford Corporation to appoint the following persons as tenants of the houses in which they at present reside and of which they were formerly sub-tenants."

JAMES BYRNE, 19 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.

JOHN BYRNE, 26 Antelope Road, Maudlintown. do.

A copy of the foregoing resolution was furnished by the County Manager to each member of the Council within the period required by law. Alderman Morris thereupon moved the resolution in respect of James Byrne, 19 St. Aidan's Crescent which was seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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Before the resolution was put to the Meeting the Acting Town Clerk warned the members that if any loss occurred as a result of the implementation of the resolution those voting in favour of it were liable to be charged with such loss.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For the Resolution:-

Aldermen: Byrne, Morris and The Mayor;

Councillors: Gaul, O'Flaherty, Morris and Cullimore.....7 Votes.

Against the Resolution:-

Alderman John Cullimore;

Councillors: Sinnott, Hall and Flusk.....4 Votes.

The Resolution was declared carried.

The same procedure was adopted in the case of Mr. John Byrne, 26 Antelope Road, Maudlintown when there voted:-

For the Resolution:-

Aldermen: Byrne, Morris and The Mayor;

Councillors: Gaul, Sinnott, O'Flaherty, Hall, Morris
and Frank Cullimore9 Votes.

Against the Resolution:-

Alderman John Cullimore;

Councillor Flusk.....2 Votes.

The Resolution was accordingly declared carried.

Arising out of the above matter it was unanimously decided that in future a sub-tenant in a Corporation House would not be considered as a tenant for such house unless he or she had been residing in the said house as a sub-tenant for at least a period of four years. This was in substitution for the period of one year at present in operation.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Conish

- 11th November, 1955.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation to consider the Auditor's Report was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, the Members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen:

John Cullimore, Thomas F. Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:

J. Sinnott, J. J. Morris, J. O'Flaherty and Ml. Flusk.

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

HOUSING ENGINEER'S REPORT

It was decided at the outset to consider that portion of the Auditor's Report appertaining to the Direct Labour Housing Schemes and in this connection a report was read from Mr Millar as follows:-

In reply to your emmos. of the 22nd ult. re extracts from Auditor's Report on the accounts of the Corporation to 31st March, 1954, I submit herewith my observations:-

Time Records: The time cards are checked by the Storeman, Nicholas Doyle, who clocks the men in and out. The time is made up and wages and pay sheet prepared by John Whelan who is a permanent official Rent Collector to the Corporation (part time). The cheques or paying orders are collected by Messenger at the Municipal Buildings. They are checked and handled on the job by Myles Redmond, permanent Clerical Assistant, Nicholas Doyle, Storekeeper, and John Whelan. Sometimes the General Foreman, William Bolger, is present, and I occasionally look over the cheques. The cheques for Plasterers are handed to W. Crean, chargehand Plasterer, to John McEvoy, chargehand Painter, and the balance of the cheques for the masons, carpenters and labourers are delivered by the storekeeper, Nicholas Doyle.

Stocks:- Use of materilas. With reference to records for issue of materials and the use of materilas, this is not done as it would be practically impossible to check the handing out and use of such materials on a large scheme such as ours, it would entail the employment of another assistant. The only records kept are in bulk as the materials are delivered, they can be abstracted under their different headings such as Timber for Joinery, Roofing, Flooring, Joisting etc. No separate record is kept for the scantlings that are used in a particular house.

The locks hinges, stays, fasteners etc. are booked into the job. When they are handed out they are checked against the house in which they were used. They are occasionally checked in stock and against what has been used and there is a final check on completion.

Eave gutters and down pipes are also checked in and booked to the job and as they are used they are checked from time to time.

As record of all cement delivered is kept and a daily record is kept of its use on the different jobs. This is done for the purpose of pricing the different parts of the building work such as Roads, Foundations, blocks, cills, underworks superstructure etc.

As far as possible I will try and fall in with the Auditor's wishes."

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A long discussion took place on this report and the general opinion of the Members being that the observations and recommendations of the Auditor

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were alright in theory but that it would be very difficult to put same into practice. The Members agreed that Mr. Millar should, as far as possible and where practicable, fall in with the wishes of the Auditor as outlined in his report.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The Town Clerk now read his report, which he had already made to the County Manager on this matter, as follows:

"In accordance with your instructions I wish to submit hereunder my observations on the Auditor's Report.

Finance:

As you are aware we have discussed this matter in detail and the Local Government Auditor was made aware at Audit that the overdraft interest was less by $\frac{1}{4}\%$ than the borrowing rate from the Local Loans Fund, and it would be very interesting to know what amount of money was saved the ratepayers of Wexford during the two years under audit. The Auditor calculates the amount to the nearest penny in the pound what the overdraft interest cost the ratepayers but fails to indicate what it would have cost if the money had been borrowed from the Local Loans Fund.

He also states that he has given instructions that the expenditure and receipts on each Housing Scheme be shown separately in the Accounts. In actual fact his instructions were that they should be separately shown in the Abstract, as the Accounts for each Housing Scheme were available at audit.

Application has now been made for Sanction to Loans covering all Schemes Outstanding and when these are approved the cost to the Corporation will be $\frac{1}{2}\%$ in excess of what they are paying.

The "slight disimprovement" in the collection of the Municipal Rate as from 1951/52 to 1953/54 amounts to 0.16 per cent and does not require any explanation.

You are personally aware of the position of the Rent Collection and have taken all action within your power to ensure that the rents are paid. In 1951/52 the Collection was £16,185 or 98.08% and in 1953/54 amounted to £24,974 or 95.4% during these periods a considerable number of new houses were erected and let at increased rents which would account for the small percentage of arrears increase. In 1954/5 the total for collection (including arrears of £992) was £28,916. Of this £28,097 was collected; £98 written off as irrecoverable and £721 carried forward. The percentages therefore were:-

(a) Collected	- 97.16.
(b) Written off	- .34.
(c) Carried forward	- 2.50.

From these percentages you will see that the steps taken during 1954/5 to arrest the arrears position were begining to show results. I need not say that continuous pressure is being brought to bear on the Collectors to ensure that the collection must be brought up to the maximum.

The closing and balancing of the Rent Collectors' Accounts at 31st March each year is, apart from other considerations, a physical impossibility except in years when the 31st falls on a Friday or Saturday. But when it falls (as a rent day) on Monday the Collectors could not collect and lodge the rents due by the time the Banks close at 3.0 p.m. as in a number of cases the rent will not be available until Thursday or Friday nights.

As regards the date of completion and letting of houses the completion date can only be supplied by the Housing Engineer as this Office cannot allocate houses until:-

- (a) the keys are received; and
- (b) a Manager's Order is made appointing tenants after consideration of the Chief Medical Officer's recommendations on the applications.

It would be possible to keep a register of the dates on which the keys of houses are received, and the letting agreement will at any time show when the occupiers took possession.

As regards the houses at Corry's Villas, it was intimated to the Department on 7th August, 1951, that the Corporation proposed to dispose of these dwellings on the tenant purchase system and Sanction to this proposal was dated 20th July, 1953 and contained an intimation that a draft of the proposed lease should be submitted to the Department for examination. Counsel's opinion was then taken on the entire matter and he drafted a lease which was approved by the Department under date of 29th March, 1954. In April 1954, the Corporation Solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary deeds for execution. The deposits are in the Solicitor's hands.

The proposals for fixing the basic rents for acquired houses have been submitted to the Department for approval.

The arrears due under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts have now been reduced to £116 and it is confidently expected that these will be further reduced by 30th December as the payment of £61 is held up by an application for probate of a will.

Water Rents:

Of the sum of £35.17.6d. due at 31st March, 1954, £20.13.4d. had been paid at audit, £14.5.8d. had been written off as irrecoverable and £1.8.6d. were the actual arrears and are doubtful.

Rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall, etc.

The Market Rents are now clear.

Miscellaneous rents now amount to £103 as at 30th September, and these include the Corporate Estate (due half-yearly) but most of which are paid annually so that a considerable reduction is expected before the 31st March next. The £2. due on the Town Hall has been paid.

The Town Hall Diary is being kept.

Cemetery Receipts:

Grave Orders were never issued direct to the Caretaker who was informed by phone and such orders or permits given to the person requesting the opening. They are now been given to the Caretaker. In one case the error was caused through an official having to attend the Cemetery (possibly at a week-end) who overlooked making an office entry. Efforts are being made to trace the person responsible and if there are unsuccessful the Town Clerk will hold himself responsible. It appears a very small percentage of error in view of interments during the years. It is not always possible to insist on Fees being collected in advance particularly when directions are received by 'phone from outside the Borough or from a reputable firm of Undertakers.

Sales:

Generally this was due to lack of liaison between the Engineering, Stores and Accounting Departments but this has now been remedied. A system of record has been established and sales and hire of materials are subject to Manager's Order. Road openings and

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restorations are only undertaken by means of a deposit of the sum estimated to carry out the work, except in the case of Statutory Bodies or Government Departments. Of the sums referred to all have been collected except £10 (ten pounds) which is now the subject of Legal Action.

The matter of the charge against two officers in relation to a concrete mixer is the subject of an appeal and you are familiar with all the circumstances of the case. Directions regarding the authorising, recording and accounting for stores have already been issued by you.

Recoupments, etc.

Arrangements have been made to provide the Ledger suggested.

Stores Records.

With the exception of Stocktaking these are matters for the attention of the Borough Surveyor.

As regards the Direct Labour Housing Scheme I understand the matters referred to have been discussed with the Housing Engineer.

Wages.

The preparation of Wages Sheets is carried out on the Housing Site and should be signed & ruled off prior to being sent to Town Clerk's Office for preparation of Paying Order. Record cards have now been transferred to the Housing Site and are kept by the permanent Official employed there. Temporary Clerks have been preparing Paying Orders; and forwarding them to the Site where they are distributed by the Foreman in charge.

The charges referred to here are the subject of appeal and you are aware of the circumstances of each.

Miscellaneous.

The matters referred to here have been or will be dealt with as soon as possible.

At the outset His Worship, The Mayor, deplored the fact that the Audits of Local Authorities are generally behind time and suggested that the Local Government Department should endeavour to have them brought up to date.

A general discussion took place on the Town Clerk's statement and the Members were agreeably surprised to find that the Corporation had saved $\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest by having an overdraft with the Treasurer instead of lifting loans from the Local Loans Fund.

As regards to accounts generally it was pointed out that with the exception of a sum of £10 all outstanding accounts as outlined by the Auditor had now been collected after a threat of legal proceedings. This was considered very satisfactory by the Members and it was suggested in future that the Officials proceed to collect all accounts punctually and to take all legal steps necessary for same.


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A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Corish in the Chair;

Aldermen: Byrne, Kevin Morris and Cullimore;

Councillor: Flusk, Morris, Hall, Howlin, Cullimore, Sinnott and O'Flaherty.

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

The Mayor explained that this meeting should have been held a few weeks ago but it was postponed owing to the illness of the Housing Engineer and at the outset asked the Town Clerk how many houses had been provided by the Corporation during the past few years. The Town Clerk replied that in the years ending 31st March 1951, 52, 53, 54 and 55 there had been erected respectively 34, 22, 105, 63 and 26 houses which was an average of fifty per annum. For the period 1st April to the 31st October this year sixteen houses had been provided.

A lengthy report was then read from the Housing Engineer on the progress of the forty houses at Newtown which report set out the various causes for the delay in completion and in the course of the discussion the Engineer stated that it would be July next before the forty-house Scheme was completed in its entirety but that from January next houses would be available from this scheme at the rate of about eight to ten per month. One of the points referred to as a cause of the delay by the Housing Engineer was the strike at the Cement Factories and a suggestion was made that he should store a large quantity of cement to guard against a shortage for any reason. He pointed out, however, that he had stored a considerable quantity of cement but cement was liable to go bad and he would then be at the loss of it. In addition, at the present time, it was difficult to procure sufficient cement to keep the work going from day to day.

Councillor Hall referred to the number of plumbers employed and the Housing Engineer intimated that he had asked the Employment Exchange to secure the services of plumbers for him but that up to the present he was not in a position to employ more plumbers owing to the slow progress occasioned by the various factors set out in his report.

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the employment of Painters and the Engineer intimated that he would employ extra painters within the next week or so.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the sub-contract for the wiring of these houses for electricity and intimated he was aware that the firm who had the contract did not employ any qualified journeyman and that a rural worker, who was not an electrician, was employed to wire the houses. He was also aware that the Contractor was not paying full Trade Union rates of wages or granting the conditions of employment recognised by Trade Unions generally.

It was agreed that the Housing Engineer should ascertain whether the men employed were members of a Trade Union and paid Trade Union rates of wages. Councillor Howlin subsequently proposed and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded that the Corporation Officials be instructed to ascertain if the Contract terms were being carried out.

Arising out of a general discussion on the housing
Councillor Sinnott referred to the need for more houses before Christmas and

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pointed out that if schemes were ready for commencement as other schemes began to slack off this would not occur and in the course of a lengthy statement the County Manager explained that was what he was aiming for at the present time. The Manager intimated that Compulsory Purchase Orders had been made in respect of a site at the Faythe. One of these Orders had been confirmed but the second one was awaiting the sanction of the Minister. He (the Manager) had applied to the Minister for Local Government for permission to erect the houses by Direct Labour who had requested certain information which was at present in course of preparation and would be forwarded as soon as it was received from the Engineers. In reply to a query the Manager intimated that he could not fix any date as to when the Faythe Housing Scheme would commence.

Proceeding the Manager intimated that Compulsory Purchase Orders had been made in respect of sites at Batt Street, William St., Fisher's Row and John Street. Inquiries had been held by the Minister into these Orders three of which had been completed but the one relating to Batt Street adjourned with a view to negotiating a settlement with the principal objector and that several conferences had been held between the objector and his advisors and the Officials of the Corporation and it was hoped to finalize this matter in the next week or so.

In addition, the Manager continued, some twenty-two acres of land had been acquired at Whitemill North, Whitemill South, Newtown and Slippery Green for the erection of further houses; and for the purpose of varying the design and layout of the houses erected by the Corporation over the past seven years a Consultant Architect had been appointed to treat this entire area. As well the necessary plans to acquire lands at Talbot Street, Grogan's Road and Green Street were nearing completion and when all these areas had been confirmed by the Minister and the various parcels of land in the possession of the Corporation, it was his intention to have plans, estimates and specifications prepared without delay so that sanction might be obtained well ahead of the time when the building unit would be in a position to move in.

At the close of the discussion on the present schemes at Newtown the Housing Engineer was requested to try and speed up the rate of completion of the forty houses and to try and reinstate, if only for the Christmas period, some of the men recently dismissed as redundant.

The following matters were also discussed:-

Councillor Hall referred to a crack in the front wall of the house in Corish Park occupied by Mr L. Browne and was informed that arrangements had been made to have this repaired at the convenience of the tenant. Councillor Kevin Morris raised the question of preference being given to Old I.R.A. Men on Housing Schemes and the Town Clerk intimated that he would have to look up the minutes on that before giving a definite answer to the Corporation.

The question was also raised regarding the wall surrounding the Marian Row Houses. The Engineer intimated that sanction was awaited from the Department of Local Government to proposals on this matter.

Councillor Flusk raised the question of the commencement of the R.C. Grant and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already been in telephonic conversation with the Minister for Social Welfare with a view to speeding up the sanction and hoped to have some news in the coming week, but it was decided that the Town Clerk should communicate on Tuesday morning with the Department of Local Government on the matter.

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A report was read from the Housing Engineer on two defective baths at Nos. 12 and 18 Corish Park and it was decided if it was not

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possible to have them replaced by the suppliers then new baths should be installed and the defective ones sold.

A lengthy report was also read from the Borough Surveyor on a range in the house occupied by Sgt. Diffley in Corish Park when it was agreed that this matter should be left in the hands of the Housing Engineer and the tenant with a view to an amicable settlement in the matter.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was agreed that the Corporation should acquire and erect houses on the Breen's Lane - Wygram Corner.

A recommendation was made by the County Manager that he proposed to appoint John O'Neill of Selskar Street as tenant of a vacant house at No. 33 Bishopswater but the members felt that there were more deserving cases as this man had only been in the town a short time and had previously been a tenant at St. Aidan's Crescent and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, to recommend the Manager to appoint Mr William Nolan of Swan View as tenant of this house.

A report was also submitted to the effect the the tenant of No.61 Wolfe Tone Villas had died and that the house was at present occupied by a sub-tenant named Daniel Cunnighman. In this connection reference was made to previous discussions at the meeting of the Committee that no sub-tenant be considered for the tenancy of a Corporation house unless he was there at least four years and it was pointed out, however, that this was merely a recommendation which had yet to be approved of by the Corporation and it was decided to adjourn the case of Wolfe Tone Villas until the next meeting of the Corporation.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

5th December, 1955.

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 N. Corish (in the Chair);

Aldermen:

Byrne, Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:

Flusk, Gaul, Hall, Howlin, Morris and O'Flaherty.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, 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.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana enclosing a copy of the Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1955 which had been approved of by the Minister for Local Government on the 26th ultimo.

The Commissioner intimated that the Corporation should now make arrangements for the erection of the necessary traffic signs for the purpose of the Bye-Laws.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed, but with Alderman Morris dissenting that the necessary steps be taken to implement the Bye-Laws.

SUMMER CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

Under date of the 24th ultimo the Minister for Social Welfare in a lengthy letter regretted it was not possible to accede to the Corporation's request to re-introduce the Summer Cheap Fuel Scheme and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was agreed to request the Minister to reconsider his decision.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1955/56.

The Town Clerk intimated that following the last meeting of the Corporation he had 'phone the Department of Local Government urging the need for immediate sanction to the Relief Grant proposals for the current year and stated he had received the necessary sanction to the erection of a Ball-Alley at Trinity Street on the 29th ultimo and that this work had commenced.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should again 'phone the Department to seek approval to the road works proposals submitted so that as many men as possible could be employed during the Christmas Season.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that approximately twenty-two men would be employed and he was asked to do his utmost to increase this to at least the same number as in the

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corresponding period of 1954 - namely twenty-five.

Arising out of the relief grant proposals a letter was read from the Secretary, St. Mary's Handball Club requesting the Corporation to meet a deputation to discuss the provision of the Handball Alley with them and the Borough Surveyor, but it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should first meet the Deputation and if necessary the Corporation would meet them at a later stage.

DERELICT SITE.

Adverting to minutes of the 3rd October when two offers had been received for a derelict site at Stonebridge Lane, a recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that this site be disposed of to the highest bidder - namely Miss M. Cullimore, South Main Street who had offered the sum of £25.

The necessary notice required under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, had been given to the Members and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the plot of ground be sold to Miss Cullimore for the sum of £25 (twenty-five pounds).

WAGES OF CARETAKERS.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a recommendation from the County Manager that the wages of the Caretakers of Public Conveniences be fixed at the same rate per hour as that paid to watchmen.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSE PROPERTY.

A motion in the name of Councillor Hall that the Corporation acquire a house at Thomas Street owned by Mrs. NOLA. was adjourned until the next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to look up the decision of the Corporation that no more houses be acquired.

DAVITT ROAD/WATERDOO ROAD.

At the request of the Corporation the Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for providing a boundary wall at Quirke's house Waterloo Road where it adjoined the roadway. The estimate amounted to £134.10.0d. (one hundred and thirty-four pounds ten shillings) and some of the members considered this very high.

During the course of the discussion which followed it transpired that with the erection of this boundary wall the Corporation would be enclosing part of their own property and at this stage the Town Clerk informed the meeting that they had no right to do this and the matter was adjourned to enable him to examine the proposal further as this was the first time it had come to his notice.

A recommendation from the Borough Surveyor that an annual allowance be granted to Workmen instead of boots was next submitted and on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to grant an annual allowance of 35/- (thirty-five shillings) to each of the workmen entitled to boots in lieu thereof.

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that the provisions of the Trinity Street Provisional Drainage Order be implemented by the Corporation Staff and in this connection a letter was read from the Agent to the effect that he had instructed Messrs. Doyle & Sons, Plumbers, to have the work carried out as soon as possible. Councillor Hall intimated that he was aware these instructions had been given and thereupon withdrew his motion.

DERELICT SITE - CORNMARKEET.

Two applications were submitted for the purchase of a derelict site at Cornmarkeet adjoining Mythen's Licensed Premises. One was from Mr Dermott Hall who offered £40 and the other from Mr William Buttlor, who offered £30. and after some discussion regarding drainage which it was alleged was affecting the premises of Miss Mythen it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager should consider the offer in relation to the structure proposed to be erected thereon and make a recommendation to the Corporation after complying with the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE BUILDING SITES.

An estimate was submitted from the Borough Surveyor for:-

- (a) the erection of a boundary wall between the new road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road and
- (b) the development of seventeen sites which the Manager recommended the Corporation to lease for private building.

The estimated cost of the wall was £3,120 plus £30 Mortgage Costs and the County Manager recommended that, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, that the cost of the wall be financed by way of a loan from the Treasurer over a period of fifteen years.

Thereupon Councillor Howlin proposed that the proposal and estimate for the erection of this wall be approved. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Howlin then proposed that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government the Corporation borrow the sum of £3,150 from the Treasurer (The National Bank Ltd.) to be repaid within a period of fifteen years with interest at the usual rate. Alderman Byrne also seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

The estimate for the development of the site amounted to £1,300 which with Mortgage Costs brought the total up to £1,330, and it was also agreed on the motion & Mr. Howlin seconded by Ald. Byrne to borrow £1,330 from the Treasurer for 15 years at the usual rate of interest.

The County Manager also recommended that this site be developed in accordance with the plans and estimates submitted by the Borough Surveyor and that the ~~seventeen~~ ^{seventeen} plots thereon be leased for private house building on a ninety-nine year lease at a rate of £7.10.0d. per annum in respect of each site.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS DEBT.

An application from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to have an old outstanding debt in respect of the maintenance of roads be written off was adjourned until such time as the Corporation would be in a better position to adjudge the financial position of the Commissioners.

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WAGES OF NIGHT CARETAKER AT EDENVALE.

In accordance with a recommendation received from the County Manager it was unanimously agreed that the wages of the Night-Caretaker at Edenvale be increased by 10/2d. per week.

LOAN £56,000 - Thirty-Six Houses Newtown.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £56,000 for the erection of thirty-six houses at Newtown. This was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Howlin.

LOANS:- £1,855; £500 and £230.

It was also agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that loans be borrowed from the National Bank for:-

- (a) £1,855 for gas cookers at Bishopswater;
- (b) £500 for repairs to Town Hall;
- (c) £230 for provision of Calvary at
Crosstown Cemetery.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB-TENANTS.

It was unanimously agreed that no application for a sub-tenant to be appointed as tenant of a house be considered except they have been at least four years in the dwelling.

EMPLOYMENT OF OLD I.R.A. MEN.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Housing Engineer be asked to give preference to Old I.R.A. Men on Housing Schemes.

Nicholas P Corish

5th January, 1956.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative 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 Nicholas P. Corish in the Chair.

Aldermen: Morris, Cullimore and Byrne.

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Morris, Hall O'Flaherty, Howlin and Gaul.

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

During a discussion on the general problem of housing it was agreed that houses should be erected in units of say six or ten houses.

A discussion took place regarding the reduced rent being charged for a first row house in Bishopswater to a man named William Goodison and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Flusk, that this man be charged the full rent of a first row house.

Reference was also made to the rent being charged to Miss Kathleen Walsh and it was unanimously decided that she be removed from Bishopswater to the first cheap house to become available.

The list of applications for the seventy-six houses at Newtown was laid on the table. This consisted of ninety-two persons who had been put into various categories by the Chief Medical Officer.

At the outset Alderman Morris proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded that the Committee select thirty names for the first thirty houses, but eventually it was decided to select six for the six houses which would be available during the present month. Those selected were:-

Albert Brennan, Bride Street, Wexford.
John McLooney, Seaview Avenue, do.
Edward McGrath, 14 Green Street, do.
Michael Corcoran, Parnell Street, do.
Thomas Vaughney, 94 North Main St. do.
Garda Lynch, William St., Wexford.

and in the event of any of the above six not taking the house the following were named as substitutes:-

William Keyes, Davitt Road South.

John Grant, Slaney Street, Wexford.

The attention of the County Manager was called to the urgent need for houses by David Walsh, ~~Monah~~ *South Main* Street and Patrick Murphy, 33 Ram Street, Wexford.

Nicholas P Corish
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9th January, 1956.

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 N.P. Corish, (in the Chair).

Aldermen:-

Morris, Byrne and Cullimore.

Councillors:-

Hall, Morris, O'Flaherty, Howlin and Sinnott.

SUMMER CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

An acknowledgement was read from the Department of Social Welfare referring to a letter of the 7th ultimo requesting the Minister to extend the cheap fuel scheme to cover the summer months and stated that it was the duty of the Public Assistance Authority to meet the needs of necessitous persons and it was open to that Authority to provide fuel as assistance in kind, where the circumstances so warrant.

FIRE BRIGADE.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided to accept the conditions submitted by the Wexford County Council for the attendance of the Corporation Fire Brigade at fires in the rural area.

LEASE - "JULIAMOUNT".

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to execute a lease for the premises known as "Juliamount" for a period of thirty years at a rent of £11 (eleven pounds) per annum.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - VOCATION EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocation Educational Committee for the year 1954/5 was submitted to the meeting.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

An application from the Irish Tourist Association for a contribution for the year 1956/57 was referred, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin, to the Estimates Committee.

HOUSING SUBSIDY - PARNELL ST. & THE FAYTHE.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that 1/3rd subsidy had been determined in respect of five houses at Parnell Street and The Faythe.

CARETAKER - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the remuneration of Patrick Sutton, Caretaker, St. Ibar's Cemetery be fixed at £4.15.0d. per week to include 5/- per week, value of emoluments by way of a free house.

WAGE INCREASES.

It was also agreed that the wages of the Caretaker of Coolree be fixed on the same terms as the Caretaker of the Cemetery.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that the wages of the "Nipper" be increased from 1/6 per hour to 1/2 per hour from the 8th December, 1955 and that the wages of the "Nipper" on the

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forty house scheme at Newtown be fixed at 15/-d. per week as from the 1st December, 1955.

CREATION OF TWO PERMANENT POSTS.

A recommendation that temporary vacancies for a Clerical Officer and Clerk Typist be created permanent posts was agreed to on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Howlin provided that no permanent appointments were made until consultations took place with the County Manager.

BATT STREET & FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEMES

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the resumed inquiry into the Batt Street and Faythe Housing Schemes for the acquisition of further parcels of land would be opened on the 31st instant.

CARETAKER - WEXFORD CLINIC.

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager that the Caretaker of the Clinic, a man named Moran of Distillery Road, should be made permanent.

SALE OF HOUSES.

It was unanimously agreed that as soon as possible the Town Clerk should arrange for the sale to the tenants of houses at Grattan Terrace and St. Enda's Terrace.

BARRY MEMORIAL.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked what was the position re Barry Memorial and was informed that as no guarantee could be given of the delivery of the Statue early this year it had been decided to postpone its erection until 1957.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

It was agreed that an additional pilot light should be provided at the end of Rowe Street.

MAIL BOATS ROSSLARE HBR.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the necessity for extra mail boats at Rosslare Harbour during the summer and it was decided to request C.I.E. to do so.

REPAIRS - TOWN HALL.

Alderman Morris referred to the Town Hall Sub-Committee and it was suggested by the Borough Surveyor that the recommendations made by that Committee should be carried out.

REPAIRS - GLEESON'S PARNELL STREET.

Alderman Cullimore referred to the condition of Gleeson's house at Parnell Street and asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the roof and have it repaired.

BYRNE'S - ABBEY STREET.

A letter was read from the County Manager that there was a sum of £52 due in respect of the house at Abbey Street occupied by Mrs. Byrne. The Corporation Officials have been waiting to execute a decree for possession of the house until another family occupying it can be provided with alternative accommodation and it is intended to do this at Corish Park. The occupant can no longer be allowed to remain rent free at Abbey Street as the arrears would amount quickly to £100. Councillor Howlin proposed that Mrs. Byrne be left in the house until the Corporation are able to provide her with a cheap dwelling and the County Manager recommended to do so.

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23rd January, 1956.

A General Purposes Committee Meeting was held in the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Burne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

James Morris, Edward Hall, James Gaul, Ml. Flusk,
Frank Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Eyras, that overdraft sanction on the accounts of the Corporation in the sum of £100,000 up to the 31st March was approved.

VARIOUS COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had now received official confirmation that the Inquiry into the Faythe Compulsory Purchase Order would take place at the Municipal Buildings on the 31st instant. In reply to a query it was stated that it was intended to make a Compulsory Purchase Order covering Grogan's Road, Talbot Street and Green Street Area as soon as the Town Clerk had time when he had the estimates completed. It was also agreed that a number of the smaller type bungalows like those erected at Thomas Street should be built on the site.

GATES - MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

It was agreed that arrangements should be made as soon as possible to have the gates of the Municipal Buildings locked each evening at 5.30.

ROADWAY AT WINDMILLS HILL.

Alderman Cullimore referred to the condition of the small roadway at Windmills Hill and asked the Borough Surveyor to cover it with some of the metal being taken from Davitt Road.

HACKETS SPOUT.

Councillor Gaul referred to the condition of Hackett's spout and it was pointed out that nothing could be done until the men had finished the wall.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the following houses:-

Reynolds, O'Connell Avenue;
Barnwell's, Abbey Street;
Goodison, Abbey Street;
Thomas, Hill Street,
Byrne, 18 St. Aidan's Crescent.

DERELICT SITE AT CORNMARKEET.

In reply to a query it was stated that Mr. Hall, Cornmarkeet had not yet replied to the Town Clerk's request for a plan of what he proposed to do with the site there.

ACQUIRED PROPERTY.

Alderman Byrne raised the question of Leeson's house at Parnell Street and the Borough Surveyor intimated that extra money must be provided to re-slate the house if the members consider that necessary.

DAVITT ROAD - RELIEF GRANT.

Councillor Hall complained of the simultaneous closing of Davitt Road North and South and the Borough Surveyor intimated that as he could not concrete during the frosty weather he had to close both of them or else allow some of the men employed to go.

PARKING BYE-LAWS.

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of Parking regulations and was informed that they cannot be enforced until the necessary signs had been painted by the Corporation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Councillor O'Flaherty also asked that copies of the County Manager's Orders be circulated amongst the members each month and the Manager promised to investigate the possibilities of this being done.

SUPERANNUATION REGISTER.

In reply to a query it was stated that the number on the Superannuation Register was twenty-five and it was now full.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Town Clerk promised to arrange the sale of the houses at St. Enda's Terrace as soon as possible and also to make a tenant purchase scheme for the McDermott Terrace Houses.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The question of a light at Trimmers Lane East was again raised and the members were informed that previous applications for this concession were refused as it was considered a private laneway not maintained by the Corporation.

HOUSE AT ABBEY STREET.

A lengthy report was read by the County Manager regarding the case of Mrs. Byrne, Abbey Street, in which the facts regarding the purchase of the house since 1949 were set out and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hall that she should be given a house at a rent she could afford to pay.

FIRE PLACE AT DEVEREUX VILLAS.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to put in a fire place for O'Mahoney's Devereux Villas which they had purchased themselves.

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TENANCIES.

The question of housing accommodation for O'Brien, formerly of Wygram Place and Walsh, South Main Street was raised and it was intimated that Walsh was now in a position to pay the high rent being charged for dwellings.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Nicholas P. Corish

6th February, 1956.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Corish, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, James Gaul, Edward Hall, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the Motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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.

SALARY INCREASES.

In accordance with notice given His Worship the Mayor moved that the County Manager be requested to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to approve of the payment of an increase of 10% (ten percent) on gross salaries of officers employed by the Wexford Corporation retrospective to the 1st November, 1955 and that the necessary provision be made in the estimates.

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion.

This matter gave rise to some discussion and in the absence of the definite proposals of the County Manager himself, a number of the Members did not feel competent to deal with it. While some of them considered that the higher Officials should not get such a large increase. Eventually, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the matter was adjourned until the County Manager was in attendance with his proposals for dealing with the Officials.

LETTING OF TOWN HALL - AN T. OSTAL COMMITTEE.

Attention was called to the fact that prosecution had been taken by the Corporation against the Secretary of An Tostal in respect of £9 (nine pounds) owed for the use of the Town Hall for three dances held by them to raise funds for that Function. It was pointed out that it was a voluntary organisation, originally sponsored by the Corporation, for cultural purposes and that the Committee were always under the impression that no charge would be made for the use of the Hall. If, however, the County Manager could not see his way to grant the Hall free he was to be asked to defer the proceedings to give the Committee an opportunity to try to raise the money as they had no funds at present but were actually £150 in debt.

SITES FOR PARKING.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce (which was received by the Mayor) requesting the Corporation to acquire a piece of land at Mary Street for conversion into a parking place. It was pointed out, however, that some years ago the former County Manager opened negotiations for the purchase of this ground and other property with a view to the provision of flats but the title was so complicated and so costly to acquire that the proposal had been abandoned. It was now pointed out that a business man had recently acquired the greater portion of this as a yard for his lorries and it would be very difficult to acquire it from him without heavy compensation.

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The question of converting the Old Town Hall site at the Redmond Monument into a parking site was also mentioned but as it was stated it was the intention of the County Manager to make a clearance order for the Duke Street Area as soon as possible, it was thought that adequate parking space could be had there near the Churches, as well as providing flats.

PURCHASE OF HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET.

Councillor Hall again raised the question of the purchase of a house at Thomas Street from Miss Nolan of Carrigeen and the Town Clerk intimated that on the 2nd November, 1953, the Corporation had, by resolution, decided to purchase no more old property but Councillor Hall gave notice of his intention to propose the rescission of the resolution of 1953.

HOPKIN'S HOUSES AT TALBOT STREET.

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the purchase of houses owned by Hopkins at Talbot Street and the Town Clerk promised to deal with the matter during the coming week.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The following matters were raised by Alderman Kevin Morris:-

1. The sale of a house to Mrs. Buttler of Carrigeen. The Town Clerk intimated that he had received application and proposed to deal with all these applications as soon as he had cleared away the estimates.
2. The condition of stopcock cover at Cleary's, St. John's Rd.
3. The Condition of a foot-path at Lower Rowe Street.
4. Repairs to the houses of Goodison and Barnwell Abbey Street.
5. Repairs to roof of house at O'Connell Avenue.
6. Repairs to the house of Hogan, Davitt Road North.

(All the above were referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.)

7. The absence of either gas or electricity in No. 61 Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by William Browne. The Town Clerk intimated that he would examine the question of having electricity installed to be repaid by the tenant on a weekly basis.
8. The condition of No. 58 Corish Park where the paint work was dirty when a new tenant went in. This was referred to the Housing Engineer.
9. The transfer of Mrs. Cullen to Corish Park and the charging to her of the full economic rent.
10. The tenancy of Mr. Grant at Corish Park and the charging of a full economic rent.
11. Boot allowances to the Foreman and Storeman and a coat for Hynes the man who scavenged the streets on Sunday and Holy-day mornings.

His Worship, The Mayor, asked the Borough Surveyor to have a defective manhole at Kehoe's, St. John's Road repaired, he (Mayor) also referred to:-

- (a) The condition of a defective house at Davitt Road.
- (b) a defective fire place and leaking roof at Mrs. Martin's 88 Wolfe Tone Villas.

(c) Loose slates on the house of James Harpur, 9 Roches Terrace;

(d) Defective door and casing at Carty's, 15 Emmett Place;

and these matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor for his attention.

Reference was also made to the proposed demolition of the house at Parnell Street owned by P. McCormick, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would inquire what repairs, if any, could be carried out to make it fit.

The Mayor also inquired when the concreting of the Davitt Road South would commence, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would start at the end of this week, weather permitting.

Alderman John Cullimore referred to a defective foot-path at Monck Street and the condition of Butler's house at Abbey Street, and both complaints were referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor Flusk asked that a sheet of galvanize at Furlongs, Carney's Lane, which was damaged by a stone when blasting operations were being carried out, be replaced.

Alderman Thomas Byrne complained of loose flags on Main Street outside Jenkins; the matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor James Morris referred to a defective gulley outside Haddon's Medical Hall which was also referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to:-

- (a) the sanitary convenience at Scallan's, Upper John Street and this was referred to the Health Inspector for a report;
- (b) A Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee which it was decided to hold on Tuesday the 14th instant at 8.30. p. m.;
- (c) the lavatory of Whitty's, Emmett Place and Nolan's, Emmett Place;
- (d) a fire grate at Comerford's, Hill Street;
- (e) alterations proposed to be made by Mrs. Dempsey, Croke Avenue;
- (f) lavatory door at Mrs. McGrath's, Hill Street;
- (g) repairs to Mrs. Byrne's, 18 St. Aidan's Crescent;
- (h) repairs to O'Leary's, Croke Avenue;

and all these matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor for his attention.

Councillor Hall raised the question of the replacement of a new bowl fire by a range in the house at 38 St. Aidan's Crescent, by William Lewis father-in-law of the former tenant Michael Williams. Mr. Lewis was prepared to have this work carried out by competent tradesmen to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor as it seemed there was a large amount of money due on the fire place which he was unable to meet.

Councillor Hall asked that the completion of the repairs to the Spa-field Avenue Houses by the Housing Engineer be expedited.

Councillor Cullimore complained about the delay in the letting of a house in Alvina Brook which bore a rent of £2 per week and the Town Clerk replied that there was a considerable number of applications for this dwelling and that they had to be referred to the Chief Medical Officer for examination and report.

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Nicholas P. Conry

A Meeting of the Housing (Repairs) Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.30 p.m the Members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Corish, in the Chair;

Aldermen: K. Morris, J. Cullimore and T. Byrne.

Councillors: J. Morris, J. Sinnott, E. Hall, J. O'Flaherty and M. Flusk.

Mr McNally and Miss Phillips were also in attendance.

A discussion took place on a fireplace installed by the tenant of No.83 St. Aidan's Crescent. On the proposition of the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to pay £9 (nine pounds) compensation to the representatives of Mr Michael Williams and to recoup this sum from the present tenant, Patrick O'Rourke, by charging 2/- per week extra on his rent.

Regarding the installation of ranges, fireplaces, etc. it was unanimously agreed that only replacements certified by the Borough Surveyor as necessary be carried out, free of charge. In view of the high cost of this work not more than ten ranges were to be replaced in any one year. The payment of 1/- (one shilling) on ranges already installed to be charged until cost of range is cleared off.

William Furlong, 13 St. Magdalen's Terrace and James Donovan, 6 Devereux Villas, both applied for a reduction of 1/- per week in rent, as they had returned their ranges to the Corporation Store. It was unanimously agreed that both these tenants be charged the 1/- per week as against the cost of £8.15.0d. (eight pounds fifteen shillings) for removal, installation and deterioration of the ranges; credit to be given from the date charge was first made.

Report was read from the Borough Surveyor on ranges installed at Nos. 10 and 12 Distillery Road. Both tenants requested that the 1/- charge be taken off. The Committee decided to continue the 1/- charge on No. 12 (Thomas White) and as No.10 (Peter Dempsey) was a genuine replacement no charge be made.

A Meeting of the Housing (Consultative) Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.00 p.m. the Members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor, in the Chair;

Aldermen: Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:

Frank Cullimore, Hall, O'Flaherty and Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Alderman Byrne asked for an explanation as to the recent letting of a house at Alvina Brook and the County Manager intimated that the letting was made on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer. Another applicant named Roche was also in the running for this house as her daughter was suffering from Tuberculosis but at the time of the letting this girl was in the Sanatorium so that Mrs. Roche had nobody but herself while the person appointed - James Stafford - had a wife and family and was residing under unfavourable conditions.

His Worship The Mayor pointed out that Stafford had been offered and refused one of the 16-Houses at Corish Park and he did not think that having refused one house he should be given the opportunity of another, more particularly as neither he nor his wife were natives of the Town.

Comp. int was also made that the opinion of the Members on this particular letting had not been sought before it was made and the Manager expressed his regret that through an error this had not been done and intimated he would see to it that such a mistake did not occur again. The matter was then dropped.

Arising out of a proposal of the County Manager to appoint a man named O'Brien to a house which was expected to become vacant at St. Aidan's Crescent it was pointed out that O'Brien's means would not permit him to meet the rent of the St. Aidan's Crescent houses so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to substitute Kevin John Walsh of 68 South Main Street in lieu of O'Brien for the house at St. Aidan's Crescent and to try and give O'Brien a cheaper house.

Arising out of the question of re-housing O'Brien it was intimated that a man named Luke Byrne of 28 The Faythe, who was at the present time paying an inclusive weekly rent of 13/5d. to the Corporation, had applied for a transfer to Corish Park so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to grant the transfer to Byrne and to re-house O'Brien in Byrne's house at No.28 The Faythe.

Mention was also made to the fact that some few years ago O'Brien left a Corporation house owing rent and it was also agreed that the re-housing of O'Brien at the Faythe was to be contingent on satisfactory arrangements being made with him to discharge the arrears of rent left by him on the former Corporation house.

It was also agreed that in administering the system of graded rents decided on in respect of Corish Park houses that different rents would not be charged in the same block of houses and in the case of John Maloney, who had been re-housed in the first block available at Corish Park and was paying a lesser rent than £1 per week basic, that he should either pay £1. per week or be transferred to another block in respect of which a lesser rent was being charged.

It was also agreed that the block of twelve houses at present being completed should only be let to persons whose incomes would enable them to pay the fixed rent, plus rates

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The Meeting then proceeded to recommend to the Manager a number of persons for re-housing at Corish Park and the following were recommended:-

1. Luke Byrne, 28 The Faythe - (transfer).
2. Laurence Crosbie, 71 The Faythe - (for a cheap house)
3. James Cullen, 28 Corish Park - (transfer subject to income being sufficient to meet the higher rent).
4. Patrick McGrath, 4 Slaney Street.
5. John Doyle, Custom House Quay.
6. Michael Terry, 71 South Main Street.
7. Seamus Moore, 2 Kevin Barry Street.
8. Thomas Murphy, 51 Hantoon Road.
9. Thomas Donohoe, 3 Parnell Street.
10. Martin McDonnell, Monck Street, formerly of 70 South Main Street.
11. Sergt. O'Connell, William Street.
12. John O'Neill, Selskar Street - (but before re-housing this man enquiries should be made as to the condition in which he left a former Corporation house occupied by him).
13. Joesph Brennan, Hill Street.

It was also agreed to recommend the Manager that if a transfer was granted to No. 3 above - James Cullen, 28 Corish Park - that he grant the tenancy of Cullen's house to Mrs. Byrne, formerly of Abbey Street.

In addition to the foregoing selections the following persons, whom it was stated had made application, but whose names had not appeared on the priority list of the Chief Medical Officer, should have their applications examined immediately by the Chief Medical Officer and if she recommended them for re-housing then the Manager should take their application into consideration, regard of course to income etc., and the houses available, namely:-

1. John Fallon, Green Street;
2. Nicholas Leahy, Lower John Street;
3. John Long, Monck Street;
4. James Walsh, 83 Whitmill Road;
5. Patrick O'Brien (over Jevins) South Main Street.

The Manager was also asked to consider the application of Thomas Murphy, c/o James Borry, Bride Street, for a cheap house.

Reference was made to the rent being charged to Mr Grant, formerly of Slaney Street and it was pointed out that according to his means he had to be charged the rent fixed as the Corporation would not receive subsidy in respect of his tenancy.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the same Members being present as at the Meeting of the Housing & Repairs Committee.

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At the outset the Mayor moved that the Corporation take

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steps to send felicitations to His Holiness the Pope on the occasion of his 80th Birthday which would occur on the 2nd of March.

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Reference was made to legal proceeding taken against An Tostal in respect of a debt of £9 (nine pounds) for three dances held in the Town Hall and it was considered that this should not have occurred as the Tostal Committee was a body sponsored and organized by the Corporation as part of a National movement to foster tourism.

The County Manager pointed out to the Members that they were aware the Local Government Auditor had from time to time commented on the collection of fees in respect of the use of the Town Hall and it was his function to see that these debts were collected. Several accounts had been sent to this Committee in respect of the sum due but without result and he (Manager) had no option but to hand the account to the Corporation Solicitor for collection.

His Worship, The Mayor, thereupon intimated that he would give notice under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 of his intention to move that the Corporation require the Manager to write off this amount and take no further legal steps to collect same.

Arising out of a remark by Alderman Morris during the course of the discussion on the debt due by the Tostal Committee that it was "sharp practice" the Manager took very strong exception to this remark and intimated that he did not propose to have such remarks passed and pointed out that he was an official who had a duty to perform and he intended to perform that duty unless the Corporation exercised their powers as suggested by His Worship the Mayor when they would take responsibility for this motion and be liable for any action the Local Government Auditor might see fit to take in regard to it. Alderman Morris withdrew the remark.

Arising out of this His Worship The Mayor thought that where the use of the Town Hall was required for purely charitable purposes that it should be granted free of charge, but the Manager intimated that he was not prepared to take the responsibility of deciding what was a purely charitable purpose, and it was agreed that with the exception of the organizations in respect of which orders had been made granting the use of the Hall free every other person or body should pay for the Hall in advance and it would be then up to the Corporation, if they so desired, by complying with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to pass a resolution requiring the Manager to make a refund of the fee paid for the use of the Hall.

It was agreed therefore, that it would be impossible to lay down a rule in advance and that each case would have to be considered on its merits.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott the following were appointed to represent the Corporation at a conference to be convened by the Wexford Trades Council of the various interests in the Town with a view to exploring the possibilities of establishing further industries in Wexford - namely Aldermen Morris, Cullimore, Byrne and Councillor Hall.

Reference was made to the opening of the Cinemas on Sunday the 19th instant and it was pointed out that this was a breach of one of the clauses of the licence issued by the Corporation annually "that no public exhibitions be given on a Sunday during Lent", and after some discussion it was agreed to ask the Proprietors of the three Cinemas for an explanation of this breach of the licence.

Councillor Hall referred to a matter raised by him at a recent Meeting in connection with the appointment of a Boiler Man at the new Clinic and intimated that from the manner in which the discussion had been reported it appeared that the Chief Medical Officer felt she had been unfairly criticised. He wished it to be clearly understood that he was satisfied that both the Chief Medical Officer and the Assistant C.M.O. had done everything in their power to have the temporary Boiler Man (Thomas Moran) appointed to the permanent post. All the Members present agreed that the Chief Medical Officer had given torojan service to Wexford, particularly in her fight against Tuberculosis and that no reflection whatever was ment to be cast on her, or her Assistant. As the member who made the statement was not present no further discussion took place except that the Members present were unanimous in the opinion that the present temporary Boiler Man should be appointed to the permanent post.

L O A N S.

There was submitted for execution by the Corporation five Mortgage Deeds securing Loans proposed to be advanced by Commissioners of Public Works to the Corporation, and the following five resolutions were unanimously adopted as

Proposed by Alderman Kevin C. Morris,

Seconded by Alderman John Cullimore

and Resolved -

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of two thousand, one hundred and thirty pounds, proposed to be advance by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1952."

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of one thousand, six hundred and fifteen pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1952."

"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 twenty-four thousand, eight hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1952."

"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 four thousand, nine hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1978 to 1952."

"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 five thousand pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1954."

Arising out of a request at a Council Meeting that a "mid-night light" on the junction of Rowe Street and Main Street should be converted into a "pilot-light", a letter was read from the

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Electricity Supply Board intimating that the conversion of this light would entail an initial cost to the Corporation of £12.16.0d. and a new annual charge of £7. 3. 0d.

It was unanimously decided that the Board be informed that the Corporation considered this charge excessive and that the Board be requested to make a substantial reduction. It was also agreed that a new light should be provided at Coffey's Hill, Main Street and that lights should be provided on the new road from Davitt Road to Waterloo Road and that a light at Keyzers Lane should be altered.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

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A Meeting of the Housing (Consultative) 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, Alderman Nicholas Corish in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Byrne, Cullimore and Morris;

Councillors:

Cullimore, Flusk, Hall, Morris and O'Flaherty.

The County Manager, Town Clerk and Miss E. Phillips, Housing Section were also in attendance.

The principal business of the Meeting was to consider the graded rents scheme adopted in respect of seventy-six houses at Corish Park. The scheme adopted by the Corporation provided for:-

- (a) four houses at a basic rent of £1;
- (b) 34 houses at a basic rent of 18/-d; and
- (c) 38 houses at a basic rent of 9/-d.

It was explained to the Meeting that the seventy-six houses consisted of two schemes (forty and thirty-six) and that the four which the Members had agreed should be let at £1 per week were in the thirty-six house scheme and would not be available for a least twelve months, whereas a number of the people recommended were able and willing to pay a rent of £1 per week and whose incomes, as given by themselves, made it essential that £1 per week be charged to carry out the scheme of graded rents sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, as if persons were granted houses at a lesser rent than that warranted by their means a sur-charge would arise and possible the loss of subsidy.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that more latitude be given to the Manager in regard to the allocation of these houses at the various rents with the provisos that:-

- (a) he would report back to the Corporation in three or four weeks as to the manner in which the graded rents system was working; and
- (b) that in no block of houses to be let for the future would any of the tenants be paying different rents.

The question was raised regarding the allocation of a house to a man named O'Neill of Selskar who was recommended by the Committee at the last Meeting subject to a report being obtained as to the condition in which he left a previous house occupied by him. The Town Clerk explained that he had made inquiries from the Store-keeper and was informed that the only expenditure incurred by the Corporation in respect of O'Neill's former tenancy was the provision of three panes of glass and after such a lapse of time it was not possible to decide whether or not the glass had been broken during O'Neill's occupancy or while the house was vacant pending the selection of a subsequent tenant.

As regards the recommendation that John Doyle, Commercial Quay, should be allocated a house, it was pointed out that the Chief Medical Officer had reported that this man was in a fit house and in

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circumstances the Corporation would not be given subsidy if he was re-housed.

Members pointed out, however, that this man lived in what was described as a flat on the top story of a four story building with over sixty steps to climb. The flat was part of a licenced premises and the only toilet available to Doyle and his family was that used by the public and in addition it was alledged that the roof was leaking.

It was eventually agreed that a new inspection should be made of these premises to see if Doyle would qualify for re-housing under the Bye-Laws dealing with houses let in separate tenements.

It was mentioned that a middle house at Bishopswater was at present vacant and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to grant the tenancy of this house to a man named Terry of South Main Street who had been recommended at a previous Meeting for a house at Corish Park.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a recommendation at the last meeting that the case of John Long, Monck Street should be considered and alledged that this man was not living in Monck Street but that the address given was merely an accommodation address and that he was actually residing at Tykillen.

Alderman Morris strenuously denied the allegation of Councillor O'Flaherty's and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made before Long's application was considered.

Reference was again made to the charging of Mr Grant a full economic rent on a house at Corish Park and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Department and ascertain if 1/3rd subsidy in respect of the re-housing of this man would be paid.

The Members then examined the Priority List prepared by the Chief Medical Officer and recommended that the following should be considered for houses at rents in accordance with their means:-

1. Agustaine Nolan, 23 William Street;
2. Edward Wyatt, 10 Talbot Street;
3. 3. James Walsh, 2 Upper George Street;
4. M. J. Browne, John's Gate Street;
5. James Dempsey, 5 Clifford Street;
6. James Lucking, High Street.

Reference was again made to the case of Michael Williams, 83 St. Aidan's Crescent who had installed a tiled fire-place in his dwelling and returned the range to the Store minus the boiler which he had fitted to the tiled grate. Williams apparently had had domestic troubles and his whereabouts were unknown. His wife had given up the tenancy of the dwelling and had gone to work in England leaving the children with her father. It also appeared that a sum of money was due to a local merchant in respect of the fire place and that the father of Mrs. Williams was being pressed by the merchant to discharge this account.

At a recent Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee a recommendation was made to the County Manager that a sum of £9 (nine pounds) be paid to Lewis in respect of this fireplace and that new tenant had agreed to pay this as an accommodation by an addition of 2/- per week to his rent.

The Town Clerk pointed out that:-

1. the Corporation were setting a dangerous precedent in paying compensation for this fireplace;
2. it would cost £12 to put a boiler to the range;
3. boiler ranges were no longer being installed in new Corporation houses and
4. that under on circumstances could compensation be paid to Lewis as if this were done and the tenant came back to Wexford at any time he would have a clear cut action against the Corporation for this compensation.

It was eventually agreed, however, that the Manager should ask the Borough Surveyor to place a value on the range, and deal with the question of compensation accordingly.

Reference was made to the possession of the house at Grattan Terrace occupied by a family named Hayes. It appeared that since the late Mrs. Hayes died no change had been made in the tenancy although application had been made from her unmarried daughter - Miss Christina Hayes - to have the tenancy put in her name. Since the death of the last tenant, Mrs. M. J. Hayes, a married daughter of hers, Mrs. Francis Sinnott, and her husband, who were the tenants of a house at Columba Villas, had resided at Grattan Terrace leaving the house at Columba Villas in possession of Mr. Sinnott's mother and Mrs. Sinnott's brother (John Hayes) and his wife and family.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Hall, that the tenancy of the house at Grattan Terrace be granted to Miss Christina Hayes.

As regards the house at Columba Villas it was pointed out that Hayes, who was the Corporation Plumber and a member of the Fire Brigade, would be re-housed in the first house vacant at Davitt Road, close to the Fire Station, and in the circumstances it was decided to defer action on the Columba Villas House for the present and to leave Francis Sinnott as the legal tenant.

Application was made by the Electricity Supply Board for the use of one of the houses at Corish Park for the purposes of converting it into an all-electric demonstration house. It was explained that the Board would pay the Corporation a rent for the use of the dwelling and would carry out all necessary alterations and decorations at their own expense, so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that the Board should be facilitated.

A number of tenders for tiles etc. for the houses at Corish Park were submitted but as only two of them were sealed in accordance with the terms of the advertisement it was decided that the remainder should not be examined and the two which complied with the terms of the advertisement, namely, Wexford Timber Co. Limited, and The Cork Tile Co., were initialed by His Worship the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and the County Manager for necessary action.

There was submitted for execution by the Corporation two Mortgage Deeds securing loans proposed to be advance by the Commissioners of Public Works to the Corporation, and the following were unanimously adopted as

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Seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris

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"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 nine thousand, six hundred pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1954."

"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 one thousand, four hundred pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1954."

It was decided that the Town Clerk should prepare a Vesting Order in the case of a derelict site at the end of Monck Street.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Conish.

5th March, 1956.

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 Corish in the Chair.

Aldermen:

John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

James Gaul, Edward Hall, John Howlin and James Morris.

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Frank Cullimore, John O'Flaherty and James Sinnott attended at later stages of the Meeting and the particular stage at which they attended is indicated herounder.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Morris the minutes of Meetings of the 6th, 14th, 20th and 28th ultimo, 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.

DEBT DUE BY TOSTAL COMMITTEE.

The first business was consideration of a resolution, of which notice of intention to move had been given by Aldermen Corish, Morris and Cullimore on the 21st February last and copies of which had been furnished to each Member of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. The resolution was as follows:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Corporation require the Wexford County Manager as Manager for the said Wexford Corporation, to write off from the Accounts of the Corporation the sum of nine pounds (£9) due by the Local Committee of An Tostal in respect of three dances held in the Town Hall; and to quash all Legal Proceedings already instituted for the collection of this sum."

Alderman Morris moved the adoption of this resolution which was seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Before the resolution was put to the meeting the Town Clerk warned the seven members present that they were taking entire responsibility for this debt if they voted in favour of the adoption of the resolution as if the Local Government Auditor held that this debt should not have been wiped out he would charged those voting in favour of the resolution jointly and severally with the amount as well as the costs involved to date in attempts to collect it.

The seven Members present when this resolution was being put to the Meeting were Aldermen Corish, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris, Councillors Gaul, Hall, Howlin and James Morris.

On the motion being then put to the Meeting it was unanimously adopted by the foregoing seven Members.

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At this stage of the Meeting Councillor John O'Flaherty attended.

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SYMPATHY.

Before the remainder of the business was proceeded with His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Widow and family of the late William Davin, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager (who was inadvertently absent) and on his own behalf, and adopted in respectful silence.

RELIEF SAILING - ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD

A letter was read from British Railways on the subject of the Rosslare-Fishguard Boat Service intimating that arrangements had been made to re-introduce daily sailing to and from Fishguard and Rosslare from the 26th June until September inclusive and that a relief sailing would operate from Fishguard on 21st and 27th July and 4th and 11th August.

STOPPING BOAT TRAIN AT WEXFORD SOUTH STATION.

Arising out of this letter a complaint was again made regarding the failure of the morning boat train from Rosslare Harbour and the evening boat train from Dublin to stop at Wexford South Station. It was pointed out that having regard to the building operations of the Corporation, which were all centred in the South end of the Town, considerable movement of population to that section had resulted and the Corporation felt it was essential for the convenience of the travelling public that these trains stop at Wexford South Station. It was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should take this matter up with C.I.E.

WEXFORD FIRE BRIGADE.

A letter was read from the Minister for Lands expressing his appreciation of the prompt manner in which the Wexford Fire Brigade had attended a fire on the 9th ultimo at the Mountain of Forth which had prevented its spread to the State Plantations there.

PROVISION OF BATHS - WEXFORD FIRE BRIGADE.

Arising out of this letter Councillor Howlin referred to the lack of baths for the use of firemen after attending fires and intimated that he would raise this matter at the next Statutory Meeting.

OPENING OF CINEMAS ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT.

With reference to the minutes of the last meeting when the question of the opening of the Local Cinemas on Sunday nights during Lent in contravention of the terms of their licences, letters were read from the Theatre and Cinema Association on behalf of the Cinema Palace and from Amalgamated Entertainments Limited on behalf of the Abbey Cinema intimating that this question had been examined on various occasions in the past and it seemed quite clear that Local Authorities had no power to enforce such a condition. No further action was taken on the matter.

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EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY.

On the Motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the question of the extension of the Borough Boundary should be expedited as much as possible.

ATTENDANCE.

At this stage Alderman Byrne, Councillors Cullimore and Sinnott attended.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY MEMORIAL.

Letters from the Commissioners of Public Works and the Minister for External Affairs on the subject of the Commodore John Barry Memorial were referred to the Memorial Committee which consisted of the Members of the Corporation and representatives of other interested Bodies of the Town.

SALARY INCREASES.

A recommendation was submitted by the Wexford County Manager that the Officials of the Corporation be granted a cost of living bonus of 10% on the first £300 and $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the balance of their gross salaries as from the 1st November, 1955.

His Worship the Mayor moved the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Howlin. Councillor Hall objected to higher paid Officials being granted this bonus as did Councillor Cullimore. Alderman Morris proposed an amendment that the Corporation Officials be treated as the County Council had treated their Officials this day -namely - that they be granted 10% on the first £300 and $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the balance with a total maximum of £45. Councillor Cullimore seconded this amendment.

Councillor Hall moved a further amendment that an all around increased of £40 be granted, but this proposition was not seconded.

After some discussion a poll was taken on the amendment proposed by Alderman Morris when there voted:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Alderman Morris, Councillors Cullimore and Hall.....3

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Aldermen Byrne and Cullimore,
Councillors Gaul, Howlin, James Morris, John O'Flaherty, Sinnott and
the Mayor.....8

The amendment was accordingly declared lost and the original motion proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the recommendation of the County Manager be adopted was declared carried by eight votes for the three against.

MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Gaul be appointed to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., as the representative of the Corporation.

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PRESENTATION OF MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE.

At this stage His Worship the Mayor on behalf of Comhairle na Mire Gaile presented a bronze-medal and certificate for bravery to Master Patrick Lett of 7 Batt Street, Wexford.

The following citation was read by His Worship the Mayor:-

"At about 5 p.m. on the 24th August, 1955, two boys, one aged ten years, and his brother, nine years, were playing on a raft at Batt Street Safe, Wexford. The raft drifted into deep water and both boys fell off into the sea. The water is 14 feet deep at the place.

Patrick Lett was digging bait on the strand some 100 yards away when he saw the two boys struggling in the water. He ran towards the spot and plunged into the sea without divesting himself of his clothing. He swam out and caught the nine-year-old boy who was in the act of sinking and swam with him to the shore. The boy was in a semi-conscious condition when brought ashore. Patrick handed him over to another youth and returned to the spot in an attempt to rescue the second boy. Before he reached the place the boy had gone under the water and he was unable to locate him!"

After reading the citation His Worship pinned the medal on the boy and presented him with the certificate. He also warmly congratulated him on his bravery. All the other Members present congratulated Master Lett and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Manager and on his own behalf offered congratulations.

In this connection Councillor James Morris and other Members appealed to Master Lett and other youths of the town to attend the Water Safety Week organized by the Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society at which they would receive up-to-date instruction in the art of life saving.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956.

A letter was read from the Catholic Young Men's Society requesting the Corporation to adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, which came into operation on the 1st instant. The Town Clerk intimated that at least one month's notice should be given to each Member and published in the Local Press of intention to adopt this Part of the Act and it would not be possible to consider its adoption until the May meeting of the Corporation.

It was thereupon moved by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, and agreed, that notice of the intention of the Corporation to adopt Part III should be given to each Member and published in the Local Press in accordance with the Statute.

PURCHASE OF REFUSE COLLECTOR AND CHARGER

A recommendation from the Borough Surveyor that a new refuse collector and charger be purchased at an approximate cost of £1800 was agreed to on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK - GRANT.

A letter was read from the Mayor on behalf of the Redmond Memorial Park Committee intimating that in view of the benefits the Redmond Park afforded the public the Committee felt a responsibility to

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continue the administration of the Trust and requested the Corporation to allow a yearly grant towards its upkeep. After some discussion it was agreed to refer this to the Estimates Committee and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to obtain from the Park Committee a statement of income and expenditure over the past year.

REDIVISION OF WEXFORD DISPENSARY DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Council regarding the reorganization of the Wexford Dispensary Districts which had been adjourned from the November Meeting of the Corporation and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris the following Committee was appointed to examine this question and make any suggestion they considered desirable for the alteration of these Districts - namely -

Aldermen Morris, Byrne and Cullimore with Councillors O'Flaherty and Sinnott and the Mayor;

the Committee to meet on Monday the 12th instant at 8.45 p.m.

RAILINGS AND GATES AT MARIAN ROW HOUSES.

The next business was to decide the question of the provision of railings and gates for the Marian Row Houses. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government intimating that no objection would be raised to the proposal but that a separate Treasurer's Loan should be raised to cover the cost and that further subsidy would not be payable. The Town Clerk further intimated that the average increase in rent to cover the cost of this further amenity would be 1/8d per week on the basis of a ten year loan.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore that the work approved of by the Minister should be carried out forthwith but that no additional charge be made on the tenants.

As regards the financing of the work it was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore that a loan of £330 be raised from the Treasurer for a period of ten years at the usual rate of interest to enable railings, gates, etc. to be provided for the ten houses at Marian Row as approved by the Minister for Local Government under date of the 6th December last by letter No. N.85/2/12.

LAMP AT JUNCTION OF ROWE STREET AND MAIN ST.

A letter from the Electricity Supply Board regarding the cost of converting a light at the junction of Rowe Street and Main Street from a "mid-night" to an "all-night" light was referred to the Estimates Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF BOILERMAN AT NEW CLINIC.

Councillor Howlin referred to a discussion at the last meeting when reference had been made to remarks passed at a previous meeting which it was alleged had reflected on the Chief Medical Officer and her Assistant regarding the appointment of a Caretaker for the new Clinic.

Councillor Howlin now intimated that he had not mentioned any official in his remarks when this matter was originally discussed. He had merely attacked the system whereby it was stated that every effort should be made to rehabilitate the patients and had pointed out that when such opportunity had offered itself to rehabilitate one of these patients it had not been availed of. He

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(Councillor Howlin) now said that he had no apologies to make for any statement he made and reiterated every remark he had passed on this matter at a previous meeting.

Councillor Hall stated he now understood that neither the Chief Medical Officer nor her Assistant had any power or had anything to do with the appointment of the Caretaker.

MINERAL STALL AT TOWN HALL

Councillor Hall raised the question of the advertisement which appeared in the Local Papers inviting offers for the concession of using the Mineral Stall at the Town Hall. He pointed out that this was a source of revenue to persons using the Hall and if it was not available to them there would be a falling off in the number of dances at it was very difficult at the present time to make dancing pay.

Alderman Morris stated he understood that one club who had booked the Hall for a weeks dancing had cancelled it in view of the fact that they could not avail of the Mineral Stall and he now proposed that the County Manager be recommended not to open tenders received for this concession but that the use of the Mineral Stall be permitted for use by persons who had booked the Hall for dancing.

Alderman Morris also referred to the alterations to the Town Hall and after some discussion it was agreed that the sub-Committee consisting of Aldermen Morris and Byrne and Councillor Hall should meet the Borough Surveyor there at 3.30 p.m. on the 8th instant.

MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE 1955/56.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of the Mayor be fixed at £130 for the half-year ended on the 31st December, 1955 and at £75 for the half-year ending on the 31st June, 1956.

ERECTION OF CALVARY - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

Reference was made to the erection of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that on ascertaining the expenditure on the erection of the Calvary had considerably exceeded the estimate, he had, with the approval of the County Manager, suspended work there until an explanation and analysis of the cost had been received from the Borough Surveyor and suggested that this matter be deferred to a further meeting when this information would be available.

CIRCULATION OF COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS TO CORPORATION MEMBERS.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked if the County Manager had made any decision on the suggestion made by him that copies of the County Manager's Orders be circulated to the Members. The Town Clerk replied that no decision had yet been made but something would be done by the next meeting.

PURCHASE OF HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET.

The next business was a motion by Councillor Hall "that the resolution of 2nd November 1953, deciding not to purchase further houses for repair be rescinded, and if this resolution is carried Councillor Hall will further move that the Corporation agree to purchase a house at Thomas Street from Miss Bridget Nolan, Carrigeon Street".

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Councillor Hall moved the first part of the above to rescind the resolution of the 2nd November, 1953 not to purchase further houses for repair. Alderman Byrne seconded.

While most of the Members were in favour of purchasing the house mentioned in the second part of the motion they were loath to rescind the resolution of November 1953 as they felt that it would lead to a spate of applications for purchase of further houses.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the second part of Councillor Hall's motion could not be entertained unless the motion to rescind the previous resolution was carried.

A lengthy discussion took place on this proposal but eventually on a show of hands the motion was passed by nine votes for to one against.

Councillor Hall thereupon moved that the house be purchased from Miss Nolan for the sum of £400 plus £50 for repairs and mortgage costs. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Hall then moved that the Corporation request the approval of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of ~~£450~~ over a period of twenty years to finance the purchase and repair of the house at Thomas Street. *It was seconded by Ald. Byrne and adopted.*

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that a house was vacant in the front row at Bishopswater and on the priority list dated the 28th September and 28th November last James Power of Davitt Road North was stated to be residing in overcrowded conditions. He had a family of two and was residing in a four roomed bungalow with his in-laws whose family consisted of three males - 19, 24 and 56 and two females - 22 and 56. His income was ample to allow him to pay the rent of this house and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to grant him the tenancy.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the allocation of a house to Patrick O'Brien and it was pointed out that at the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that O'Brien's income would not permit him to pay the rent of the vacant house at the Faythe as well as clear off arrears in respect of a former tenancy so it was then decided to recommend him for the tenancy of a cheap house which was expected to become vacant at Whitemill in the near future and the Town Clerk assured the Meeting that O'Brien would be granted the tenancy of this dwelling.

It was also agreed that Mrs. Byrne, formerly of Abbey Street, should be recommended for the tenancy of a house to become vacant at Corish Park on the transfer of a family named Cullen to another dwelling in that area and it was intimated that Mrs. Byrne had stated to several Members of the Corporation that she was able and willing to pay the rent of the Corish Park house.

Reference was made to the lack of facilities for lighting and cooking in the house recently granted to Browne at 81 Wolfe Tone Villas and the Town Clerk assured the Meeting that instructions had been given for gas to be provided there.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked that the reports of the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Medical Officer on the house at Hill St. formerly occupied by Seamus Stafford, be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Nicholas P. Corish

19th March, 1956.

The Members of the Corporation acting as an Estimates Committee met this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor Alderman Nicholas P. Corish in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne and John Cullimore.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and James Sinnott.

A copy of the County Manager's Estimates for the year 1956/57 had been furnished to the Members prior to the meeting together with details of how the estimates proper were arrived at.

The estimates were examined in detail each item being scrutinised with meticulous care, and the following reductions suggested:-

Road Maintenance	-	£150;
Tree Planting	-	20;
Parking Signs	-	50;
Bathing Place	-	150;

A lengthy discussion took place on the cost of repairing Artizans Dwellings.

The amount allowed in the current year's estimate for this service was £2,500 and the amount included by the Manager for the ensuing year £3,000.

Various proposals regarding this sum were mentioned. Alderman Byrne proposed that the sum of £2,500 be allowed, Councillor Sinnott seconded.

Alderman Morris, however, proposed that £2,000 be allowed and Councillor Cullimore seconded.

The Mayor proposed that the County Manager's estimate of £3,000 be allowed to stand but this proposition was not seconded.

On a show of hands being taken as between £2,000 or £2,500, five Members voted for each of the two sums and the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the proposition of Alderman Byrne to allow £2,500, but it was pointed out that this was only a Committee decision which could be altered by the Estimates Meeting proper.

The question regarding the selection of a tenant for a vacant house at Devereux Villas was mentioned but his Worship the Mayor ruled that it could not be discussed at this meeting as it was a special meeting for a special purpose.

The Meeting then adjourned until the 21st instant for a further examination of the estimates by the Members.

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Mayor of Wexford

21st March, 1956.

A Meeting of the Members of the Corporation acting as an Estimates Committee, which was adjourned from the 19th instant, 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 Corish, in the Chair;

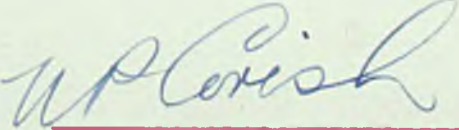
Aldermen: Byrne and Morris;

Councillors: Flusk, Hall, O'Flaherty and Cullimore.

At the outset Alderman Byrne raised the question of a ruling by the Mayor on the 19th instant regarding the letting of a house but His Worship again ruled that the matter was out of order and informed Alderman Byrne that he could raise the matter at the next Statutory meeting if he so desired.

The Estimates were again considered and the Members had before them the details of the County Council Demand which showed an increase of £4,771 or the equivalent of approximately 3/1d. in the pound. Several matters regarding the treatment of Dispensary Patients etc. were mentioned in connection with this demand and the Members who raised them intimated their intention of ventilating them at the next Public Meeting.

Again the Members examined the Estimates but could see no hope of reducing further the figures and decided to adjourn until 7.30 p.m. on the 26th instant and to hold the Estimates Meeting proper at 8.30 p.m. on the same day.


Mayor of Wexford.

26th March, 1956.

An adjourned meeting of the Members of the Corporation, acting as an Estimates 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 Corish in the Chair;
Aldermen: Byrne, Cullimore and Morris;
Councillors: Flusk, Howlin, O'Flaherty, Morris, Cullimore,
and Hall.

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

The meeting once again took up the question of the estimates and arising out of the estimated receipts from the Town Hall the question was raised regarding the allocation of the Hall for the 16th September to a man named O'Leary and it was pointed out that as the Hall was vacant when this man applied there was no option but to grant it to him although some Members held that the provisional allocation granted should have been cancelled when it was ascertained that this day had been fixed for the Commodore John Barry Memorial Unveiling.

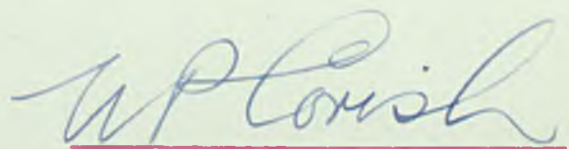
The question was also raised regarding the repairs to the Town Hall and one tender received by the Borough Surveyor for electrical fittings was submitted in the sum of £22.10.0d., and the County Manager recommended to accept it.

As regards the estimates Councillor Flusk proposed that the sum allocated for the maintenance of houses be reduced to £2,000 and Councillor Cullimore seconded, and that only external repairs and essential internal repairs be carried out in the coming year. This proposal was adopted by six votes for to five against.

On the question of the Estimated Debit Balance of £6,000 it was agreed that some amount should be included to reduce same and £500 was included for the purpose.

The Members were unanimous that the rate for the ensuing year should not exceed 40/- in the pound, which meant that the net sum as estimated to be raised by rates had been reduced by £1,725. To arrive at this figure the following reductions (in addition to those aggregating £870 suggested on the 19th instant) were now made:- Maintenance of Sewers £50; Public Conveniences £50; Superannuation (Nurse Daly) £45; Repairs to Artizan's Dwellings (as decided at this meeting) a further £500 (reducing the estimate for repairs to £2,000); maintenance of Corporate Property £50 and contingencies (General Purposes) £50, making the gross total expenditure deductions £1,615. As well addition of £110 were made to the Estimated Receipts.

It was thereupon agreed to recommend the Estimates Committee to agree on a rate of 40/- in the pound for 1956/57.



Mayor of Wexford.

The Annual Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Byrne, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:

Flusk, Howlin, O'Flaherty, Morris, Cullimore and Hall.

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

A recommendation from the Corporation, acting as an Estimates Committee, was submitted that a rate of 40/- in the pound be agreed on for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1957. Thereupon the following resolutions were agreed to:-

1. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris, that Table A providing for an expenditure of £113,835 be adopted.
2. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, that Table B estimated receipts of £57,215 be adopted.
3. On the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Hall, that Table C providing for a sum of £57,120 (including £500 as part reduction of estimated debit balances) to be raised by rates be adopted and that a Municipal Rate of 40/- in the pound for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1957 be agreed on.

Councillor Howlin, who regretted he could not be present at the two previous meetings, congratulated his colleagues on the work they had done in connection with the estimates and congratulated the County Manager and Town Clerk on their preparation.

Alderman Byrne also congratulated the Officials on the preparation of the Estimates as did the other Members present.

Most of the Members, however, laid stress on the need for strict economy during the ensuing financial year and referred to over expenditure which had taken place on different schemes in the past.


The Mayor also congratulated the County Manager, Town Clerk and other Officials on preparation of the Estimates; he congratulated the Rate and Rent Collectors and in conclusion wished a speedy recovery to their two colleagues Councillors Sinnott and Gaul who were absent through illness.

The County Manager returned thanks for the congratulations of the Members.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account not exceeding £40,000 and on the Capital Account not exceeding £100,000 be authorised for the quarter ending 30th June, next.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Mayor of Wexford

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

Municipal Buildings,

WEXFORD.

March, 1956.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses
of the Borough of Wexford.

A Chairde,

As the Members of the Borough Council have decided not to exercise their right under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to appoint an Estimates Committee to prepare the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, such Estimates have been prepared by me for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1957. A copy of these Estimates, together with details of how the various sums set out under the Statutory Headings are arrived at, has already been furnished to you and I now wish to report on the Estimates which will come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 26th instant.

The rate of 35/10d. levied for the current financial year was made up as follows:-

	Amount £.	Rate in the £. s. d.	
For Services directly administered by the Council	26,948	19	2.30
For services rendered by precepting Authorities:-			
(a) Wexford County Council	20,323	14	5.70
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,040	1	5.45
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000		8.55
	<hr/> 50,311	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 10.00

The Estimates as originally prepared for the ensuing year called for a net sum of £58,548 to be raised by a rate of 41/-d. in the pound. In addition there is an estimated debit balance of approximately £6,000 and to clear this will require a further rate of 51.28 pence.

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You have, however, made reductions in the estimated expenditure as follows:-

Roads	-	£220.
Bathing Place	-	150.
Housing Repairs	-	<u>500.</u>
		£870.

This reduces the net rate estimate to £57,678, which, apart from the debit balance, requires a poundage of 40/4.7.

The Estimates now presented for your consideration are based on the revised figures and the broad division is as follows:-

	Amount £.	Rate in the £. s. d.	
For Services directly administered by the Council.	29,453	20	7.50
For Services rendered by precepting Authorities:-			
(a) Wexford County Council	25,094	17	6.90
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,131	1	5.90
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000	--	8.40
	<u>57,678</u>	40	<u>4.70</u>

As you are aware, the demands of the three precepting Authorities are Statutory and may not be altered by the Council.

The demand of the Wexford County Council is £4,771 in excess of that for the current year, which if based on the current year's valuation would represent a poundage increase of 3/5d but due to a slight increase in the valuation of the Borough and the consequent increase in the amount produced by a penny in the £. the increase will represent a poundage of 3/1d in the ensuing year.

The following Table shows the headings under which the Demand of the County Council is increased or decreased:-

Head of Estimate	Amount 1955-6 £.	Amount 1956-7 £.	Increase £.	Decrease £.
Roads	3,290	3,546	356	---
Public Assistance	2,447	965	---	1,482
Mental Hospital	4,102	3,931	---	171
Health	8,669	12,378	3,609	---
General Purposes	1,615	4,272	2,657	---
Separate Charges	211	2	---	---
TOTALS -	<u>20,323</u>	<u>25,094</u>	<u>6,424</u>	<u>1,653</u>

From the above Table it will be seen that the principal increases are in respect of Health and General Purposes, and the decrease in respect of Public Assistance. The increase in Health Services, as you are aware, is due to the full operation, in the ensuing year, of the Health Act, 1954, and the increase in General Purposes to a number of County-at-Large charges to which the Corporation must contribute. The reduction in Public Assistance is due to the transfer of all but Home Assistance charges to the Health Services Account.

The net increase of £91 in Vocational Education is due to increased provision for superannuation following the retirement of a teacher.

There is no change in the sum provided for the Department of Social Welfare in respect of Unemployment Assistance.

The following Table shows the sums allowed in the current year under the Statutory Headings; the actual expenditure for March, 1956; and the estimated expenditure for 1956/7.

Head of Estimate	Amount Allowed 1955-56 £	Expenditure to 29-2-1956 £	Estimated Expenditure for March 56 £	Total for 1955-6 £	Estimated Expenditure 1956/57 £
Ordinary Road Works	1,480	1,303	100	1,403	1,503
Special Grant Works	6,000	6,188	500	6,688	5,500
Sanitary Services	16,025	14,469	700	15,169	17,370
Housing Services	37,705	36,724	600	37,324	40,810
General Purposes	41,291	35,722	6,000	41,722	49,400

RATE COLLECTION

The following Table shows the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1955.

Year ended 31st March	Total of Warrant. £	Amount Collected £	Irrecoverable £	Carried Forward £	Percentage of possible Collection
1951	37,930	37,228	359	343	99.10
1952	39,736	38,957	434	345	99.13
1953	42,661	41,701	495	465	98.90
1954	44,546	43,603	441	502	98.87
1955	44,852	43,928	512	412	99.08

It is pleasing to record that the collection continues to average 99 per cent., and the present indications are that the collection for the current year will maintain the present high standard.

RENT COLLECTION.

The Table hereunder shows the Rent Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1955.

Year ended 31st March	For Collection £	Collected £	Irrecoverable £	Arrears £	Percentage of possible Collection
1951	13,813	13,545	2	266	98.00
1952	16,503	16,185	16	302	98.15
1953	21,809	21,292	45	472	97.80
1954	26,179	24,974	213	992	96.20
1955	28,916	28,097	98	721	97.50

While the arrears at 31st March, 1955 show a reduction of £271 as compared with the figure at March, 1954, and the percentage of possible collection increased by 1.30% the position is still regarded as unsatisfactory. At 30th September last the arrears were £670 which is still too high, and if there is not a substantial reduction when the Rent Accounts are closed at 31st instant stronger action will have to be taken to ensure payment.

ESTIMATES FOR 1956/57.

ROADS

The estimate for ordinary road services in the coming year has been reduced by you from £1,723 to £1,503 and this sum will require careful spending if any progress is to be made with the provision of the traffic signs necessary to implement the Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws 1955, without placing a further burden on the rates.

SPECIAL GRANT WORKS.

In the current year works totalling £5,490 were approved under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote and were financed by a State Grant of £4,800 and a local contribution of £690. The approved works consisted of the provision of a Handball Court at Trinity Street; the resurfacing in concrete of Davitt Road North and South; and the re-laying of some small footpaths. Provision has been made in this estimate for a State Grant of £4,800 together with a local contribution of £700 in respect of the coming year. As regards the works to be carried out, it would be well if the members, either collectively or individually, submitted suggestions as early as possible so that they may be examined with a view to having ready works containing the highest possible labour content for submission to the Central Government.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The original estimate under this head was £17,520 as against £16,025 in the current year - an increase of £1,495. The Corporation have, however, already decided to delete the provision of £150 in respect of the Bathing Place which is to be closed, reducing the increase to £1,345. Ample bathing facilities are available at Ferrybank where the County Council will employ a lifeguard during the bathing season.

The causes of the increase are:-

Burial Grounds £130 due to increased wages and the provision of a Calvary;

Domestic Scavenging £100 by increased wages and provision of a new Scavenging Lorry;
Public Scavenging £150 due to increased wages.
Waterworks £81.

The Waterworks estimate for the coming year would have shown a reduction were it not for the cost of pumping water from Edenvale to Coolree. In the current year the electricity charges for pumping amounted to £1,002 and were it not for savings on other portions of the estimate the account would have shown a large debit balance. However, the maintenance of a reasonably good water supply is an absolutely essential service but every effort will be made in the coming year, consistent with maintaining the supply, to make full use of the hydraulic pumps with a view to reducing the electricity charges. Under the head of Miscellaneous Sanitary Services loan charges for the provision of sewers are up by £230; loan charges and maintenance of Public Conveniences by £550; Public Lighting by £200 and Contingencies £44.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

The provision of working class dwellings continues to be the largest service administered by the Corporation. The estimate for the ensuing year amounts to £40,710 as against £37,195 in the current year, an increase of £3,515. This increase is made up of Loan Charges £2,340; Maintenance £500; Insurance £75; Collection £100; and County Rates £500. The Corporation have already reduced the sum for maintenance by £500 and the sum included for County Rates is credited on the receipts side in the rents.

The provision of further dwellings is being expedited as much as possible. According to the Survey of Housing needs carried out in 1944/45, 535 houses were then considered unfit and 696 houses needed to rehouse the families residing therein; while 176 houses were required to deal with

overcrowding and unsatisfied demands; making the total estimated needs 872.

Since then the following dwellings have been constructed:-

St. Aidan's Crescent-----	88	
Distillery Road-----	7	
Waterloo Road-----	22	
Bishopswater-----	128	
Hill Street/Monument Place-	10	
Thomas Street-----	10	
Spafield Avenue-----	6	
Corish Park-----	72	343
In course of construction		<u>60</u>

Total erected and in course of erection 403

This leaves 469 houses still to be provided to satisfy the needs disclosed by the Survey.

During the year inquiries have been held into the question of confirming Compulsory Purchase Orders made in respect of the Acquisition of property at Faythe, Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street. It was intimated last year that the 1953 Faythe Compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed and that negotiations were being opened for the acquisition of further property there. Having regard to title difficulties, however, it was considered more expeditious to make a Compulsory Order and this has now been confirmed. A Lay-Out, Plans, Specifications and estimate for the erection of 54-Houses at the Faythe are now before the Local Government Department and early sanction is anticipated when work will commence with as little delay as possible. The Batt's Street Inquiry was adjourned to ascertain if arrangements could be made with one objector for an amicable settlement, and I am happy to report that this matter has been satisfactorily arranged at this end. The Corporation's proposals are now with the Minister for Local Government for approval, and an early decision on the question of confirming the outstanding four Orders is hoped for.

If the Batt's Street, Fisher's Row and William Street Orders are confirmed it is intended to treat those three areas in conjunction with the Faythe as one unit for building purposes and the four will provide accommodation for 120 houses. The John Street Area, if the Order is confirmed, will have accommodation for 23 houses.

In addition to the areas acquired, and proposed to be acquired, by Compulsory Purchase Order, approximately 21 Acres of land have been purchased at Whitemill North, ~~Whitemill South~~ and Bishopswater for housing purposes. Plans, etc. for the erection at Distillery Road of 18-Bungalows of the Marian

Row type are in course of preparation and will be submitted for the approval of the Minister for Local Government in the very near future.

A Consulting Architect is preparing Lay-Out Plans etc. for the development and erection of houses on the 21 acres contained in the above-mentioned sites. It is estimated that 200/250 dwellings will be provided on these sites.

It is the intention of your officials to have plans etc., for all the above sites prepared and approved with the least possible delay so that there will be no interruption in the erection programme.

During the last year an average of 103 men have been employed on construction work.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The principal increase under this head is in the County Council Demand which has already been dealt with. Estimates for Unemployment Assistance; Tourist Development, and Maintenance of Corporate Property remain the same as the current year. Vocational Education shows an increase which has been explained. The estimated expenditure on the Fire Brigade is up by £650 in respect of Loan Charges for the provision of new Fire Engine and extension of Fire Station. The receipts, however, are up by £150 so that the net increase is £500, leaving the estimated cost of the fire service to the Corporation at £900. For the eleven months to the 29th ultimo £859 was paid as remuneration to firemen and other expenses amounted to £106 - Total £965.

Rents, Rates and Taxes are down by £100 and Salaries are up by £640 due to recent increases and normal increments. All the other items down to and including "rate refunds" remain the same; while loan charges are up by £75 due to underestimation in the Current Year.

The method of dealing with materials, machinery and stores has been altered. Previously only the estimated cost of administration was set out but for the ensuing year the estimated cost of purchasing stores has been provided for with an estimated credit of £2,300 on the receipts side. The new method which will make for more accurate costing and chargeability is expected to effect a saving of £450 which has been taken into account in the preparation of the Estimates.

Superannuation allowances are up by £120 due to a further retirement, while contingencies remain the same.

R E C E I P T S.

ROADS.

The estimated receipt of £4,800 in respect of special grant works provides for a Corporation contribution of £700, and the Estate Duty Grant remains the same at £90.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Water Rents are up by £200; Scavenging Main Roads £25; Burial Grounds £200; Public Conveniences £30; and State Contributions to Sewerage Schemes £300.

HOUSING.

Rents are increased by £250. This may seem small but in the current year a much greater sum was estimated to be received from the Corish Park houses than was realised. State Grants are up by £1,000. The increases in County Rates and Small Dwellings do not affect the position as there are corresponding increases in expenditure.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Contributions to Vocational Education are increased by £85 and Government Rates by £75 while the School Meals and Cheap Fuel Grants remain the same. The County Contribution towards the cost of the Fire Brigade is increased by £250 and fees refund is the same as for the current year. The rents from the Town Hall are reduced by £100 and the estimated receipt of £2,300 from Materials Expenses has already been explained.

GENERAL.

The level at which the adverse balance at the close of each financial year continues as a matter of considerable concern and imposes a very heavy annual burden to meet Bank interest charges. The Corporation is recommended to pursue a policy which would result in the gradual elimination of this balance over a period of years and thus ensure that the rate levied for Bank Interest is utilised for more useful purposes.

The Corporation have examined each item of the estimates minutely and it must be apparent to each member that further reductions can only be effected by impairing essential services.

It is necessary at this stage to advise the Corporation that before considering any additional works which will involve a further rate burden, due consideration should be given to the financial position.

Application will be made in the immediate future to the County Council for permission to extend the Borough Boundary so as to include the dwellings erected and in course of erection in the rural district within the administrative area of the Corporation.

In conclusion I should like to record my appreciation of the assistance given by the Town Clerk; Borough Surveyor and Accounting Officer in preparation of the Estimates, as well as the members of the Corporation for their help and co-operation in the administration of the affairs of the Borough.

Mise, le meas,

T. F. BROE,

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Wexford

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1957.

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	1723	.	1505	.
	Special Grant Works	5500	.	5500	.
	TOTAL ...	7223	.	7005	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	17,515	.	17,220	.
	TOTAL ...	17,515	.	17,220	.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	40,710	.	39,710	.
	Local Assistance Schemes	-	-	-	-
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	600	.	600	.
	TOTAL ...	41,310	.	40,310	.
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	3546	.	3546	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	965	.	965	.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3931	.	3931	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	12,378	.	12,378	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	4,272	.	4,272	.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	2	.	2	.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1000	.	1000	.
	Public Libraries ... ..	.	.	.	.
	Tourist Development	20	.	20	.
Other Urban Purposes	Town and Regional Planning ... ..	.	.	.	.
	Vocational Education	2826	.	2826	.
	Other Purposes	17960	.	17,860	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	2500	.	2500	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance) ... ..	.	.	.	.
	TOTAL ...	49,400	.	49,300	.
Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note)					

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

Service (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
URBAN ROADS	State Grants (to be specified)				
	<i>Estate Duty</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Employment Schemes</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts				
	TOTAL ...	<i>4,890</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,890</i>	<i>.</i>
SANITARY	State Grants (to be specified)				
	<i>Loan Charges Sewerage Schemes</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>2,780</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>2,830</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>3,280</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>3,330</i>	<i>.</i>
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes				
	Rents	<i>23,250</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>23,250</i>	<i>.</i>
	State Grants	<i>12,340</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>12,340</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>2,500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>.</i>
	Local Assistance Schemes	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>.</i>
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	<i>600</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>38,690</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>38,690</i>	<i>.</i>
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	State Grants (to be specified) <i>Sheep Fuel Schemes</i> ...	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Bounty in lieu of Rates</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Education (Provision of Meals) Acts</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Vocational Education</i>	<i>695</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>695</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>1625</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>1685</i>	<i>.</i>
	Materials Expense (Balance)	<i>2,500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>.</i>
	Machinery Expense (Balance)	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>10,245</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>10,305</i>	<i>.</i>

TABLE C.—CALCULATIONS OF RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Service (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A) (2)	Estimated Receipts (Table B) (3)	Net Estimated Expenditure (4)	CALCULATIONS OF SUM TO BE RAISED			Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the Area (£.28.56.9...) (8) Pence
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS	7005	4890	2115			2115	14.77
SANITARY	17220	3330	13890			13890	116.72
HOUSING	40,310	38690	1620			1620	13.61
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS	3546		3546			3546	29.80
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	965		965			965	8.11
MENTAL HOSPITAL	3931		3931			3931	33.04
HEALTH (County)	12378		12378			12378	104.02
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	4272		4272			4272	35.90
SEPARATE CHARGES	2		2			2	.02
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1000		1000			1000	8.40
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	23206	10305	12901		500	13401	112.61
TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...							480.00

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at ~~(an adjournment of)~~ the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 26th day of March 1956, the Council did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in Column (8) of Table C. to be the rates in 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, 1957.

Dated this 26th day of March 1956.

Signed Nicholas P. Corish Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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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 1955/6 and 1956/57.

EXPENDITURE.

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1955/56 £.	Service	Estimate For 1956/57. £.
<u>URBAN ROADS.</u>			
1.	500.	Ordinary Road Works	650.
2.	610.	Salaries	655.
3.	20.	Tree Planting	20.
4.	50.	Parking etc. signs	100.
5.	200.	Loan charges	200.
6.	100.	Contingencies	100.
7.	6,000.	Special Grant Works	5,500.
<u>SANITARY SERVICES.</u>			
8.	1,180.	Burial Grounds	1,305.
9.	1,600.	Domestic Scavenging	1,700.
10.	2,525.	Public Scavenging	2,675.
11.	6,704.	Waterworks	6,785.
12.	950.	Sewers - Loan Charges.	1,200.
13.	350.	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
14.	100.	Food and Drugs Acts	100.
15.	300.	Salaries	300.
16.	150.	Bathing place	150.
17.	200.	Public Convenience - Loans Charges	350.
18.	300.	Public Convenience - Wages	700.
19.	1,500.	Public Lighting	1,700.
20.	100.	Superannuation	100.
21.	100.	Contingencies	100.
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>			
22.	31,055.	Loan Charges.	33,395.
23.	2,440.	Rents, rates, Taxes & Insce. (including Co. Council rates on houses)	3,015.
24.	2,500.	Maintenance of Houses	3,000.

*Allowed
By
Council
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Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1955/56 £.	Service	Estimate For 1956/57. £.	Allowed By Council
25.	1,200.	Collectors' Commission	1,300.	1300
26.	510.	Loan Charges-Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	600.	600
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.</u>				
27.	20,323.	County Council Demand	25,094.	25094
28.	1,000.	Unemployment Assistance	1,000.	1000
29.	20.	Tourist Development	20.	20
30.	300.	Maintenance of Corporate property.	300.	250
31.	2,650.	Vocational Education	2,826.	2826
32.	900.	Fire Brigade	1,550.	1550
33.	905.	Rents,Rates,Taxes & Insce.	805.	805
34.	6,000.	Salaries	6,640.	6640
35.	450.	Printing, Stationery & Advertising	450.	450
36.	260.	Telephone, Office requisites, Postage, Stamping Rate Receipts and Paying Orders.	260.	260
37.	100.	Fuel and light	100.	100
38.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.	4500
39.	200.	Legal & Audit Expenses	200.	200
40.	1,000.	Overdraft Interest	1,000.	1000
41.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.	30
42.	20.	Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant	20.	20
43.	60.	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands.	60.	60
44.	500.	School Meals	500.	500
45.	150.	Rate Refunds	150.	150
46.	500.	Loan Charges	575.	575
47.	650.	Materials, machinery and stores	2,500.*	2500
48.	600.	Superannuation allowances	720.	720
49.	100.	Contingencies	100.	50
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1956/57			115,450.	113835

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Item No.	Adopted 1955/6. £.	Particulars	Estimate 1956/7 £.	<i>adopted by Council £</i>
<u>ROADS.</u>				
1.	5,300.	Special Grant Works	4,800.	4,800
2.	90.	Estate Duty Grant	90.	90
<u>SANITARY SERVICES.</u>				
3.	1,500.	Water Rents	1,700.	1,750
4.	305.	Scavenging Main Roads	330.	330
5.	400.	Burial Ground Fees	600.	600
6.	120.	Public Convenience	150.	150
7.	200.	Sewerage Schemes (State Contributions)	500.	500
<u>HOUSING</u>				
8.	23,000.	Rents	23,250.	23,250
9.	11,340.	State Grants	12,340.	12,340
10.	2,000.	County Council Rates Collectible	2,500.	2,500
11.	500.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	600.	600
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.</u>				
12.	610.	Vocational Education	695.	695
13.	400.	Fire Brigade	650.	650
14.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.	4,500
15.	75.	Refund of Fees.	75.	75
16.	600.	Government Rates	675.	675
17.	1,000.	Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market.	900.	900
18.	250.	School Meals	250.	250
20	---	<i>Miscellaneous Receipts</i>		60
19.	---	Materials Expenses	2,500.	2,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			57,105.	57,215

SUMMARY.

Estimated Expenditure 1956/7.....£115,450.

Estimated Receipts 1956/7..... 57,215.

Estimated amount to be raised by rates.....£58,345.

Which will require a rate of 4/10 in the £.

In addition to the foregoing there is an estimated Debit Balance on the accounts of approximately £10,000.

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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, 1957.

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	Purpose of Expenditure (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council (4)
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	£ 1,723.	1505
	Special Grant Works	5,500.	5500
TOTAL		7,223.	7005
Sanitary	Sanitary	17,515.	17220
TOTAL		17,515.	17220
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes.	40,710.	39,710
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	600.	600
TOTAL		41,310.	40,310
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	3,546.	3546
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	965.	965
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	3,931.	3931
Health (County)	Health (County)	12,378.	12378
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	4,272.	4272
Separate charges	Separate charges	2.	2
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1,000.	1000
Other Urban Purposes:			
	Tourist Development	20.	20
	Vocational Education	2,826.	2826
	Other Purposes	17,960.	17860
	Materials, machinery & Stores	2,500.	2500
TOTAL		49,400.	49300

9th April, 1956.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, 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.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved the following resolutions of sympathy - with the Town Clerk and Mrs. Byrne on the death of her father; with Mr Thomas Cullimore, Storekeeper, on the death of his mother and Mr. John Kehoe, employee of the Corporation, on the death of his uncle. Alderman Byrne seconded the proposals of the Mayor which were supported by all the Members present and by the County Manager.

Alderman Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Alderman Byrne, T.D., Dublin. This was seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne, supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

On behalf of Mrs. Byrne and himself the Town Clerk returned thanks to the Members for their expression of sympathy.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the Vatican Secretary of State and the Widow and family of the late William Davin.

STOPPING BOAT TRAIN AT SOUTH STATION

A question was raised regarding the resolution passed at last meeting requesting Coras Iompair Eireann to stop the Rosslare/Dublin and Dublin/Rosslare morning and night trains at Wexford South Station. The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a communication from the Chairman of Coras Iompair Eireann to the effect that he had referred the matter to the Traffic Manager and the Town Clerk was instructed to take the matter up again with the Manager.

DATE OF NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING

The first business was to fix the day and hour of a Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1956, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was agreed to hold this Meeting on Monday, June 25th, 1956, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

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9th April, 1956.

PROVISION OF BATHS FOR FIREMENS' HOUSES

A motion moved by Councillor Howlin and seconded by the Mayor, that baths be provided for the Firemens' houses was adjourned to enable the Chief Fire Officer to submit an estimate of the costs.

RE-ORGANISATION OF WEXFORD DISPENSARY DISTRICTS

With reference to the minutes of the last meeting when a Committee was appointed to examine and report on the request of the Wexford County Council for recommendations regarding proposed alteration of the Wexford Dispensary Districts, the Committee recommended that the existing division of the two Districts be maintained through Harpur's Lane, St. Peter's Square and Grogan's Road to the junction with Summerhill Road and Waterloo Road. From this junction the division was to continue at the rear of the houses on the east side of Talbot Street to the junction with Green Street and thence through the centre of the old Duncannon (or Whitemill) Road. The entire of Talbot Street with the area to the north side of the Duncannon Road line to be included in the Northern Dispensary District.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL DISPENSARY DOCTOR

Arising out of the above report Alderman Morris questioned if two Doctors were sufficient to attend to all the dispensary patients and it was decided that this was a matter for the County Council who should be requested to give consideration to the appointment of a third Doctor when the re-organisation of the Dispensary Districts was being considered by them.

WORK CARRIED OUT BY FORMER HEALTH VISITOR

Alderman Morris also referred to the work which was carried out by the former Health Visitor - Nurse Daly - in attending to the needs of expectant and nursing mothers as well as attending to minor injuries which would not need the attention of a Doctor. The Members felt that the work carried out by Nurse Daly up to her retirement had not been continued and instructed the Town Clerk to ask the County Secretary to investigate this complaint.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Councillor Howlin and other Members referred to the administration of the Free Milk Scheme and stated that a number of people had been deprived of the supply of milk as from the 1st instant. The County Manager, however, explained that the old block grant for the provision of milk to children under five years of age had been abolished by the Health Act, 1953, and stated that it was now open to the County Council to provide a scheme for the provision of milk for expectant and nursing mothers and other persons not in a position to provide milk for themselves.

When this new scheme came into force last year it was found that the money available was not sufficient to deal with all applicants for free milk and it was decided to confine this scheme to expectant and nursing mothers and children of persons in receipt of Home Assistance and Social Welfare Benefits.

It was agreed that the County Council should be recommended to increase the allocation for free milk and that the Members should bring any case of hardship coming under their notice to the attention of the County Council Officials for consideration.

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ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS.

Several Members raised the question of the issue of Medical Cards under the Health Scheme and asked who was entitled to receive such cards. The Manager explained that the people entitled to receive cards were those classes set out in Section 14 of the Health Act, 1953, and it was also agreed that particular cases of hardship coming to the notice of Members should be submitted to the County Manager or County Secretary for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The next business was a motion in the names of Alderman Byrne and Councillor O'Flaherty "that a Finance Committee in accordance with Section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 be established so as to effect economies during the coming year".

Alderman Byrne moved the appointment of such Committee, Councillor O'Flaherty seconded. It was pointed out, however, that the Section of the Act referred to did not authorise the appointment of a Finance Committee but only of an Estimates Committee and on the section being read by the Town Clerk the motion was amended to read "the appointment of a Finance Committee" without any reference to the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

On the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Hall, the following Finance Committee was appointed:-

Alderman Byrne, Morris and Cullimore, with
Councillor O'Flaherty and His Worship the Mayor.

REDUCTION OF RENT - CORISH PARK

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris moved "that the rent of the house at Corish Park occupied by Mr. Grant be reduced to at least a 1/3rd subsidy". Alderman Byrne seconded the motion. A very lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which the Town Clerk intimated that he had made representations to the Department of Local Government in respect of this case, amongst others, and had been informed that subsidy would only be paid in respect of the re-housing of persons who were displaced by an operation of the Housing Authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. In this case he, Town Clerk, could not see where any such operation had taken place and he was not prepared to certify a claim for subsidy to be paid from Central Funds in respect of this letting.

Councillor Flusk intimated that he intended to take the matter up through the Old I.R.A. with the Minister for Defence and the other Members asked the County Manager to examine this case in the light of:-

- (i) Mr. Grant's income; and
- (ii) on the question of overcrowding in his former residence at Slaney Street.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Morris moved that Parnell Street and William Street be numbered by the next meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Howlin and unanimously agreed to.

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LICENCE - CAPITOL CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously decided to renew the licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Capitol Cinema for the year ending 30th April, 1957.

ERECTION OF CALVARY - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

The next business was to decide if the work of erecting the Calvary should be completed. The original estimate was £225 but the expenditure to date amounted to £323 and it would take a further £30 to complete. The Members were very perturbed about, and took a very serious view of this overexpenditure of £128 on a small job and indicated that in their opinion it was due to lack of supervision.

It was eventually decided, however, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by his Worship the Mayor, that the work be completed and a supplementary loan of £135 (£128 and £7 mortgage expenses) be raised from the Treasurer for a period of five years to finance the work of completion.

Alderman Kevin Morris dissented from this decision.

FISHING RIGHTS ON RESERVOIR

An application was submitted from the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club for the fishing rights of Coolree Reservoir for the 1956 Season. In this connection the Town Clerk read an extract from the Minutes of the Corporation on 4th December, 1899 wherein it was proposed to grant a lease to the Wexford Anglers' Club of the fishing rights of the Reservoir at a rent of £3 per year and also a second note to the minute that no lease had been given as it was illegal. He read a further minute of the 18th December, 1899 when the rules of the Anglers' Club were examined and approved of by the Corporation.

From this it was seen that no lease had been given to the Wexford Anglers' Club and that it was open to the Corporation to terminate their tenancy at any time, so on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Cullimore it was unanimously agreed to grant the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club the fishing rights on Coolree Reservoir for the 1956 Season at a fee of £5 for the current year; the Club to re-stock the Reservoir.

FIRE HYDRANTS

An estimate was submitted from the Chief Fire Officer for the provision of 130 Hydrant Markers at a sum of £40.10.0d. The estimated cost of erecting each plate was given at 1/- but the Members had serious doubts if the plates could be erected for this sum and it was decided to refer back the estimate to the Chief Fire Officer for confirmation that he could erect the plates for 1/- each.

REMUNERATION OF FIRE MEN

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the remuneration of the Firemen be based on a fitters rate of 3/10²d per hour with effect as from 1st April, 1956, in accordance with circular EL 3/52 of the 7th March, 1952.

RENTS - 16-HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

A letter was read from the Minister of Local Government under date of the 22nd ultimo, No. 35/15/16, on the subject of the rents proposed to be charged for 16-houses at Corish Park. The Minister intimated he was not

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prepared to approve of the Corporation's rent proposals of 27/6d. per week which was based on a 50 year loan at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ with 1/3rd subsidy, but considered that the houses should be treated as having been provided under Section 31 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and the rents fixed on the bases of Capital Grants up to £275 per house with a loan from the Local Loans Fund over a period of 35 years.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that the rents were originally calculated on the basis of a loan for 50 years with interest at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and 1/3rd subsidy up to a maximum of £1,500. He further intimated that since the foregoing calculation was made the interest rate had been increased from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ per cent.

He also submitted four tables showing that with a rent of 27/6d. calculated as on the original basis the houses showed a loss of 4/6d. per week. On a fifty year loan at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ with 1/3rd subsidy they would show a loss of 8/8d each per week. With a thirty-five year loan at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and a grant of £275 they would show a loss of 13/- per week and on a 35 year loan at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ with a grant of £275 a loss of 16/7d. each per week.

It was seen from the Minister's letter and the tables submitted by the Town Clerk that it was on the bases of the last table that the Minister suggested the rents should be based, which would require £2.4.1d. per week to cover, exclusive of rates, and any rents fixed at less than £2.4.1d. would show a loss which would have to be met by the Corporation.

This letter was considered in conjunction with circular letter No. H.12/54 under date of March 10th intimating that on and from 10th March all issues from the Local Loans Fund would be charged at the rate of $5\frac{1}{4}\%$. The Town Clerk also read a letter under date of the 29th ultimo which he had written to the Department enquiring if the new rate applied to loans in respect of which Mortgage Deeds were completed prior to March 10th and what provision, if any, had been made in respect of persons with whom contracts had been made for advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. It was decided to defer consideration of the question of rents for the 16 houses at Corish Park until the Town Clerk received a reply to his communication regarding the rate of interest.

ERECTION OF 54-HOUSES AT THE FAYTHE

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that Sanction to the erection of 54 houses at the Faythe by Direct Labour at an estimated cost of £1,561.7s. per house provided satisfactory unit costs were kept for this scheme and for the 36 house scheme at present in progress at Newtown. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that in order to reduce the cost of these dwellings it had been decided to completely delete interior decoration as it was felt that this was a waste in a number of cases as most people altered the Corporation colour scheme when they obtained possession. He also reported that the Housing Engineer was at present engaged preparing Bills of Quantities for materials required so that estimates could be obtained with a view to starting on the development work and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the commencement would possible be in one month.

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager to investigate the possibility of starting the work in the Faythe immediately and the Manager promised to do so. It was suggested that persons who were recently dismissed from the Newtown Housing Site for redundancy should be given first preference on the Faythe Scheme.

WYGRAM PLACE CORNER

Councillor Flusk raised the question of Wygram Place Corner and the Town Clerk promised to make a compulsory purchase order there as soon as possible.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - FIRE STATION.

Only one tender was received for the installation of electrical equipment at the Fire Station, Davitt Road North. This was from Mr. D.L. Willia who quoted the sum of £108.10.0d. and the tender was referred to the Chief Fire Officer for examination and report.

DEEDS OF EXCHANGE OF LANDS

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation Deeds of Exchange of Lands at Waterloo Road between the Corporation and the Trustees of St. Peter's College, and on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the deeds were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

QUESTIONS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris asked:-

- (a) the amount spent to date on the wall at Waterloo Road; and
- (b) from what fund the money was forthcoming.

In reply the Town Clerk intimated that a separate account was not kept for the erection of the wall but it was part of the cost of opening of the new road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road which had been financed by way of State grants and local contributions under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote. In reply to a supplementary question he stated that the work had been carried out for the estimated sum allocated for its completion in the year 1954/55.

In reply to a further query by Alderman Morris the Town Clerk stated that the total amount of grant and local contribution under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1955/56 was £5,490. Of this £3,238 had been allocated for road works and £2,252 for the provision of a Handball Court at Trinity St.

Of the £3,238 provided for road works £2,578 had been expended to date leaving £660 to complete the concreting of Davitt Road North and South.

DEFECTS IN HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

Alderman Morris complained of defective windows and weatherboards in houses at Corish Park and this matter was referred to the Housing Engineer.

PROGRESS REPORTS - JOHN STREET SEWER

Councillor O'Flaherty asked if any progress reports were available on the John Street Sewer work and the Town Clerk replied that with the exception of reports from the Clerk of Works as to the number of men employed he had received none and the County Manager promised to obtain reports from the Consulting Engineer for the next meeting.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSE AT DEVEREUX VILLAS

Alderman Byrne again raised the question of the allocation of a house at Devereux Villas which he had referred to at Estimates Meetings and suggested that undue influence had been used by the Mayor in the allocation of this houses. No discussion took place on the matter.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

A Housing Progress Report for the month of March was read and arising out of this Councillor Hall complained that the Housing Engineer was not giving full time to the work and gave notice that the conditions of employment of the Housing Engineer be re-examined at the next meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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 Nicholas Corish, in the chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas F. Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

James Morris, John O'Flaherty, Ed. Hall, Frank Cullimore and John Howlin.

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Miss Phillips (Housing Officer) were also in attendance.

REPORTS ON WATER SUPPLY

Reports from the Borough Surveyor regarding the water supply position were read by the Town Clerk. These reports showed that on this day the level of the water in the Reservoir was 58" below top water level, leaving the available supply over filter level at 16.5 million gals. or sufficient for forty days. The daily inflow from (a) catchment area - 107,000 gallons.
(b) pumping - 230,000 "

Total inflow - 400,000 "

The daily consumption, however, amounted to the abnormal figure of 775,000 gals leaving a nett loss to storage of 375,000 gals.

It was further intimated to the meeting that on receipt of the Borough Surveyor's report dated the 16th instant indicating the abnormal daily consumption checks on the night consumption had been ordered and the meter readings showed that an average of 200,000 gals. were used between the hours of 11-00 p.m. and 8-00 a.m.

The night consumption figures clearly indicated that there was considerable waste of water either through leaking mains, services, defective fittings, or by taps being allowed to remain open all night.

The Members regarded the report as indicating a very serious position in view of the very dry winter and spring and as well were concerned with the fact that pumping of water for just 24 hours per day by mechanical means would be the cause of considerable expenditure of the rates in the current year, having in mind that pumping in the financial year 1955/6 cost the Ratepayers over £1,000 for electricity charges alone.

After careful consideration the Members authorised:-

1. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that an electric sounder be obtained on loan from the County Council for the purpose of detecting waste.
2. On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the water supply to the Town be shut off between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. on and from Monday next, the 30th instant.
3. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that night pumping by electricity be carried out in order to maintain the supply as far as possible.

CONCRETING OF DAVITT ROAD

It was reported by the Town Clerk that as the money allocated from the Employment Scheme Vote for the concreting of Davitt Road was exhausted, the Borough Surveyor had been directed to close down the work on Saturday last

the 21st instant. The Borough Surveyor had been asked this afternoon to submit estimates for:-

- (a) completing the surfacing as originally intended; and
- (b) completing the work up to the point where the road had been excavated.

The Surveyor now reported that approximately 350 sq. yds. were left undone up to the Fire Station, about 20 sq. yds. of which being partly excavated. It would cost £400 to finish it using selected men, but if the men had to be taken from the Labour Exchange lists it would cost £500. To leave it usable now it would cost £80 including the repairing of excavated portion with tar and chips.

The Members took a very serious view of this and seemed unanimously of the opinion that the failure to complete the road within the estimate was entirely due to lack of supervision.

It was eventually seen that there was no possibility of the Corporation providing either £400 or £500 to finish the road and after lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that a sum not exceeding £80 be allocated from the ordinary roads account to make the road usable in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's estimate.

Alderman Kevin Morris dissented from this decision.

A meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the close of the above meeting the same Members being present.

The Meeting was informed by the County Manager that houses in Corish Park to be rented at 9/- each per week, plus rates, would commence to be available in the near future and asked the Members to recommend suitable persons for consideration as tenants. He read a list of names which had been compiled from previous priority lists and the following names were mentioned for consideration, in addition to any persons who might be suitable for re-housing from Thomas Clarke Street, namely:-

1. John Culleton, King Street.
2. David Walsh, Monck Street,
3. Mrs. John Roche, The Folly.
4. Thomas Roche, Faythe.
5. John Murphy, Upper John Street.
6. John Dempsey, St. Patrick's Square.
7. Gerald Murphy, Wolfe Tone Villas.
8. James Swanson, Windmills Hill.
9. Danl. Conway, Wolfe Tone Villas.
10. Ml. Farrell, Mary's Lane.
11. Thomas Dempsey, Whiterock View.
12. James Tormey, Wolfe Tone Villas.
13. Patrick Whitmore, Kilcavin.

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15. John Fallon, Green Street.
 16. John Walsh, 50 Lower John Street.
 17. Johanna Sparrow, Common Quay Street.
 18. William Lacey, King Street Avenue.
 19. Edward Smith, c/o Swift, 1 Keyser's Lane.
 20. Patrick Mahoney, Wolfe Tone Villas.
 21. Thomas Murphy, 14 Bride Street.
 22. Michael O'Neill, Bride Street.
 23. Joseph Bridges, 13 Green Street.
 24. Michael Reck, 10 Talbot Street.
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A Meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee was held at the close of the above meeting the Members present being the same as at the previous two meetings.

At the outset the Town Clerk reminded the Members that at the Estimates Meeting on the 26th ultimo it had been decided to reduce the estimate for repairs to Artizans Dwellings from £3,000 to £2,000 and it had been agreed at the Estimates Meeting that the Corporation would only be responsible for external repairs and essential internal repairs.

He, Town Clerk, now asked the Corporation to clearly define what essential internal repairs meant so that all tenants of Corporation houses could be informed what repairs the Corporation would carry out and what they would be responsible for themselves and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that essential internal repairs would only include repairs to:-

Defective ceilings, floors, taps or service pipes,
lavatories and tanks and the servicing of ranges by
the fitting of fire bricks.

The question was also raised regarding the fitting of bowl fire-places purchased by tenants themselves in lieu of ranges, but it was agreed that this work would not be undertaken by the Corporation. In the case of new tenancies it was decided that a report should be submitted on the condition of each house before any repairs, other than those defined as "essential", would be carried out.

Tenants were also to be informed that no structural alterations were to be carried out to any Corporation houses without first obtaining permission in writing.

The question was also raised regarding the malicious damage of sink wastes but no discussion took place on this as it was the subject of court proceedings.

The Housing Engineer was to be asked when he proposed to replace the defective bath in the house at Corish Park occupied by Mrs. Sheehan.

The County Manager was to be asked to re-examine the application of John Carton, St. John's Road, for permission to erect a Garage.

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Correspondence was read from a Mr Wagstaff, tenant of a house at Casa Rio, which he was now vacating and intimating that he had installed an immersion heater and electric plugs in this dwelling and requested that the Corporation make some allowance for these improvements.

It appeared that the range in the house did not effectively heat water due to the long lead from the range to the copper cylinder and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to recommend the County Manager to offer Mr. Wagstaff the sum of £5 (five pounds) as compensation for the immersion heater and plugs as they considered it would be waste to have the immersion heater removed and replaced by a cylinder.

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to pay the sum of £6 (six pounds) as compensation for a tiled fireplace installed by a man named Williams, former tenant of 83 St. Aidan's Crescent, the amount to be recovered by weekly instalments of 2/-, which the present tenant had agreed, in writing, to pay.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to a crack in the gable end of the house at Upper William Street occupied by Thomas Dunne and to the need for repairs to two houses at Parnell Street recently acquired by the Corporation.

The Meeting then terminated.

W. P. Corish

7th May, 1956.

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 Nicholas Corish, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, James Gaul, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, 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.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH

His Worship the Mayor then moved the following resolution:-

"that this Corporation request His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton to accept the freedom of the Borough"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

It was also unanimously agreed to request the honour of the presence of the Cardinal at the unveiling by the President of Ireland of the Commodore John Barry Memorial Statue on Sunday September 16th next, and if the Cardinal agreed to accept the freedom to confer it on this occasion at a time and place to be arranged to suit his convenience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEXFORD COUNTY HURLING TEAM

The Mayor moved that the Corporation congratulate the Wexford Team on their victory in the Final of the National Hurling League on the 6th instant. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to An Taoiseach, Mr John Costelloe, on the death of his wife. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Stopping of Boat Train

A letter was read from the Traffic Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that in deference to the representations made by the Corporation he was prepared to stop the Rosslare/Dublin and Dublin/Rosslare Boat Trains at Wexford South Station on a trial basis

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during the forthcoming summer time table which would operate on and from Monday June 25th. This letter was considered satisfactory and on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin it was agreed that the thanks of the Corporation be expressed to the Traffic Manager.

Progress Reports - Wexford Town Sewerage Scheme

A report was read from Messrs. T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, on the progress of the John Street Sewer and this was also considered satisfactory.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES

With reference to the decision at last meeting to allocate numbers to houses at Parnell Street and William Street a letter was read from the owners and occupiers of four houses at William Street known as "Lambert Terrace" protesting against the decision of the Corporation to number their houses with William Street.

It was pointed out, however, that there was no such official designation as Lambert Terrace and it was agreed that the persons be informed that they should number their houses in accordance with the directions given and leave their address as "No. -- Lambert Terrace, William Street".

FISHING RIGHTS ON COOLREE RESERVOIR

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to grant the fishing rights on Coolree Reservoir to the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club for the current year, lengthy correspondence was submitted from the former tenants, Wexford Anglers' Club. After some discussion it was agreed that the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club should be asked to permit the nine members of the Wexford Anglers' Club to fish on the Reservoir for the current season and that the two clubs should come together with a view to making arrangements for the formation of one.

STRIKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE - 1956/57.

The next business was to formally make a municipal rate of 40/- in the pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1957 as agreed to on the 26th March last and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously resolved that such a rate be made and the rate book was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT - HOUSING ENGINEER

The next business was a motion in the name of Councillor Hall "to examine the conditions of appointment of the Housing Engineer".

At the outset the County Manager suggested that this should be considered in Committee but the Members did not consider this advisable as erroneous versions of the discussion would be carried out from the meeting.

Councillor Hall then referred to defects which had shown in new housing schemes and attributed such defects to lack of supervision by the Engineer whom he stated was carrying on private practice and did not give sufficient time to the supervision of the Corporation Schemes.

This matter gave rise to general discussion on housing during which the conditions under which Mr. Millar was appointed were read by the Town Clerk. Mr. Millar's appointment was contained in County Manager's Order No. 3073 of the 10th May, 1948 which established Direct

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Labour, this stated "that Mr. T.J. Millar be appointed as Housing Engineer". It was not stated in the order whether Mr. Millar should be whole-time or part-time but as the County Manager pointed out that Mr. Millar devoted his full time to the work and that on any occasion he needed time off, which was very seldom, he applied for it in the same way as other officials.

Eventually it was seen that the conditions of appointment of the Housing Engineer was one entirely for the County Manager and the discussion was dropped, but it was suggested that the County Manager take steps to reform the Housing Consultative Committee which had operated in the earlier Direct Labour Schemes.

ADOPTION OF PART III OF THE GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956

In accordance with notice given Alderman Cullimore moved that Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, be adopted for the administrative area of the Borough of Wexford. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

RENT OF HOUSE IN CORISH PARK

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a question was raised regarding the rent charged to Mr John Grant for a house at Corish Park and when the County Manager was asked to again examine this matter from the point of view of:-

- (a) Mr Grant's income; and
- (b) Overcrowding.

A report was read from the Town Clerk which set out that Mr Grant's personal income was £5.13.0d. per week and the earnings of four children residing with him amounted to £14.19.0d. In accordance with Clause 6 of the Graded Rents Scheme for these dwellings Mr Grant's income for the purpose of rent had to be taken as his personal income of £5.13.0d. plus £2 each in respect of three children and £1.15.0d. in respect of the fourth, making his total income for the purposes of the Scheme £13.18.0. per week, which brought him within the category of persons who were required to pay the economic rent.

As regards overcrowding, Mr Grant's family consisted of himself, his wife and six children (five males and one female whose ages ranged from eight to twenty-six years). According to the application form submitted by him there were six rooms in the house formerly in his occupation at Slaney Street, consisting of three bed rooms, living room, kitchen and pantry. The house which he now occupies at Corish Park consists of three bed rooms upstairs with large living room, pantry and bath room downstairs, so that if there was overcrowding at Slaney Street it also existed at Corish Park.

In reply to a query it was pointed out that as no operation had taken place under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, subsidy would not be payable in respect of the re-housing of Mr Grant, but it was open to the Corporation, if they so desired, to invoke Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1956.

Alderman Morris, however, who originally raised this matter intimated that he proposed to seek personal interview with the Minister for Local Government on this question.

TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

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In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that the Corporation strongly protest against the treatment of Irish Political

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Prisoners in British Prisons, the motion was seconded by Aldermen Morris and unanimously adopted.

WAGE INCREASES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was granted to the payment of increased wages of 5/6d. each per week to the Caretakers of the Cemetery, Coolree Reservoir and Edenvale. The remuneration of these workers was related to County Council road workers who had recently been granted a similar increase.

Councillor Howlin stated that an application was being submitted for an increase of 7/- per week for the unskilled labourers, exclusive of building labourers, employed by the Corporation. He intimated that this increase had recently been granted by other employees in the Town and moved that the approval of the Corporation be now granted subject to the consent of the County Manager. The proposal was seconded by Alderman Byrne and agreed, but the Manager intimated that he had not yet received this application and when he received it he would report to the Corporation.

OPENING OF TENDERS.

The next business was to open tenders for:-

- (a) Refuse Collector;
- (b) Sand and Gravel;
- (c) Mild Steel;
- (d) Galvanised Iron.

The tenders were accordingly opened and initialed by His Worship the Mayor and referred to the County Manager for necessary action.

This concluded the business on the agenda but the following matters were raised by the Members:-

Alderman Byrne - the rehousing of Mr A.C. Jones of Abbey Street and Mr Hillis of Newtown.

Alderman Morris referred to the re-housing of Leahy of Lower John Street and Councillor Howlin to the re-housing of a man named Ross at Spafield Avenue and it was agreed that these four names should be placed on the list of people for re-housing in the near future.

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of the increase in rents of certain houses acquired by the Corporation with particular reference to Morris The Faythe and Gleason of Parnell Street and it was decided to refer this matter to the Housing Consultative Committee for further examination.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Borough Surveyor to survey the Crescent as soon as possible so that proposals might be submitted for the provision of a path-way there in connection with the Barry Memorial.

It was decided to ask the Wexford County Council to replace the direction sign to New Ross and Waterford which formerly stood at Wygram Place.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have a name plate made for the Marian Row Houses and the Housing Engineer was asked to have the numbers fixed on them.

The meeting then terminated

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4th June, 1956.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, in the Chair.

Aldermen:-

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:-

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, John O'Flaherty, James Morris and John Howlin.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the minutes of meeting of the 7th ultimo, 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

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a resolution of sympathy with the parents of the two boys executed by the British Government in Cyprus was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from An Taoiseach, Mr John Costello, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his wife.

His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton returned his very sincere thanks for the resolution passed at last meeting requesting him to accept the freedom of the Borough and stated he would regard it a great honour. Unfortunately he could not attend on Sunday the 16th September next as he had prior engagements in Drogheda but hoped to have an opportunity of visiting Wexford in the coming year when he would be glad to accept the freedom.

OLD AGE PENSIONS - INCREASE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be requested to increase Old Age Pensions. The motion was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and agreed.

TOWN HALL - REDUCTION OF LETTING FEE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that the County Manager be requested to reduce the fee charged for dancing in the Town Hall and after some discussion Councillor Hall proposed an amended resolution that the fee for the use of the Town Hall be reduced to £2 per night and a fee of £8 fixed for any one person or Club taking the Hall for no six consecutive nights (Sunday to Friday inclusive). Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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WAGE INCREASES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the wages of labourers, other than building labourers, the foreman and lorry driver be increased by 7/- per week as from 4th May, 1956.

MORTGAGE DEED - LOAN £700

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was resolved:-

That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction, dated the 23rd May 1956, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £700 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of financing the cost of acquisition of a site at Davitt Road South/Waterloo Road, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND the Seal of the Corporation to be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited.

LICENCE - CINEMA PALACE

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to renew the licence of the Palace Cinema under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for a further year to 30th April, 1956.

REPORTS ON WATERWORKS

Reports from the Borough Surveyor and Consulting Engineers on the subject of the waterworks had been circulated to the Members for consideration at present meeting but it was unanimously agreed that the Members had not had sufficient time to study the reports and their consideration would need a special meeting so it was decided to defer the matter until the 18th instant when a special meeting was to be convened for the purpose as was also a request from the Borough Surveyor to purchase 20 tons of special filter sand at a cost of £210.

YARD AT TEMPERANCE ROW

The next business was to consider applications for the use of a yard at Temperance Row. It was explained that this yard had been acquired by the Corporation with three houses at Temperance Row some years ago. The then occupier had given up possession sometime ago and following enquiries for the use of the yard it had been advertised when two applications were received. It was further explained that when this property had been originally acquired by the Corporation it was intended for street widening but in view of the scarcity of houses the street widening project had been deferred. If, however, a letting was now made it would have to be made on the condition that no buildings would be permitted so that if in the future the Corporation required possession of the yard for street widening purposes they would not be required to pay compensation for the taking down of sheds or other buildings. It was therefore unanimously agreed that any letting made by the County Manager should be merely for the purpose of a road and not for building as the Corporation might require it in the future for street widening.

SOIL PIPES AND FLUE LINERS

Revised quotations for soil pipes and flue liners proposed to be accepted by the County Manager were unanimously approved of on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne.

DAVITT ROAD EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a statement made by Alderman Morris at a previous meeting that materials had been taken from the relief grant scheme at Davitt Road.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that having investigated the statement he found that approximately a bucket full of cement, spilled during the last mix of the evening, was given to a few people by the charge-hand as it was useless to the Corporation unless it was again embodied in another mix the same day. If the Ganger had informed him (Borough Surveyor) of the matter he would have consented to such use being made of the material.

After some discussion, however, it was unanimously agreed that such a practice should cease for the future.

PROVISION OF GAS IN CORISH PARK HOUSES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when complaint was made regarding the difficulty of securing gas services to some of the houses originally built at Corish Park a letter was read from the Gas Company looking for financial help from the Corporation to lay mains to this scheme. The Company pointed out that it cost approximately £46. per house to provide a main, service and meter and suggested that a sum of £10 per house should be contributed by the Corporation.

It was decided, however, that the Corporation could not make any contribution towards the provision of these services but would be prepared, if sufficient persons requested, to provide gas cookers on a repayment basis similar to the scheme operated at Bishopswater and the Town Clerk was asked to discuss the matter further with the Gas Company.

YARD AT WATERLOO ROAD

An application from Miss Mary Ellen White of Waterloo Road for a lease of a yard used by her there was left in the hands of the County Manager and Town Clerk to deal with.

JOHN STREET SEWER

A letter was read from Messrs. T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers on the progress of the John Street Sewer and in reply to queries the Town Clerk intimated he had arranged with a Member of Mr. O'Connor's staff to meet him on Wednesday the 6th instant to discuss ways and means of alleviating the inconvenience caused to business people in the neighbourhood through the laying of the sewer.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - PILOT LAUNCH

A letter was read from the Harbour Commissioners stating that they had made application to the Department of Industry and Commerce for a grant towards the purchase of a new Pilot Launch and that they had been asked

by the Department to ascertain the amount of any loan the Local Authorities might be prepared to make towards the cost of the launch and it was decided to inform the Commissioners that the Corporation were not in a position to give them any financial aid.

COMPLAINTS RE DISTILLERY ROAD

Complaints were made regarding the condition of the Distillery Road and the County Manager explained that portion of this had been resurfaced and the question now arose as to who was responsible for the cost thereof and he proposed to arrange a conference between Corporation and County Council Officials to decide this question.

AUTHORISATION OF OVER EXPENDITURE 1954/5

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, over expenditure on the housing account in the sum of £3,008 (three thousand and eight pounds) and on the General Purposes Account in the sum of £1,922 (one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two pounds) was unanimously approved.

HAND BALL ALLEY

Councillor Hall complained that the bank at the back wall of the Handball Alley at Trinity Street had slipped on a couple of occasions but the Borough Surveyor intimated that when the back wall was finished it would hold the bank in position and there would be no further danger of it slipping.

In reply to a query by Alderman Kevin Morris the Borough Surveyor stated that the Handball Alley would be completed within the estimate.

MEETING OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the sub-Finance Committee should meet at the end of the quarter and Councillor Flusk suggested that they should examine the cost of the concreting of Davitt Road, the cutting of the grass in the Municipal Buildings and the erection of the Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery.

CLOSING OF ROAD AT FERRYBANK.

Councillor James Morris complained of the closing of the road at Ferrybank due to the erection of the new bridge and suggested that a passage be made for pedestrians to reach Ardavan Strand. Alderman Byrne seconded. The County Manager, however, explained the legal position regarding the closing of the road and undertook to have members of the Corporation present when objections to the closing were being considered so that they could place their views before the County Council.

DANGER SIGNS AT KAATT'S STRAND

It was unanimously agreed that in view of the closing of Ferrybank that the County Council should be requested to replace the danger notices at Kaatt's Strand.

The meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

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A meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the close of the above meeting when plans prepared by the Consulting Architect for the provision of approximately 230 houses at Carish Park were submitted. As the

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hour was now rather late the Members agreed that this matter should be deferred to a special meeting and the plans laid on the table of the Council Chamber for inspection by the Members if they so desired.

A suggestion from the Department of Local Government that distempering of walls and the provision of picture rail might be omitted from the thirty-six house scheme at Newtown was put before the meeting but the Members did not favour this suggestion as they felt that if a picture rail was not provided people would hammer nails in the walls and thus damaging the plaster. As regards the omission of distemper the Committee were agreeable to this provided the walls were finished in hardwall and not in a rough course as at present.

The County Manager reported that the Housing Engineer, Mr T.J. Millar, was at present ill but for the present it was not necessary to appoint a temporary engineer. He would keep the Corporation informed if it became necessary to do so.

It was unanimously decided that a new bath should be provided for the house at Corish Park occupied by Mrs. Sheehan.

Councillor Hall complained of the manner in which numbers were being placed on the Marian Row houses and stated that the people had numbered the houses themselves - 1 to 10 from the Thomas Street end and Pension Books etc. had been issued with such numbers, so it was agreed that the Corporation numbers should run from Thomas Street up and not from the Green Street side.

In reply to Councillor Flusk the Town Clerk intimated that he would have a purchase scheme for any of the artizans dwellings, which he had been asked for, by the next meeting.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked if a supply of water from the John Street Reservoir was being given to any firm and the Town Clerk intimated that a supply had been given to Messrs. Snowcream for washing purposes but that no charge was being made as the water was going to waste. Messrs. Snowcream had paid the Corporation approximately £300 for cleaning out the reservoir and if a charge was made Snowcream would have the right to look for recoupment of this amount.

Evenutally it was decided to take no action in the matter for the present.

The meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Corish

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18th June, 1956.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, in the chair;

Aldermen:-

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:-

Frank Cullimore, John O'Flaherty and Edward Hall.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Hall on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Murphy. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Hore who, all his life, had been an employee of the Corporation. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was also supported by all the Members present and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and Councillor Hall returned thanks to the Members and Officials for their expression of sympathy.

REDUCTION OF RENT AT CORISH PARK

The first business was to consider a motion, notice of which had been given in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Notice of intention to move this motion had been given by Alderman Kevin Morris, Alderman Thomas Byrne and Councillor Edward Hall and a copy of same had been furnished to the Members with in the prescribed time.

Alderman Morris thereupon moved the motion which was in the following terms:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Corporation requires the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Corporation of Wexford, to reduce the rent at present charged to Mr John Grant, of No. 63 Corish Park, Wexford, to that paid by other tenants in the same block".

This was seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Before the motion was put to the meeting the County Manager made a statement on the legal position in relation to the motion as follows:-

"Section 4 provides that a local Authority may by resolution require any particular act, matter or thing, which the Local Authority or the Manager can lawfully do or effect, to be done in the performance of the executive functions of the Local Authority.

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The matter now requisitioned is to reduce the rent of a house let to a particular individual.

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While the fixing of rents is an executive function of the Manager, any order so made by him has no effect until sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government under Article 7 of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950 and 1953, Sub-Article (1) of which provides that "the rent of any premises provided by a Housing Authority shall not be less than such sum as may from time to time be approved by the Minister....."; while Sub-Article (2) provides "where a differential or graded rent scheme approved by the Minister applies to any premises provided by a Housing Authority, the Housing Authority may, from time to time, reduce or increase the rent in accordance with such scheme."

In this particular case a graded rent scheme approved by the Minister, under date of 13th December, 1955 by letter No. H.85/15/14, applies and consequently it would not appear to be lawful for either the Housing Authority or the Manager to reduce the rent except -

- (1) in accordance with the sanctioned scheme; or
- (2) with the consent of the Minister.

As it is not possible to lawfully reduce the rent in accordance with the sanctioned scheme, the consent of the Minister to the implementation of any resolution adopted in this case is essential".

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter at the end of which the Town Clerk pointed out to the Members that the section under which the motion was brought required that before the resolution could be deemed to have been passed the Members voting in favour of it should exceed 1/3rd of the total Members of the Corporation, so that at least five Members should vote in favour of it before it could be carried. It was also pointed out by the Town Clerk that in the event of the Local Government Auditor deciding that any loss had occurred to the funds of the Corporation by reason of the implementation of the resolution the Members voting in favour of it would be charged with such loss. He (Town Clerk) also demanded that a poll be taken on the proposal.

A poll was thereupon taken, when there voted:-

For the resolution:-

Aldermen Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.
Councillors Frank Cullimore, Ed. Hall and John O'Flaherty.....5

Against the resolution:-

Alderman Cullimore.....1

Declined to vote:-

The Mayor.....1

ATTENDANCE

At this stage Councillor James J. Morris attended.

REPORTS ON WATERWORKS

The next business was to consider reports from the Borough Surveyor and Consulting Engineers on the Waterworks position.

Copies of these reports had been furnished to the Members some two weeks ago and an up-to-date report on the supply position was read by the Town Clerk. This showed the water was now $73\frac{3}{4}$ " below top level which was equivalent to 21.8 million gals. in storage or a nett 11.8 million gallons over filter level.

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The present average daily consumption was 630,000 gallons, while the

daily inflow was 540,000 gallons pumped and 98,600 gallons from the Catchment Area, showing a daily loss to storage of 81,400 gallons.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that a saving of 140,000 gallons per day was being effected by shutting off the supply between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day.

The Surveyor further reported that the only appreciable rainfall shown on the rain gauge was on the previous Friday night and Saturday morning when it registered .66 of one inch and caused a rise in the level of $1\frac{3}{4}$ ". Unless there was further heavy rains to improve the inflow strict economy in the use of water was very desirable. He also intimated that the notice prohibiting the washing of cars and shop fronts etc. had not been strictly complied with and he asked that the elected representatives should give public intimation that they were behind the Officials in any action they might take to prevent waste of water.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take any action he deemed desirable in cases where waste of water was brought to his notice. Councillor Hall seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

It was further agreed that for the moment no further curtailment of the supply was necessary.

Regarding the question of the supply of filter sand which the Borough Surveyor deemed necessary it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, that the Surveyor be authorised to purchase up to £150 worth of sand and that the estimate for Sanitary Services, adopted for the current year, be increased by this amount.

As regards the other recommendations of the Borough Surveyor the Members felt that they were not in a position to embark on any further capital expenditure in connection with the waterworks for the present and no action was taken on these recommendations.

RIGHT-OF-WAY TO FERRYBANK

The Mayor referred to a discussion at a recent meeting regarding the inconvenience caused to bathers at Ferrybank due to the construction of the new bridge and suggested that if an official approach were made to the Nunn at Ely Place Nursing Home he thought that, with suitable guarantees, a right-of-way to the beach could be obtained and after some discussion it was agreed to ask the County Manager to explore this possibility.

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the thanks of the Council were extended to the Rev. Fr. O'Neill, Adm., for his interest in this matter.

Nicholas P. Conish

A meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the close of the above meeting the Members present being the same as at the previous meeting.

The Members examined the layout plans and house plans submitted by the Consulting Architect for the erection of approximately 230 houses at White-mill North and South etc.

While the Members were generally satisfied with the layout they were opposed to any further building outside the Borough pending the erection of houses on all available sites in the Town and the treatment of derelict sites where possible.

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In this connection the County Manager made a lengthy statement on the general housing position particularly in relation to derelict sites. He

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referred to a meeting of the Corporation held some considerable time ago when the entire question of derelict sites had been examined and particular reference had been made to derelict sites at Allen Street, Bride Street, Gibson Street and Cornmarket.

He intimated that he had had several discussions with the Officials of the Corporation on this matter and certain technical difficulties presented themselves which he explained.

In the case of Allen Street, to deal with the matter in any reasonable form would necessitate the acquisition of two or three houses in Patrick Square and their demolition to enable houses to be erected in accordance with modern standards on the derelict site at Allen Street. This would mean the removal and re-housing of the persons in these dwellings and in most of the other derelict sites in the Town similar situations would arise. In fact there was really no such thing as a derelict site in the Town on which the Corporation could proceed to erect dwellings without first acquiring occupied dwellings for demolition.

His principle reason for asking the Corporation to approve of the plans now submitted in respect of Whitemill North and South etc. was to enable the necessary details to be prepared and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government so that if at any time the need for moving the Direct Labour Unit on to the sites arose no delay would occur.

He pointed out (as regards sites inside the Urban Area) that some eighteen months ago the Corporation made Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of sites at Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street and approximately twelve months ago inquiries had been held by the Minister for Local Government into objections submitted in connection with these orders. Up to the present no word had been received from the Department as to whether or not those orders would be confirmed and no Official of the Corporation had any idea as to when a decision one way or the other would be given on the applications of the Corporation for confirmation of these orders.

Eventually the plans as submitted were approved on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, with the proviso that no building work would be undertaken without the prior consent of the Corporation.

A plan of vacant sites at St. Aidan's Crescent was submitted and it was agreed that these should be advertised for private dwellinghouse sites.

It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should take steps to make the house at Abbey Street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Byrne, safe.

The cases of the following applicants for houses were mentioned and the Officials requested to examine the cases:-

Bridges, Talbot Street;
Conway, 17, Wolfe Tone Villas;
Reck, Talbot Street;
Swanson, Windmills Hill;
John Reck, c/o Rossiter, Abbey Street.

The meeting then terminated.

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Nicholas P. Conish

25th June, 1956.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (Ald. N. P. Corish) in the Chair.

Aldermen; Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors; John Howlin, Michael Flusk, John Cullimore, Edward Hall,

James Morris, John O'Flaherty, and James Gaul.

The Corporation Solicitor (Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor) and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late P. McGrath, Lord Mayor, of Cork, whose death had occurred suddenly the previous week. The Mayor informed the Corporation that on learning of the death of Mr. McGrath he had sent a telegram of condolence on behalf of the Corporation and himself to his daughter and he now asked them to express their sympathy in meeting assembled.

Ald. K. C. Morris seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and adopted in respectful silence.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business of the meeting was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1957, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor James Gaul thereupon proposed that the present Mayor, Ald. N.P. Corish, be re-elected for the coming year, and Councillor John Howlin seconded.

Ald. Kevin C. Morris proposed that Councillor Edward Hall be elected Mayor and Councillor Michael Flusk seconded.

As no other member was nominated for the Office, a poll was taken when there voted:-

For Alderman Corish:	Aldermen Corish, Byrne, Councillors Howlin and Gaul	4
For Councillor Hall:	Aldermen Cullimore and Morris. Councillors Flusk, Cullimore, Hall, Morris and O'Flaherty.	7

Councillor Hall, was accordingly declared elected Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than 23rd June or later than 1st July, 1957, and until his successor had been appointed and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, Councillor Hall was warmly congratulated by Ald. Corish and invested with the Robe and Chain of Office.

Before vacating the Chair, Ald. Corish thanked his proposer and seconder for nominating him for a second term of Office; the members of the Corporation, County Manager, Town Clerk and staff for their co-operation during the past year and the Bishop and Clergy for their help during his term. He also thanked the Associations, Clubs and Societies who had invited him to their functions during

2nd July, 1956.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, John Howlin and James J. Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne, the minutes of the 14th, 18th and 25th ultimo, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter was read from the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution calling for an increase of Old Age Pensions.

SALE TO TENANTS OF CORPORATION HOUSES

Proposals were next submitted for the sale to the occupying tenants of houses in various Corporation Housing Estates and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following purchase prices were fixed:-

St. Enda's Terrace.....	£200
Grattan Terrace.....	200
Hill Street (South Side).....	200
William Street.....	150
Davitt Road South.....	280
Trinity Street.....	320
Alvina Brook.....	1560 B.

In the case of the houses at St. Enda's Terrace it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the sum agreed on by the Borough Surveyor as being the cost of necessary repairs in each case should be deducted from the purchase price as in the original calculation made for the sale of these houses last year a sum for repairs was taken into account; the purchasers to carry out own repairs. The remaining houses to be sold to the tenants for the sums mentioned as they stand at present.

It was further agreed in the case of St. Enda's Terrace that any purchase negotiated should date from 1st April last, that is to say that the basic rent, less administrative expenses paid since the 1st April, 1956, would be taken into account in arriving at the purchase price.

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TENDERS FOR EXCAVATION WORK ON 36-HOUSE SCHEME

Tenders were opened for excavation work on the 36-House Scheme at Newtown Park Wexford, they were from:-

Mr. F.J. Stafford.....	£350. 0. 0.
Messrs. O'Rourke Bros.....	243.15. 0.
Mr. McDermott.....	172. 0. 0.
Mr. Peter Breen.....	186.17. 6.

The four tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer to deal with.

REPLACEMENT OF SEATS ON QUAY

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to replace any available seats at present in the Store on the Quays and Roche's Road.

ALTERATIONS TO PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM

A letter from the Electricity Supply Board regarding three alterations to the Public Lighting System was submitted but it was decided to defer consideration of this pending receipt of the Boards quotation for Public Lighting at Corish Park.

POSITION OF WATER SUPPLY TO TOWN

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the position of the water supply which showed that consumption still exceeded the inflow and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Clr. Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the supply to the town be further restricted and that the water be shut off between the hours of 9-00 p.m. and 6-00 a.m. for the future.

REPORT - JOHN STREET SEWER

A report was read from the Consulting Engineer on the progress of the work on the John Street Sewer which was considered satisfactory. Alderman Morris referred to an objectionable odour coming from an opening in St. Peter's Square and it was agreed to draw the attention of the Resident Engineer to this matter.

GAS SUPPLY TO CORISH PARK HOUSES

With reference to previous discussions on the provision of a gas supply to Corish Park it was decided to request the Gas Company to state what the cost of providing the service pipe would be and to draw the special attention of the Company to the case of Bolger at No. 24.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET

Councillor Howlin referred to the condition of the foundations of Mr Thomas Dunne's House at William Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to it.

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COST OF NEW BRIDGE.

A question was raised regarding the effect the cost of Wexford Bridge would have on the Urban Rates and a suggestion was made that a deputation should be sent to the County Council with a view to having the Corporation's contribution reduced and the Town Clerk suggested that the deputation be deferred until he had a chance to examine the effect of the cost of the bridge as it was ~~some~~ years since he had studied the file.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, overdraft accommodation was authorised for the quarter ending 30th September, 1956, as follows:-

Revenue Account - £40,000.
Capital Account - £100,000.

ADVANCES FOR PRIVATE HOUSE BUILDING.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government enclosing a draft scheme for guarantee of advances by Building Societies for private housing and it was decided that the Town Clerk should circulate a copy of the relevant portions of the scheme to the Members for consideration before the next meeting when the matter could be again examined.

The Meeting then terminated.


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9th July, 1956.

A meeting of the Special Finance 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 Ed. Hall, in the Chair;
Aldermen Byrne and Morris.

The Town Clerk, Mr John J. Byrne, was also in attendance.

A financial report for the quarter ended 30th June, showing the estimated and actual expenditure for that period, was submitted by the Town Clerk and considered satisfactory.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the expenditure on the erection of a Bail Court, the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the repairs to the Town Hall.

It was seen that, with the exception of the work on the Town Hall which had been finished, expenditure on the Bail Court and Calvary had exceeded the estimate and it was decided to adjourn further consideration of these matters until the Town Clerk was in a position to give more accurate figures on the actual costings.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

23rd July, 1956.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8-00 p.m. the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ed. Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

John Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors:

James Gaul, John O'Flaherty, James Morris and John Howlin.

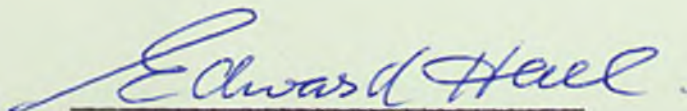
At the outset the Mayor referred to three sudden deaths which had occurred since their last meeting.

The first was that of Mr Thomas Walsh, T.D., former Minister for Agriculture, and he proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his Widow and children in their bereavement.

The second was the death of the Very Rev. Fr. Quigley, P.P. Piercestown and he also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses on the sudden death of Father Quigley.

The third was the tragic death early this morning of the Rev. Fr. Benedict O.F.M., Merchant's Quay, Dublin, which had resulted from a fire at the Strand Hotel Curracloe, and he moved that the Corporation extend their deepest sympathy to the Franciscan Community.

He further moved that the Corporation adjourn the present meeting as a mark of respect. Councillor Howlin seconded the motions which were supported by all the Members present; by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.



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 Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: James Gaul, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

A letter was read from the County Secretary with reference to the proposal of the Corporation to seek an extension of the Borough Boundary and intimated that the County Council had referred the matter to their General Purposes Committee to meet a deputation from the Corporation and report back to the Council.

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held on the 7th proximo and the Secretary requested to be informed if a Deputation from the Borough Council would attend. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that a deputation be appointed to meet the General Purposes Committee of the County Council and that they be given plenary powers to amend the approved map of the suggested extension by deletion or addition thereto as they might consider desirable in the light of their discussions with the representatives of the County Council.

The following Committee were appointed:-

Alderman Morris, Alderman Corish, Councillor Howlin and His Worship The Mayor.

COST OF NEW BRIDGE

With reference to minutes of 2nd instant when the question of the effect of the cost of Wexford Bridge would have on the Urban Rates was raised a lengthy report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had been furnished to the Members sometime ago, was discussed.

From this report it was seen that the Corporation were liable for a direct contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of the bridge together with their proportion of the County-at-Large charges on the sum which would have to be provided by the County Council. The sum to be provided by the County Council had not yet been finally fixed as it was not known whether State Subvention would be 60% or 75% of the cost.

If the State Subvention were 60% the estimated annual charge to the Corporation would be £924 or the equivalent of a rate of 8d. in the pound of the present valuation.

If the State Subvention were 75% the charge to the Corporation would be £684 or 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the pound.

If the entire cost of the Bridge (estimated at £420,000) were met by State Subvention and County-at-Large Charges only, the annual cost to the Corporation would be 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound on the basis of State contribution of 60% and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound on a basis of a State Subvention of 75%.

The Corporation felt that if a State contribution of 75% were made towards the cost of the Bridge they would be justified in asking the County Council to seek an amendment of the Bridge Order to provide that the entire cost on the County would be made by A County-at-Large Charge and the Deputation appointed to meet the County Council General Purposes Committee in connection with the proposed Extension of the Borough Boundary were asked to raise this matter when they met the Committee.

RENTS - 10 LARGE HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 27th ultimo on the subject of the proposed rent of 27/6d. per week for the ten large houses at Corish Park. From this it was seen that the Minister adhered to his decision that the rents should be fixed on the basis of a grant of £275 per house with a loan for 35 years. On this basis, with the present rate of interest, the weekly economic rent of the dwellings would be £2.4.1d. The Members were aware that a number of the people had taken these houses on the basis of 27/- per week plus rates; that they had given up cheap houses to move into their present dwellings so that they might have more accommodation for their families and that they would be absolutely unable to meet a rent of £2.4.1d. per week plus rates.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to try and arrange for an early interview by a Deputation of the Corporation with the Minister for Local Government with a view to having him sanction :-

- (1) the original rents proposed by the Corporation; and
- (2) the granting of a loan for 50 years with subsidy at 1/3rd of the loan charges.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he would be prepared to approve of the sale prices of post-war houses to the tenants on the basis of:-

- (a) where Transition Development Fund Grant had been paid on the all-in-cost less the amount of such grant, or
- (b) where such grant had not been paid on the all-in-cost less the amount of the appropriate state grant which would have been paid if the houses had been erected by a person for his own occupation.

In this connection it was unanimously decided that schemes for the sale of houses be prepared in connection with the dwellings at St. Aidan's Crescent and Bishopswater.

RENT OF TWO HOUSES AT PARNELL STREET

The Town Clerk reported that he had again examined the rents proposed to be charged for two houses at Parnell Street. The all-in-the dwellings amounted to £575 each and a rent of 12/6d per week would show a loss of £4.8.9d. per annum.

After some discussion during which the annual loss on the Corporation Housing Schemes in general was submitted showing that the loss for 1955/6 amounted to 9.8 pence in the pound which was considered very low. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to fix the basic rent of the two dwellings in question at 13/- per week.

GRANT - CORISH PARK

With reference to minutes of the 18th ultimo when a resolution had been adopted requesting a reduction of the rent charged to Mr. John Grant in respect of No. 63 Corish Park, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950 and 1953 provided that where a differential or graded rent scheme, approved by The Minister, applied to any premises provided by a Housing Authority, the Housing Authority may from time to time reduce or increase the rent of such premises in accordance with such scheme. There was no power to reduce the rent of such premises otherwise.

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It was seen that no further action could be taken in this case.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

There was submitted to the meeting copies of the Abstract of Accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1956 and this was signed by His Worship The Mayor.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

The Borough Surveyor reported on the position of the water supply as at this day. The level at Coolree was 75" below top water level or the equivalent of 21.37 million gallons which represented a slight gain on last week's level due to a rain fall of .88 of an inch at the week-end. The present inflow from catchment and pumping was 573,000 gallons per day while the consumption remained static at 560,000 gallons showing a saving of 13,000 gals. The Borough Surveyor now intimated that since the decision was taken on the 2nd instant to cut off the water at 9-00 p.m. instead of 11-00 p.m. a daily saving of a further 70,000 gallons had been effected.

DERELICT SITE AT STONEBRIDGE

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Conveyance to Miss Mary Cullimore, South Main Street, of a piece of land acquired by the Corporation under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, at Stonebridge Lane, Wexford, and the document was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

REPAIRING REDMOND MEMORIAL

A letter was read from a Committee formed to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of John Edward Redmond requesting the Corporation to have the railings around the Redmond Monument repaired and painted and the Monument itself cleaned.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out this work and that a Committee be appointed to meet the Memorial Committee with a view to suggesting to them that the railings should be removed entirely. The following Committee was arranged to deal with the matter:-

His Worship The Mayor; Alderman Cullimore;
Alderman Byrne and Councillor O'Flaherty.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY MEMORIAL

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government in connection with the application of the Corporation for a grant towards the cost of the provision of a footway at the Crescent Quay in connection with the Commodore John Barry Memorial requesting written acceptance of the following conditions by the Corporation before the application could be considered:-

1. If the cost of the work proved less than estimated the grant would be reduced proportionally.
2. The scheme would be regarded as part of the current years employment scheme programme for Wexford and there would be a corresponding reduction in any grant for which the Corporation would otherwise be eligible during the winter period.
3. The work would in fact be completed by the 16th September, 1956.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this letter he had anticipated the consent of the Corporation to the three conditions requested by the Minister and had written accepting them.

This was considered satisfactory and it was decided that the work should commence on Thursday the 2nd proximo.

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CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

A letter from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities regarding their Annual Conference was deferred to the August Statutory Meeting of the Corporation.

RENT OF HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET

A letter from Mr Robert Murphy, Thomas Street, regarding the rent proposed to be charged for his house there which has recently been acquired by the Corporation was deferred pending its actual legal transfer to the Corporation when the Town Clerk was to submit rent proposals.

PROVISION OF SEAT AT TRINITY STREET

An application for the provision of a seat at Trinity Street was deferred.

INCREASE OF RENT - HOUSE AT TALBOT ST.

A complaint regarding the increase in rent of two houses in Talbot Street which the Town Clerk explained was due to a Clerical error calculating the rates originally was left with the Town Clerk to deal with.

A complaint regarding dangerous buildings in Allen Street was left to the Borough Surveyor as was also the question of grass growing in the street and a dangerous gate at Grogan's Road where barbed wire was alleged to be out over the footpath.

DERELICT HOUSE AT JOHN STREET

Reference was made to the dangerous condition of a derelict house at John Street and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Preliminary Order be made under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of this property.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

13th August, 1956.

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 Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, James Gaul, John Howlin, James J. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meetings of the 2nd, 23rd and 50th ultimo, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from His Lordship The Bishop returning thanks to the Corporation for their expression of sympathy with him and the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of the Very Rev. Fr. Quigley, P.P. Piercestown.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Thomas J. O'Connor & Co. Consulting Engineers, setting out the progress of the work of the laying the John Street Sewer.

SYMPATHY

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his uncle and two nephews during the course of the last few days. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present by the Deputy County Manager and adopted in respectful silence. The Town Clerk returned thanks.

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Mother and Community of the Presentation Convent on the death of Mother Philomena, Councillor Howlin seconded the Motion which was supported by all the Members present and adopted in respectful silence.

DELEGATES TO MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

The first business was to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Bray and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris, it was unanimously agreed that Aldermen Byrne and Morris be appointed as delegates and that if either or both of them were elected to the Executive Committee that they be authorised to attend the quarterly Meetings of the Executive in the ensuing year.

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SCHEME FOR LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSE BUILDING

The next business was to consider the adoption of a scheme whereby the Corporation would guarantee a portion of loans granted by Building Societies for private housing.

A summary of the provisions of the guarantee had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting and after some discussion and explanation it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the Guarantee Scheme annexed to these minutes be adopted subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

CLEANSING REDMOND MONUMENT

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a request had been received from the Redmond Memorial Committee to clean the Redmond Monument and to repair the railings it was reported that His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Cullimore and Alderman Byrne, had met Messrs. Corcoran, Galvin, Coffey and Lacey of the Redmond Committee this evening and they now recommended that the Corporation undertake to clean the Monument at an estimated cost of £37, the Representatives of the Redmond Committee promised that they would try and undertake the repair of the railings themselves.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that the recommendation of the Committee to clean the monument at the cost of £37 be adopted.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

The Town Clerk reported that owing to a misunderstanding the Members appointed to meet the General Purposes Committee of the County Council on the proposed extension of the Borough Boundary were not available on the 7th instant. He, however, had attended and pointed out to the General Purposes Committee the actual land the Corporation proposed to take in. As this was less than was originally intended the Chairman of the County Council had requested him to submit a revised map and schedule for further consideration by the General Purposes Committee.

He, Town Clerk, had agreed to this and would ask the Borough Surveyor on his return from holidays to prepare the necessary revised plan of the proposed extension.

RENTS TEN LARGE HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

With reference to minutes of the 30th ultimo when it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to receive a Deputation in connection with the rents of 10 houses at Corish Park, the Town Clerk reported that the Minister had fixed Wednesday the 8th instant at 12-30 p.m. to receive this Deputation as it was the only day he could do so until September. As neither the Mayor nor Town Clerk could attend on the day in question owing to being engaged in receiving the Commodore Barry Statue at Rosslare Harbour it was decided that the Deputation would have to wait until the Minister returned from holidays in September.

In this connection it was now unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor John Howlin, seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne, that the Town Clerk should arrange to visit the offices of the Department as soon as possible and discuss the matter with the officials there and see what could be done with regards to those rents.

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POLIO EPIDEMIC IN CORK

Councillor Howlin proposed that the Corporation express their sympathy with the Corporation and people of Cork on the affliction they were suffering with the polio epidemic, Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

DATE OF ALL-IRELAND HURLING FINAL

Arising out of the above and the postponement of the All-Ireland Hurling Final between Wexford and Cork it was pointed out that there was a possibility of this match being fixed for Sunday September 16th which would clash with the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Memorial. In this connection the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had anticipated such a happening and had telephoned the Headquarters of the G.A.A. pointing this out to them but it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the G.A.A. and ask them not to fix the match for September 16th.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER AT CLINIC

Councillor Howlin referred to the appointment of a Caretaker for the County Clinic at Grogan's Road. He stated that the Acting Caretaker, who had been there from the opening of the Clinic and who was an ex-T.B. Patient, had been informed that his appointment was to terminate and he asked the Members to appeal to the County Manager to retain Moran as Caretaker of the Clinic. Alderman Byrne seconded this appeal which was supported by all the Members present.

WORK AT CRESCENT QUAY

Complaint was made regarding the employment of a concrete mixer attendant on the Relief Grant Work at Crescent Quay and it was pointed out that the Surveyor had to obtain the loan of a concrete mixer from the Housing Engineer and one of the conditions on which he gave it was that it would be operated by his own man.

After some discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the Acting County Manager that the Acting Borough Surveyor should consult with the Housing Engineer and see if it were possible to get an unemployed man to operate the mixer.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

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

GUARANTEE SCHEME ADOPTED BY WEXFORD CORPORATION ON 13TH
AUGUST, 1956, IN RELATION TO ADVANCES BY BUILDING
SOCIETIES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING.

1. The guarantee will operate only in relation to advances for the erection or purchase of new dwellinghouses for owner-occupation.
2. Guarantees will only be given in relation to advances not exceeding £1,600.
3. The guarantee to be executed by the Corporation and the society will be in the same form or substantially the same form as that in the annexed model form of guarantee which is incorporated in and forms part of this scheme. The society shall on request furnish the Corporation, for inspection, with the mortgage deed or a copy thereof in respect of the advance for which a guarantee is sought.
4. The "market value" of the house for the purpose of the advance will not include the amount of a grant under any enactment in respect of the house and will be determined by the society but on request by the Corporation the society shall state the considerations on which its determination of the market value is based.
5. The Corporation shall have the right to reject any application for a guarantee under this scheme.
6. The advance which the society would normally make to the applicant in respect of the house in the absence of a guarantee by the Corporation shall be specified by the Society on each application to the Corporation for a guarantee. A specimen form of application is attached to this scheme.
7. The societies shall, wherever practicable, require applicants to give collateral security for advances.
8. The applicant for the advance shall contribute at least 5% of the market value.
9. The rate of interest to be charged by the society on advances will be the rate charged in the normal course of business by the society on advances to owner-occupiers. The maximum period for the repayment of an advance will be thirty-five years.
10. The society may make an advance by instalments from time to time as the building of the house progresses but the total advance at any time before completion of the house shall not exceed 75% of the value of the work done on the construction of the house including the value of the interest of the person to whom the advance is made in the site thereof.
11. The society shall ensure that the house is insured against fire and kept so insured in an amount at least sufficient to secure the advance.
12. The Corporation may by resolution revoke this scheme or with the approval of the Minister for Local Government may amend this scheme but such revocation or amendment shall not affect any guarantee previously given under the scheme.

MODEL FORM OF GUARANTEE.

THIS INDENTURE OF GUARANTEE is made the _____ day of _____
One thousand, nine hundred and _____ BETWEEN THE
(hereinafter called "the Housing Authority")
of the one part and THE BUILDING
SOCIETY incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 to 1942 (herein-
after called "the Society") of the other part.

WHEREAS by a Mortgage (hereinafter called "the Mortgage") dated _____
the property which is described in item (1) of the
Schedule hereto is mortgaged to the Society to secure the payment to the
Society by _____ of _____ (hereinafter called "the
Mortgagor" which expression shall where the context so admits include his
successors in title) of the principal sum advanced by the Society to the
Mortgagor and specified in item (2) of the said Schedule with interest thereon
as in the Mortgage mentioned and the Mortgage contains a covenant by the
Mortgagor to repay to the Society the said principal sum together with interest there-
on in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage.

AND WHEREAS the unencumbered interest of the Mortgagor in the
property comprised in the Mortgage is valued at the sum (hereinafter called the
"market value") specified in item (3) of the said Schedule.

AND WHEREAS the principal sum secured by the Mortgage exceeds by the
amount (hereinafter called "the additional sum") specified in item (4) of the
said Schedule _____ per centum of the market value or the purchase
price of the property mortgaged whichever is the lower being the amount
specified in item (5) of the said Schedule.

AND WHEREAS the Housing Authority pursuant to a Scheme in that be-
half made by them and approved by the Minister for Local Government have agreed
to guarantee repayment to the Society of the additional sum together with
interest thereon in the manner and to the extent hereinafter appearing.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH and it is hereby covenanted and agreed
as follows:-

1. If the Mortgagor shall at any time make default in payment to
the Society as required by the terms of the Mortgage or shall fail to observe
or perform some other covenant or condition therein contained and the Society
after exercising all or any of its powers as Mortgagee and after realising any
collateral security provided by the Mortgagor held solely in respect of the
Mortgage and after taking into account any costs necessarily and reasonably
incurred by the Society shall have failed to recover the full amount of the
principal and interest for the time being due to the Society in respect of the
Mortgage then the Housing Authority shall within one month after demand duly
made in that behalf pay to the Society a sum equal to two-thirds of the
difference between the actual deficiency which has arisen and the deficiency
which would have arisen if the principal sum secured by the Mortgage had been
the sum which the Society would normally have advanced without this guarantee
as specified in item (5) of the said Schedule.

2. No liability shall attach to the Housing Authority under the
foregoing covenant unless within two months after it has come to the notice of
the Society that any event upon which its power of sale as Mortgagee becomes
exercisable has occurred the Society shall have given notice thereof to the
Housing Authority by registered letter.

3. The Society may extend to the Mortgagor any indulgence or for-
bearance usually extended to Mortgagors in accordance with the practice of the
Society its rules for the time being in force and the Mortgage.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding clause if
after notice of any such default as aforesaid the Housing Authority shall

require the Society to exercise all or any of its powers as Mortgagee and the Society shall be unwilling so to do then the Housing Authority shall cause the property to be valued by an independent Valuer to be nominated in default of agreement by the Minister for Local Government and the valuation made by such Valuer shall be final and binding on both parties hereto and the Housing Authority shall pay to the Society the sum hereinbefore covenanted to be paid as if the property had been sold at a price equal to the said valuation. The said sum shall be held by the Society to be applied towards making good any deficiency which may arise upon final settlement as between the society and the Mortgagor under the Mortgage or so far as it may not be required for that purpose to be repaid to the Housing Authority.

5. The Housing Authority shall not be liable for any deficiency caused by or arising from any defect in the title of the Mortgagor to the property comprised in the Mortgage or from the failure of the Mortgagor to keep the property insured against fire in an amount at least equal to the sum specified in item (2) of the Schedule hereto.

6. THIS Guarantee shall cease to be effective:-

(a) if the rate of interest payable under the Mortgage is at any time increased above the rate then being charged in the normal course of business by the Society on advances to owner-occupiers;

(b) when the principal sum remaining outstanding under the Mortgage shall have been reduced to fifty per centum of the market value or purchase price of the property mortgaged whichever is the lower being the sum specified in item (6) of the Schedule hereto.

7. Notwithstanding anything in the Mortgage this Guarantee shall extend only to the initial advance thereunder of the principal sum specified in item (2) of the Schedule hereto and no account shall in the making of any calculation hereunder be taken of any other sum advanced.

SCHEDULE.

- (1) The Property mortgaged.
- (2) The principal sum advanced.
- (3) The market value.
- (4) The additional sum.
- (5) The sum which would normally be advanced.
- (6) The release figure.

NOTE:- The necessary adaptations may be made in this Form where the advance is secured by Deed of Charge.

APPLICATION FOR GUARANTEE.

Name of Society _____

To the _____ Corporation.

On behalf of the above mentioned Society and in accordance with the Scheme adopted by the housing authority by resolution on _____ and approved by the Minister for Local Government, the terms and conditions of which the Society has accepted in so far as they are applicable, I apply for a guarantee of an advance, particulars of which are given below:-

1. Applicant for advance:-

- (a) Name address, income and occupation.
- (b) Details of sureties (if any).

2. Property for which advance is sought:-

- (a) Description and situation.
- (b) Tenure being acquired (if leasehold, state unexpired period of lease).
- (c) Amount of ground rent (if any).
- (d) Date or expected date of completion of the building,
- (e) Number of habitable rooms and superficial area.
- (f) Has the buildings been previously occupied?

3. Purchase price and advance etc.:-

- (a) Purchase price.
- (b) Amount of contribution by applicant.
- (c) "Market Value".
- (d) Amount to be advanced.
- (e) Amount to be advanced as percentage of market value or purchase price, whichever is the lower.
- (f) Normal advance, i.e., the amount which would be advanced by the Society without a guarantee.
- (g) Normal advance as percentage of market value or purchase price, whichever is the lower.
- (h) Additional sum, i.e., amount of advance less normal advance (3(d) Minus 3(f)).
- (i) Release figure - 50% of purchase price or market value, whichever is the lower.
- (j) Rate of interest, and whether fixed or variable.
- (k) Period and terms of repayment.
- (l) Details of any collateral security.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the information give above is correct and the sum stated under item 3(c) is the amount shown in the report dated _____

_____ made by the valuer of the Society.

Signature _____
Authorised Officer.

Edward Hall

26th August, 1956.

A meeting of the Special Finance 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 in the Chair.

Aldermen Morris, Byrne and Cullimore.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

As promised at last meeting the Town Clerk submitted figures on the financial position of the erection of the Ball Court and the provision of the Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and after further consideration it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to meet the Committee on the 31st instant.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

27th August, 1956.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Ed. Hall in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, John Cullimore
and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, James Gaul, John Howlin, James
Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Hierarchy and Catholics of England on the death of Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne; supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who was unavoidably absent, and on his own behalf and adopted in respectful silence.

WATER SUPPLY

It was reported that the water supply position was moving back to normal and that night pumping at Edenvale had been stopped. The water supply to the Town had not been cut off for the past couple of nights and if the position continued to improve, as at present, all restrictions would be removed at the week-end.

A number of questions were asked regarding the use of the electric pumps instead of the hydrostats but as the Borough Surveyor was absent on annual leave this matter was left over for his attendance.

ILLUMINATIONS - WEXFORD FESTIVAL

A letter was read from the Illuminations Sub-Committee of the Wexford Festival requesting the Corporation to receive a deputation but it was unanimously agreed that there was no necessity for a deputation to come before the Corporation as they were prepared to do the same as in previous years and provide the usual sum for Festival lighting.

INFORMATION CARAVAN - CHIPPERFIELD'S CIRCUS.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, an application from Chipperfield's Circus to have their Information Caravan in the Bull Ring during the present week was granted.

JOHN E. REDMOND CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

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A letter was read from the John Edward Redmond Centenary Committee inviting the Corporation to take part in the John Edward

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Redmond Centenary Commemorations on Sunday the 30th ultimo and it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, to accept the invitations to be present at the functions.

BATH - SHEEHAN'S CORISH PARK

A question was raised regarding the provision of a bath in the house occupied by Sheehan's at Corish Park and the Town Clerk was instructed to take up the matter of the replacement of this bath with the Housing Engineer.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AT MENAPIA AVENUE

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the house at Menapia Avenue occupied by Stephen Byrne and the Town Clerk was asked to submit a report to the statutory meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 3rd proximo.

COMPLETION OF BUNGALOWS AT MARIAN ROW

It was agreed that the meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee to hold as soon as reports were available on the carrying out of works authorised at the last meeting and the Housing Engineer was to be instructed to proceed with the erection of the wall to complete the dwellings at Marian Row.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT TRINITY STREET

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit a report on the house at Trinity Street occupied by Mrs. Fallon where it was stated that the ceiling had fallen.

PROVISION OF GAS TO CORISH PARK HOUSES

In reply to a query regarding the provision of gas for some of the older houses at Corish Park the Town Clerk stated that he had arranged a meeting between the Borough Surveyor and the Manager of the Gas Works and had not yet received a report and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to have such report available for the next meeting.

REPLACEMENT OF WASTE PIPES

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to expedite the replacement of waste pipes which had been stolen from certain Corporation houses.

CONDITION OF CHANNEL AT JOSEPH STREET

The attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to the channel in Joseph Street to grass growing there in particular near the Church.

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The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

31st August, 1956.

A meeting of the Special Finance 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 Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen Kevin C. Morris, Thomas F. Byrne and John Cullimore.

Councillor John O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk and County Manager were also in attendance.

The meeting discussed generally the fact that neither the Ball Alley nor the work at Davitt Road North, which were being financed with the aid of grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, had been completed within the estimate but in fact work had to be suspended when the Town Clerk ascertained that the monies available were expended.

The County Manager in a lengthy statement set out the financial position of both these works together with estimated costs for their completion. He intimated to the meeting that this over expenditure on Corporation works had been the cause of grave concern for sometime past and he had spent a considerable amount of time in consultation with the Town Clerk examining the figures from day to day in connection with these works. He was perfectly satisfied in his own mind that it was entirely due to lack of supervision, but not being an Engineer he was not in a position to pin point at what stage the over expenditure occurred and for what cause.

He intended, however, to submit all the facts to the Minister for Local Government whose Department was responsible for the general supervision of works carried out with the aid of grants from the Vote and ask him to give the assistance of an Engineering Inspector to examine over-expenditure on the Davitt Road North and Bally Alley Schemes.

As soon as these matters were dealt with he proposed to deal himself with the over expenditure on the erection of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and other projects.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

3rd September, 1956.

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 Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

James Gaul, John Howlin, James Morris, John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Before the business of the meeting commenced His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Capt. John J. O'Leary, a former Member of the Council and at present one of the Council's Rate Collectors, on the death of his wife and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

11th September, 1956.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:

Flusk, Howlin, Morris and O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the Cork Corporation acknowledging the resolution of sympathy with the Lord Mayor, Corporation and People of Cork on the Polio Epidemic.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy were also read from the Presentation Convent, the relatives of the late Alderman McGrath, Lord Mayor of Cork, and the relatives of the late Thomas Hore.

A letter was read from the Administrator and Clergy of Westminster Cathedral acknowledgging vote of sympathy on the death of His Eminence Cardinal Griffin.

DECORATION OF TOWN

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that expenditure not exceeding £150 be authorised for decoration of the Town during the financial year 1956/57.

RENT OF HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET

The next business was to recommend a basic rent for the house at Thomas Street recently acquired by the Corporation for Miss Nolan. The Town Clerk reported that the economic rent would be £28.18.2d. per annum and that a rent of 10/6d. per week would produce £27.6.0d. leaving a loss to the Corporation of £1.12.2d. and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to recommend the County Manager to fix a basic rent of 10/6d. per week subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

ERECTION OF 10 BUNGALOWS AT DISTILLERY ROAD

The next business was to consider correspondence with the Minister for Local Government regarding the proposed erection of 10 Bungalows at Distillery Road.

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In a letter under date 31st July the Minister stated he was not satisfied from a recent local investigation of the housing needs of the Corporation that precedent should be given at this stage to the provision of further bungalows for elderly couples, etc.

Under date of the 17th ultimo the Town Clerk had replied to the Minister's letter forwarding detailed particulars of 43 applicants who were unsuccessful in securing one of the 10 bungalows erected sometime ago at Green Street with details of three later applicants. From this list it would be seen that of the 43 original applicants, 24 were residing in unfit houses. Of this twenty four, twenty one were in receipt of incomes less than £6.10.0d. per week, which income, under the graded rent scheme in operation for 76 houses at Newtown, would entitle qualified applicants to be re-housed at a rent of 9/- per week. The Town Clerk further pointed out that in addition to the foregoing a number of persons with two and three in family, who were at present occupying three and four roomed Corporation houses, had applied for transfers to bungalows and if it were possible to grant these transfers houses would be available to re-house larger families.

Under date of the 24th ultimo The Minister stated that the availability of applicants for such bungalows was not in itself a sufficient reason for giving precedence to the building of this type of house and it was not considered that the Corporation housing programme was sufficiently advanced at present to warrant the re-housing of further elderly couples, widows, etc. in small three roomed houses in preference to the re-housing of larger families.

The Minister further requested that the matter be considered by the Housing Authority and their views on the question of erecting normal four roomed houses on the site submitted.

This correspondence gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which Councillor O'Flaherty favoured the erection of two storied houses on the site but when the Borough Surveyor intimated that the site was unsuitable for two story dwellings it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to point out to the Minister that the erection of these bungalows was in no way interfering with the normal housing programme and as the site was considered unsuitable for the erection of two-story dwellings he be asked to reconsider the matter and sanction the proposed erection of bungalows.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY MEMORIAL STATUE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed, in accordance with Section 42 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890, to take over and maintain the Commodore John Barry

LOAN FOR 54 HOUSES AT FAYTHE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to borrow the sum of eight-four thousand, five hundred and fifty pounds (£84,550) from the Local Loans Fund for the erection (only) of 54 houses at The Faythe.

LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPAIR OF HOUSE AT THOMAS ST.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was agreed to borrow the sum of £450 from the Local Loans Fund for the purchase and repair of a house at Thomas Street.

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PUBLIC SCAVENGING

It was also unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that special arrangements for public scavenging should be made on the morning of Sunday the 16th instant so that the Town would be perfectly clean in view of the number of visitors that would arrive in connection with the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Memorial.

CLEANING OF MAIN ROADS BY COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council was to be asked to take steps to have the main roads cleaned of grass growing in the channel ways particularly at King Street and Old Pound.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WATER SAFETY TEAM

Councillor James Morris moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Red Cross Water Safety Team which had succeeded in reaching the All Ireland Final this year.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present.

HANDBALLER CONGRATULATED

The Mayor also congratulated Mr John Ryan Bridgetown on his recent Handball Championship Win.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION TO 31ST DECEMBER

On the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £90,000 be authorised up to 31st December, 1956.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Estimates were submitted from the Electricity Supply Board for Public Lighting at Corish Park and at Davitt Road South, etc.

The Boards quotation for the extension of Public Lighting at Corish Park amounted to £93, for Davitt Road South £49.8s.0. and 15/-d, and for the provision of a new lamp at Keyser's Lane £13.12.0d.

The foregoing quotations were exclusive of the annual cost of lighting.

The Members considered that the initial charges of £93 and £49.8.0d, proposed by the Board, were absolutely excessive and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to accept the Boards quotation for Public Lighting at Corish Park and Davitt Road South under strong protest.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WYGRAM CORNER

A question was raised regarding the erection of houses at Wygram Corner and the Borough Surveyor pointed out that only two bungalows could be

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erected thereon if the corner was removed and in the circumstances it was considered that the cost of acquiring the land for two bungalows would be too high.

WATCHMAN AT CRESCENT QUAY

The Mayor complained of the action of the Corporation Officials in changing the Watchman on the Crescent Quay since they had taken over the Commodore Barry Memorial and thought that the two men employed by the Contractor should have been left for the one week.

It was seen that nothing could be done in the matter now and no action was taken beyond a protest.

EMPLOYMENT OF OLD I.R.A. MEN

Alderman Morris referred to the employment of Old I.R.A. Men who had been dismissed from the Newtown Housing Site and proposed that the Housing Engineer be again recommended to re-employ these men on the Faythe Scheme. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

CONDITION OF PREMISES AT CORNMARKE

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of the premises of Miss Molly Mythen at Cornmarket which he alleged was due to the derelict site adjoining and the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit a report and estimate to the next meeting.

CONDITION OF PREMISES AT ABBEY STREET

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine and report on the house occupied by Goodison adjoining a derelict site at the junction of Abbey Street and Cornmarket.

DANGEROUS ROOF AND CHIMNEY AT BARRACK STREET

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a dangerous roof and chimney at Barrack Street and this matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

DECISION ON COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

The Department of Local Government was to be asked to expedite a decision on the Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street Compulsory Purchase Orders made in 1955.

DERELICT SITE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to a derelict site at South Main Street and pointed out that the remains of an old lavatory there was open to the public and asked that the owner be requested to close this up.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC

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A letter was read from the new Director General of Bord Failte

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addressed to The Mayor on the development of . tourist traffic and it was unanimously decided to assure the Bord that they would have the full co-operation of the Corporation in any steps they took to develop the tourist industry.

HOUSE AT ABBEY STREET

A report was read from the County Manager on the subject of the house at Abbey Street occupied by Mrs. Murphy. The Manager intimated that proceedings for the recovery of rent arrears due on the houses were listed for hearing at the District Court on the 5th instant. Representations however were made that the rent was withheld because of the condition of the house which needed repairs and the legal proceedings were deferred pending the consideration of the repairs position.

The Manager's report continued that he had discussed the matter with the Borough Surveyor who referred him to his report of the 14th January, 1952 on this house and had informed him that the house was not worth repairing. The opinion of the Surveyor was that the family should be moved to a cheap house at the earliest possible date and the Abbey Street house closed up.

The Manager's report continued that the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor seemed to be the only course to adopt but he (Manager) considered that all arrears of rent, to date of re-housing, should be cleared.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the report and recommendation of the Manager was adopted and he was recommended to grant a cheap house to the family residing in the dwelling at Abbey St. and that it be closed up.

The Meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall,

1st October, 1956.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, John
Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, John Howlin, James Morris,
John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Senior Hurling Team on winning the All-Ireland Hurling Championship on the 23rd ultimo and to Messrs John Ryan and John Doyle on winning the All-Ireland Senior Hardball Championship.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

Councillor O'Flaherty enquired if the invitation received by the Mayor to extend a welcome to the hurling team on the previous evening had been issued by the local Tostal Council or by an individual. The Mayor stated he had been asked by an individual on a couple of occasions to meet the team at the Talbot Hotel on Sunday evening but the invitation was not from the G.A.A. officially. He, Mayor, had first refused to attend but on being pressed by the individual in question and a member of his own Football Club he had attended and congratulated the team.

Alderman Kevin Morris as Chairman of the Tostal Council emphatically stated that the invitation was not issued by that Council or had any meeting of the Council been held to organise the function and if any persons had used the name of the Tostal Council in this connection they had done so without authority.

Councillor O'Flaherty stated he would have been only too willing, with the other Members of the Corporation, to extend a Civic Welcome to the All-Ireland Hurling Team but he did not think that individuals should be allowed to organise such functions and have it stated through the Public Press and over Radio Eireann that the Corporation were extending a Civic Welcome when no such arrangements had been made.

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Councillor Howlin asked who had arranged the reception to the Limerick Team at the Talbot Hotel on the previous Saturday night and the Town Clerk explained that during the week he had been contacted by 'phone by a prominent Member of the G.A.A. who intimated to him that the Wexford Team had received a Civic Welcome on a previous visit to Limerick and asked him if it would be possible to arrange for the Wexford Corporation to extend a Civic Reception to the Limerick Team on their arrival on the 30th proximo. He, Town Clerk, had informed this person that he felt sure the Mayor and any Members of the Corporation who would be available would be only too willing to extend a Civic Welcome to the visiting Limerick Team and they arranged to extend such welcome on the previous Saturday night between 9.30 and 10 p.m. at the Talbot Hotel.

The Town Clerk continued that the Mayor had agreed to the arrangements made by him and he had requested any Members of the Corporation who were not otherwise engaged on the night in question to be so good as to attend at the Talbot Hotel at 10 p.m. to extend a Civic Welcome to the Team. He further informed the meeting that on Saturday night he had accompanied the Mayor to the Hotel at 9.45 p.m. where they were informed that the bookings for the Limerick Team had been cancelled at 10.30 a.m. on the 28th ultimo and that they were not arriving until Sunday morning. He, Town Clerk, had received no intimation whatever from the representative of the G.A.A. of this cancellation and being pressed by the Members stated that the representative in question was Mr Michael Kehoe of Glynn.

The Members felt very indignant that no intimation had been given to either the Mayor or Town Clerk of the cancellation of the arrangements for Saturday night and the Mayor intimated that it appeared to him that certain Members of the County Board of the G.A.A. had no use for Wexford Town.

The above matters were not further discussed except it was made clear to the Public, through the medium of the Press, that for the future the Corporation would attend no functions of which prior notice had been given without their consent.

JOHN STREET SEWER

The Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., reported on the work done to date on the Town Sewerage and this was considered satisfactory.

LOAN - WEXFORD BRIDGE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to raise a loan of £5,000 (five thousand pounds) from the Local Loans Fund for a period of 50 years to meet the Corporation's contribution towards the capital costs of Wexford Bridge, as provided in the Wexford Bridge Order, 1952.

LICENCE - CINEMA PALACE

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously agreed to grant a licence to Mrs. M. Latimer in respect of the Cinema Palace Limited Wexford for the year ended 30th September, 1957.

WET TIME REFUND

A motion moved by Councillor Howlin that "the County Manager be directed to refund sums deducted from building employees wages in the month of September in respect of wet-time insurance paid to such workers for stoppage on the 28th May last" was seconded by Alderman Corish, but after the correspondence in connection with appeals on this matter had been read by the Town Clerk the motion was adjourned at the request of the proposer to enable a conference to be held between representatives of the men, the County Manager and Officials of the Corporation with a view to adopting local regulations in respect of the administration of the Wet-Time Insurance Act.

USE OF BULLDOZER

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager if it was the intention to use a bulldozer to complete the roadmaking at Newtown Housing Site and if so would an assurance be given that this will not cause redundancy. A reply was given to the effect that a bulldozer would be used and that redundancy would not arise at present.

The second part of the reply did not satisfy Councillor Howlin, particularly the words "at present" and the matter was adjourned to next meeting to enable the County Manager to discuss the question with the Housing Engineer.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF HOUSES AT TALBOT STREET

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the proposal of the Corporation some few years ago to purchase three houses at Talbot Street owned by Miss Hopkins he had been asked to submit rent proposals to the Department of Local Government.

The original proposal was to purchase the houses for £750; repairs were estimated in 1950 at £1,108 and Law Costs £142, making a total of £2,000 which would need a basic rent of 17/6d per week.

In view of the length of time since the estimate had been prepared it was unanimously decided to direct the Surveyor to submit a revised estimate and that the Town Clerk prepare rent figures on the basis of such revised estimate and ask the tenants if they were prepared to pay the rent which would be necessary.

BATH - SHEEHAN'S CORISH PARK

In reply to a query by Alderman Morris the Town Clerk stated that instructions had been given to the Housing Engineer, Mr Millar, to replace the bath at Sheehan's Corish Park and it was decided that this should be done immediately. It was also agreed that the painting of the 16 houses at Corish Park should be completed without delay.

PAINTING OF HOUSES

This matter of the painting of houses gave rise to a discussion on the quality of the paint being supplied by contractors under the Combined Purchasing System. The Manager intimated that he had been informed by the Department that the quality of the paint was constantly under review by the Department and samples were regularly analysed at the G.N. Laboratory Dundaly.

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REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN

The Mayor raised the question regarding the repair of a house at Maudlintown and the County Manager promised to look into the matter.

REPAIRS TO NO. 18 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The question of repairs to a house at No.18 St. Aidan's Crescent, occupied by Byrne, was also raised and referred to the Borough Surveyor.

RESTORATION OF DAMAGED WASTE PIPES

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that damaged waste pipes in a number of Corporation houses were being replaced by metal pipes at the present time.

MISS MYTHEN'S PREMISES AT CORNMARKE

The Borough Surveyor was questioned regarding dampness to Mess Mythen's premises at Cornmarket which it was alleged was due to water flowing from the adjoining derelict site but he, Borough Surveyor, would not give an opinion on the Corporation's liability in the matter until he had discussed it with the Town Clerk with a view to deciding whether or not the Corporation were liable.

HOUSE AT ABBEY STREET - REPAIRS

The Borough Surveyor was to submit a report and estimate on the condition of a house at Abbey Street occupied by Mrs. Goodison and if the County Manager considered that the house would not be worth the cost of repairs he was authorised to close it up and re-house Mrs. Goodison in a new Corporation house.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Aldorman Morris raised a question regarding the Ball Alley at Trinity Street and this matter was referred to a meeting of the Finance Committee which it was arranged should be held on Monday next the 8th instant at 8.30 p.m. as was also a question regarding the cost of the 40-house Scheme at Corish Park.

RANGE AT DISTILLERY ROAD

A question was raised regarding the payment of one shilling per week by a tenant named White at Distillery Road for the provision of a range, by His Worship The Mayor and the Town Clerk promised to look up the file in the matter and obtain necessary particulars.

WATERLOO ROAD

Question by Councillor O'Flaherty regarding site development at Waterloo Road and the erection of a wall around St. Peter's College were also referred to the Finance Committee.

QUESTIONS REGARDING REPAIRS OUT OF ORDER

While further questions regarding the repairs to houses were being raised it was unanimously agreed that for the future any question on matters in respect of which Committees had been appointed to deal with would be ruled out of order at Statutory Meetings.

PUMPING AT EDENVALE

In reply to a query by Councillor O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor intimated that no pumping was taking place from Edenvale at the present and that the hydrostats had been fully repaired.

PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

At the request of Councillor O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to ask the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide Public Telephone Kiosks near the Junction of Hill Street, John Street and Wygram and at the junction of Davitt Road South and Waterloo Road.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Alderman Byrne stated it was rumoured in the Town that the Free Fuel Scheme would not operate in the coming winter and asked the Town Clerk if he could make a statement thereon.

In reply the Town Clerk stated that the Scheme would operate from 1st November to 31st March and that the necessary vouchers would be issued to enable the Scheme to commence not later than 1st November. He was at present in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare with a view to altering the scheme of distributing the vouchers to the Pensioners and the Alderman could rest assured that any change which might take place would be for the convenience of the recipients and the saving of administrative expenses.

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have the dead-end hydrants in the Town flushed regularly and to have the small bit of narrow road-way in front of the houses at Windmills Hill repaired.

OPENING OF TENDERS

A number of tenders for timber, gates and fences, provision of electric wiring etc. for housing schemes at Newtown and Faytho were opened and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for necessary action.

Before the tenders were opened the Town Clerk intimated that some tenders had been received in open envelopes; others without any indication on the outside that they were tenders and one was late as well as not having an endorsement thereon and it was unanimously agreed, in accordance with a previous resolution, that tenders not in sealed envelopes or suitably endorsed or otherwise not complying with the terms of the advertisement should not be considered.

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The Meeting then terminated. *Edward Hall.*

15th October, 1956.

A meeting of the Finance 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 Ed. Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen Morris, Byrne and Cullimore.

Councillor John O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk and County Manager were also in attendance.

A report was submitted by the Town Clerk setting out the estimated and actual expenditure for the half year ended 30th ultimo and as the expenditure appeared to be within the estimate it was considered satisfactory.

A general discussion took place on the rent collection position and it was agreed that pressure should be brought to bear on the Rent Collectors to improve the arrears position.

Both the County Manager and Town Clerk explained to the meeting in detail the affect on Capital works in hand and capital works proposed to be undertaken as a result of the present economic position of the country and the credit squeeze. They pointed out to the Committee that they were continually in touch with the Corporation's Treasurer to ensure that no hold-up would take place on works at present in hands and this referred in particular to the Faythe Housing Scheme which the Treasurer was very reluctant to finance by way of overdraft accommodation.

They were also in constant touch with the Department of Local Government with a view to securing payment from the Local Loans Fund of outstanding instalments of loans.

They were also using their best endeavours to procure sanction to the raising of a loan of £84,550 for the erection (only) of the houses at Faythe. They felt that if this sanction were available they would be able to procure reasonable accommodation from the Treasurer pending the completion of the Mortgage Deed and the issue of instalments from the Local Loans Fund.

They also recommended the Committee to accept the offer of the Minister for Local Government to sanction of a loan for 35 years of £16,000 for the erection of ten of the sixteen large houses at Corish Park as they felt, having regard to the Town Clerk's recent interview with the Officials of the Department and the opinion expressed by the Treasurer, that it would be advisable to accept 35 years and not continue to press for a 50 year period which they felt would not be forthcoming and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer of a 35 years loan for these dwellings.

The meeting asked the County Manager to consider the following persons for the tenancy of new houses at Corish Park:-

Richard Gaul, The Faythe, Wexford.

Stephen Dunne, King Street, Wexford.

Patrick Sheehan, High Street, Wexford.

Lorcan Kiernan, Allen Street, do.

The meeting then terminated.

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5th November, 1956.

A meeting of the Special Finance 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 Ed. Hall, in the Chair;

Alderman Thomas F. Byrne and Councillor Kevin C. Morris.

Councillor O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a communication to the effect that an Inspector from the Department of Local Government would be visiting Wexford during the week to enquire into the over expenditure on Relief Grant Works and it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of this matter pending the Inspector's report.

After a general discussion on routine matters and the financial position of the Corporation, particularly with regard to Capital expenditure, the meeting terminated.

Edward Hall

5th November, 1956.

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 E. Hall, in the Chair.

Aldermen:-

Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish,
John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:-

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flush, John
Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman T. Byrne, 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.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to relatives of John Roche, former Caretaker of the County Hospital, and with the wife of Councillor John Howlin who was a niece of the late Mr. Roche. Alderman Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to John McMahon, an employee of the Corporation, on the unexpected death of his wife that morning. Alderman Byrne seconded the Motion which was supported by all the Members present by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the Redmond Centenary Committee thanking the Mayor and Corporation for their participation in the ceremonies to commemorate the centenary of the birth of John Edward Redmond.

An acknowledgement of vote of sympathy was read from the relatives of the late Thomas Walsh, T.D.

A letter was read from Mr Patrick Furlong, North Main St., on behalf of Muintir na Tire requesting the Mayor and Corporation to be so good as to attend at the Legion of Mary Hall on November the 9th when prizes would be presented to the winners of a garden competition organised by St. Aidan's Guild for occupiers of Corporation houses, it was agreed that all available Members would attend.

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ALLOCATION OF HOUSE AT NO.7 HARBOUR VIEW

In accordance with notice given His Worship The Mayor moved -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Corporation require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager of the said Wexford Corporation, to appoint the following person as tenant of the house in which she at present resides, namely:-

MRS. MARY ANNE FRANKLIN, No. 7 HARBOUR VIEW,
WEXFORD."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Cullimore and agreed, with Councillor Flusk dissenting.

SALE OF PLOT OF GROUND

The next business was to consider a proposal by the Wexford County Manager to demise a plot of ground to Mr Christopher Hopkins of Anne Street, Wexford, for the sum of £35 (thirty-five pounds).

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 notice of intention of the Manager had been given to each Member of the Corporation on the 9th ultimo and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the proposed demise of the land was agreed.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1956/7

The next business was to consider proposals for the expenditure of the Corporations allocation from the Employment Schemes Vote 1956/57.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that the allocation for the current year was £2,150 with a local contribution of £310 making a total of £2,460.

Of this sum £878 had already been approved for work at the Crescent Quay in connection with the Commodore John Barry Memorial which left a balance of £1,582 to be expended.

The Borough Surveyor suggested that the £1,582 be allocated as follows:-

- (1) Completion of Handball Court at Trinity Street - £900.
- (2) Continuation of concrete slab at Davitt Road North - £680.

At the outset the Members protested in the strongest possible terms against the reduction of the total amount available from £5,490 last year to £2,460 in the current year. The allocation for the current year being only 48% of that for 1955/56.

They pointed out that in previous years they had considered the allocation too small but in the current year it was absolutely ridiculous having regard to the amount of unemployment at present in the Town which had not been so high for a number of years. Councillor Howlin thereupon proposed that the Town Clerk immediately communicate with the responsible Minister protesting against the reduction in the

grant and requesting him to receive a deputation to discuss the matter. Alderman Byrne seconded this proposition which was unanimously adopted and a Deputation consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Morris and Byrne and Councillor Howlin, together with the five T.Ds. for the County was to wait on the Minister.

The suggestions of the Borough Surveyor for the expenditure of the balance of the allocation were then considered and it was thought that the amenity scheme for completion of the ball alley should be deferred and that the concreting of Davitt Road North should be completed out of the total balance available - £1,582.

Councillor O'Flaherty thereupon proposed and Councillor Howlin seconded, that the complete balance of the grant available be allocated to the finishing of the concrete slab at Davitt Road North. This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

USE OF BULLDOZER

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion arose regarding the use of bulldozer on the Corporation Housing Scheme at Corish Park a letter was read from the Housing Engineer pointing out that the cost of excavating by use of a bulldozer amounted to £172, whereas with the use of ordinary labour it would cost £292.10.0. so that by using mechanical means there was a saving of £120.10.0. or £3.6.11d. per house on the 36 houses scheme and that a contract had already been entered into for this work with Mr. Breen of Knockavoca.

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As regards redundancy, men would be dismissed as a direct result of using the bulldozer but the over-all time for the completion of the houses would be slightly reduced by the time-saving consequent on the use of the machine.

DECEMBER FAIR

Attention was drawn to the fact that the fixed day for the December Fair, namely the last Tuesday of the month, would fall on Christmas Day and it was unanimously decided that the fixing of an alternative date be left to the Town Clerk after consultation with the Committee of Agriculture.

HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET

A report was submitted regarding the house at Thomas Street recently purchased by the Corporation from Miss Nolan. The Town Clerk stated that in his letter of sanction the Minister for Local Government had requested that the upper courses of the chimney be rebuilt, the front door replaced, an indoor water supply and sink provided. The Town Clerk further reported that the cost of acquiring the house to date was £425; the rent had been fixed on a total expenditure of £450 and that a balance of £25 was available for any works necessary. The Borough Surveyor reported that the front door could be repaired in a satisfactory manner at a cost of £4, to make the suggested alteration to the water supply would cost £30, to repair the chimney stack £10 and to provide a kitchen fire place £14, making a total of £58.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the total amount available was £25 and no further money could be expended on the dwelling and suggested that the front door, chimney and fire place be done within the estimate of £25 and this was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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SITE AT BULLRING - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

A Deed of Conveyance of a plot of ground in the Market Place, Bull Ring to the Electricity Supply Board for the sum of £150, plus a yearly rent of 1/-, for a period of thirteen years was executed on the part of the Corporation.

MISS MYTHEN'S PREMISES AT CORNMARKEET

Under date of the 8th ultimo the Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the premises of Miss Mythen at Cornmarket and suggested that a 3" drain to intercept any surplus water around the adjoining derelict site, the property of the Corporation, be installed at an estimated cost of £25, it to be clearly understood that the Corporation were not liable for the timber rot in her premises as in his opinion this was of long standing.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the work be done as soon as possible.

REPAIRS - GOODISONS HOUSE ABBEY STREET

Arising out of this matter Alderman Morris again raised the question of the house in Abbey Street occupied by Mrs. Goodison and the Borough Surveyor intimated that speaking without examining the premises in detail he thought it would cost around £500 to re-slate the roof, take away the adjoining ruins and plaster the party wall.

As it was apparent that the Corporation had no funds to enable such work to be carried out it was unanimously decided to recommend the Manager to place Mrs. Goodison on the list for a cheap house commensurate with her means and when she had been rehoused to demolish the present house.

FINANCES

Arising out of a suggestion that the Corporation should raise money to repair the house occupied by Mrs. Goodison, the Town Clerk informed the Members that they could put out of their minds the possibility of procuring money at the present time for any, except very essential, capital purposes and that no capital works could possibly be started until money was actually in hands for the purpose.

He pointed out to the Members that the Manager and himself were in constant touch with the Corporation's Treasurers to secure money to enable the capital works in progress to continue without a hitch but that it would be absolutely impossible for them to secure money for any capital works such as the repair of houses. He further intimated that the Finance Committee of the Corporation were aware of the present position in this connection.

SAVINGS ON FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

Suggestions from the Housing Engineer for savings on the Faythe Housing Scheme were submitted but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the proposals of the Housing Engineer be circulated to the Members and after they had an opportunity of examining them they could be discussed by the Corporation.

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HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

Housing Progress Reports on the fifty-four houses at Faythe and thirty-six at Corish Park were read for the meeting.

OPEN SPACE AT CORISH PARK

Arising out of the report on the thirty-six house scheme at Corish Park reference was made to the large open space there and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a report as to whether or not further houses could be erected on it.

TENDERS

Following the submission of a report from the Housing Engineer on tenders received for timber for 54 houses at the Faythe, it was agreed that the unsuccessful Tenderers should be notified and that when a report had been received from the Engineer on the tenders for railings and gates, recently received, the Tenderers should also be notified of the result.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the distribution of fuel vouchers and asked if it was a fact that pensioners would have to call to the Town Hall to receive these vouchers.

The Town Clerk replied that he had submitted a scheme for the distribution of these vouchers in book form and this had been sanctioned by the Minister for Social Welfare but the sanction was subject to any directions given by the Local Government Auditor. The Auditor had sometime ago directed him, Town Clerk, to adopt a scheme for verifying and securing surrender of books when pensioners died or otherwise ceased to be entitled to a pension. He, Town Clerk, had racked his own and other people's brains with a view to devising such a scheme but the only method that could be thought of was for the pensioners to apply in person each week for their vouchers. He saw the difficulties and hardships which the adoption of this method would entail and at the present he was in consultation with the Minister for Social Welfare and other Officials with a view to adopting reasonable safeguards which would satisfy the Auditor and at the same time ensure that pensioners would not have to call to the office each week to receive vouchers. In view of this he asked the Members not to discuss the matter further until he had completed his negotiations with the Department.

DEPUTATION - PAINTERS' UNION

A deputation of three Members of the Painters' Union attended before the meeting and complained that the colouring had been deleted from the Corish Park and other housing schemes as a result of which very few painters were employed at the present time on Corporation Schemes.

The Members agreed to take this matter up with the Housing Engineer and then to consider the representations made by the Union.

When the deputation withdrew, Councillor Howlin suggested a meeting between the Mayor, County Manager, Housing Engineer and a Member of the Union, and this was agreed to.

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REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT MENAPIA AVENUE

A question was raised regarding the condition of the house in Menapia Avenue occupied by Stephen Byrne and the Borough Surveyor agreed to have the repairs, which had been authorised sometime ago, carried out as soon as possible.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

Councillor O'Flaherty asked the Town Clerk if all the persons who had enquired about the buying of their houses had received notice of the conditions and the Town Clerk replied that they had.

SCAVENGING - EMMET PLACE.

The Councillor also asked that the Dust Cart go up Emmet Place and not to have the tenants carrying their dust bins to Trinity Street.

DAMAGE TO PLANTATIONS

The Councillor also complained of the damage to the plantations at St. Aidan's Crescent and to the danger to children and members of the public from a gap in the fence there.

WET TIME INSURANCE REFUND

With reference to minutes of last meeting when motion in the name of Councillor Howlin regarding wet time insurance payment to some of the Corporation building employees had been adjourned the Councillor now asked permission to withdraw the motion as a satisfactory settlement had been reached following a discussion between representatives of the men and Officials of the Corporation. Permission was given to withdraw the motion.

INVASION OF HUNGARY AND EGYPT

His Worship The Mayor moved a resolution of protest against the invasion of Hungary by Soviet troops and the invasion of Egypt by British and French troops. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Alderman Morris congratulated the Irish Red Cross Society on their prompt action in dispensing relief to the unfortunate people of Hungary.

The Meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

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26th November, 1956.

A special meeting of the Corporation (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) 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 Edward Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:-

Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:-

Gaul, Howlin, Morris and O'Flaherty.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Before the business of the meeting commenced the following letter was read from the Very Rev. Fr. Charles, Guardian of the Friary:-

"I was indeed very grateful to you and to all the members of the Wexford Corporation for your kind expression of sympathy with myself and the Community on the recent tragic death of Rev. Fr. Bertrand.

The fact that the Town Corporation attended the Solemn Mass and funeral in state was deeply appreciated, not only by the Friars and people of Wexford, but by all the Franciscans who were present. And the Very Rev. Fr. Provincial has asked me to convey to you his own appreciation at this signal mark of respect shown by the Wexford Corporation to the Franciscans."

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Frank Cullimore on the death of his cousin, the late Thomas Byrne, and to Mrs. Byrne, Widow. The motion was seconded by Alderman Morris and supported by all the Members present as well as by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Alderman Morris moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Worship The Mayor on the death of Mrs. Foley, Carrigeen Street. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

With reference to minutes of meeting on the 5th instant when the Corporation allocation from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1956/57 was under consideration, the Town Clerk intimated that, as directed at that meeting, he had communicated on the 6th idem with the Department of Local Government protesting most emphatically against the sum allowed for the current year and requesting the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation

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to place the views of the Corporation on the plight of the unemployed in the town before him. To this letter he had received a reply that the allocation from this vote was a matter for the Special Employment Schemes Office to whom his letter had been referred for attention.

On Friday last he had received a telephone message from the Minister for Social Welfare to the effect that the Corporation's allocation for the year 1956/57 had been increased by one hundred per cent., and after consultation with His Worship The Mayor, this special meeting had been convened to enable the Corporation to consider and adopt proposals for the expenditure of the grant.

At this stage Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the sincere thanks of the Corporation be conveyed to the Minister for Social Welfare for the interest he had taken in this matter and his successful efforts to have the Corporation's allocation increased by one hundred per cent.

Alderman Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by all the other Members with the exception of Alderman Morris who considered that nobody should be thanked for the allocation. The motion was adopted.

The Town Clerk then read a letter which he had received that morning from the Department of Local Government intimating that the total grant available in the current year amounted to £4,300 subject to a local contribution of £620, making in all £4,920 available.

Of this sum £840 had been allocated for a pathway at the Crescent Quay early in the year, and £1,280 had been allocated for the completion of concrete surface at Davitt Road North. This left £340 of the original allocation and the Borough Surveyor had suggested that this should be expended on the completion of road surfacing etc. at Summerhill Cross. In view of the fact that it was the intention of the Corporation to develop a housing site near Summerhill Cross and erect a wall at St. Peter's College there, he, Town Clerk, had considered it advisable to forward this proposal for sanction so that all the work at Summerhill Cross and Waterloo Road could be completed at the same time. It was open, however, to the Corporation to reject this proposal if they considered it advisable.

The Members considered that the action of the Town Clerk should be approved and then proceeded to consider proposals for the expenditure of the balance of the allocation, namely, £2,460.

To absorb this amount the Borough Surveyor suggested the completion of the Handball Court at Trinity Street at a cost of £900. (labour content £404) and the development of a site for private building at Davitt Road North/Waterloo Road at a cost of £1,560 (labour content £892).

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was granted to the proposals already submitted to the Department for sanction, namely, the completion of Davitt Road South and Summerhill Corner.

As regards the present suggestion for the completion of the Ball Court and the development of a housing site the Members did not appear keen on expending £900 on an amenity scheme such as the Ball Court if more productive work could be carried out.

In this connection Councillor Howlin asked if it was not a fact that the work of developing the housing site had been approved by the Corporation sometime ago and the Town Clerk informed him that proposals for this work had been submitted to the Department of Local Government in December last and recently intimation had been received from the Treasury that they were prepared to grant the necessary loan to carry out the work.

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It was pointed out, however, by both the Manager and Town Clerk, that if this proposal was financed by way of loan the Corporation would have to meet loan charges thereon for the currency of the loan and it might be sometime before they receive rent from the sites and if it were possible to have the work financed from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote it would be good business on the part of the Corporation to do so.

The meeting then proceeded to ascertain if alternative schemes were available to absorb the balance of the grant available of £2,460.

Alderman Byrne suggested that St. Peter's Square be resurfaced but the Borough Surveyor pointed out that a trench had recently been opened in this Square for the sewerage scheme and if it was concreted over at this stage it would undoubtedly crack and would need to be replaced in a very few years. He also pointed out that there was a defective water main and a local drain on the north side of the Square, which would need to be renewed before it could be concreted over. As well any work the Corporation would do could only extend to the edge of the roadway on the west side of the Square which was a main road.

He, Borough Surveyor, suggested that in the event of the site development work not being approved of that the Corporation should consider the resurfacing of part of Talbot Street from Summerhill Cross side.

After further lengthy discussion it was seen that the Corporation were not in a position to make suggestions immediately for the absorption of the money available and it was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Gaul, to submit the suggestions of the Borough Surveyor, namely, completion of the Ball Court and the development of the housing site, for sanction and in the meantime the necessary documents should be prepared for the Talbot Street and St. Peter's Square suggestions in case the site development project was turned down.

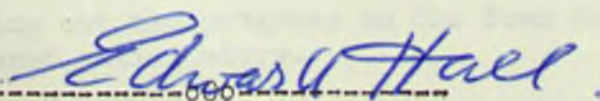
USE OF TOWN HALL BY RED CROSS

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to grant the use of the Town Hall to the Wexford Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society, free of charge, for the holding of a dance in aid of the Hungarian Refugee Fund.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Mayor mentioned that he had been approached by the Wexford Chamber of Commerce asking that the Corporation take over the provision and maintenance of a Christmas Tree, which had been provided by the Chamber for some years past in the Bullring during the Christmas Season, but a number of the Members did not favour this suggestion and a decision was adjourned to the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 3rd proximo.

The meeting then terminated.



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3rd December, 1956.

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 Ed. Hall, in the Chair;

Aldermen:

Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:

Flusk, Gaul, Howlin, Morris and O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meetings of 5th and 26th ultimo, 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.

NOTICES TO QUIT - CORISH PARK HOUSES

A question was raised regarding the issue of Notices to Quit on the tenants of certain houses at Corish Park.

According to some of the Members the tenants concerned were not clear as to why the Notices to Quit had been served but it was presumed it was in respect of their failure to pay an increased rent in lieu of rates on the grounds that their next-door neighbours, who were acquiring their houses on the tenant-purchase system, were paying a lesser rate.

It was pointed out that the houses in question were outside the Borough but they enjoyed all the Borough amenities such as water, sewerage, public lighting, domestic scavenging, etc. In the case of the tenant-purchase houses the occupiers were rated ~~direct~~ by the County Council in respect of the County rate but in the case of the houses owned by the Corporation, the Corporation were rated and in order to recoup themselves for the cost of Urban amenities supplied to these houses the rents had been fixed on the basis of Urban rates. In the case of those acquiring their houses on the tenant-purchase system it would be necessary to make a special charge on them for water, domestic scavenging, public lighting and sewerage services.

After a lengthy discussion Councillor O'Flaherty proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded, a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the County Manager to withdraw the Notices to Quit pending the submission of an explanation to the tenants.

TOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME

A report was read from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, setting out the progress on the Town Sewerage Contract and this was considered satisfactory.

Arising out of this Alderman Corish complained that a number of old street gutters which had been taken up in the Street had been left at the junction of St. John's Road and Georges Street

and constituted a danger to passers by particularly after dark and it was agreed to request the Contractors to have the gullies removed.

CHRISTMAS TREE

A request from the Chamber of Commerce that the Corporation provide and maintain a Christmas Tree in the Bull Ring, formerly provided by the Chamber, was withdrawn, the Mayor intimating that the Chamber proposed to provide this themselves this year as in the past.

Arising out of this it was decided to inform the Chamber of Commerce that the tree should not be erected in front of the '98 Memorial as was done last year but to the north side of same.

SAVINGS ON FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

The next business was to consider suggestions from the Housing Engineer for savings on the Faythe Housing Scheme, which had been adjourned from the last meeting to enable the details to be circulated amongst the Members. The following are the suggested savings:-

	Estimated Saving. £. s. d.
1. Finish internal walls with gauged mortar instead of hardwall plaster.	25. 0. 0.
2. Omit jamb linings to windows and substitute plaster reveal	4.11. 0.
3. Omit architrave to windows	1.17. 6.
4. Reduce size of rafters from $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and from $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2"	3.11. 4.
5. Omit large hoods and piers to fronts of Nth aspect houses	6. 0. 0.
6. Omit corbels and hoods to fronts of South aspect houses	3. 0. 0.

SUMMARY

Items 1,2,3 & 4 apply to the 54 houses and the savings would be -	£1,889.11. 0d
Item 5 applies to 22 houses and the saving would be £6 x 22.	132. 0. 0d.
Item 6 applies to 32 houses and the saving would be £3 x £32.	96. 0. 0d.
Total estimate savings on scheme or £39.4.3d per house.	£2,117.11. 0d.

In addition to the foregoing it is suggested that pends might be omitted from north aspect houses in future schemes at an estimated saving of £95 (ninety-five pounds) per house.

Councillor Howlin informed the meeting that following the circulation of the details he had discussed the matter with various trade's men who informed him that the proposed savings would not affect the buildings but the Councillor stated that while they were saving on the construction side he understood that following comments

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by the Local Government Auditor the administrative expenses on the scheme were being increased by the introduction of an elaborate costing system.

Councillor O'Flaherty was of opinion that some of the houses erected by the Corporation, particularly those at McDermott Terrace were sub-standard having regard to the fact that very large 'T' hinges were provided on the inside cupboards, untidy plumbing in the living room and rough finished inside walls. He agreed with Councillor Howlin that the suggested savings could easily be off-set by the increased administrative costs mentioned.

Alderman Morris complained of defective houses at Corish Park where he stated that roofs, windows and doors were leaking and where Canadian Spruce supplied for inside doors was of very poor quality. He, Alderman Morris, was of the opinion that the proposed reduction of the size of the rafters would be the cause of further cracking in the walls of the houses.

The Borough Surveyor, in reply to a query, said that the reduction in the size of the rafters would not improve the houses.

The County Manager stated that having regard to the increasing costs of house building every possible saving was being examined with a view to reducing such costs and the savings now proposed had only been put forward for consideration by the Corporation after lengthy thought and examination by the Corporation's Housing Engineer in consultation with the Department's Inspector who was a qualified Architect. As regards the suggestion that the savings would be off-set by increased administrative expenses he pointed out that no elaborate system was being installed. As a matter of fact, he stated, all that was being done was to simplify the present costing system so that unit costs of the various operations in connection with any particular scheme would be available at any time and such unit costs were needed during the course of the work so that it could be seen if at any stage the cost of any portion of the work was exceeding the estimate. The present costing system had been devised to provide in a very simple way the unit costs required by the Department of Local Government to be kept in connection with all Direct Labour Schemes and the only expenditure incurred was the providing of stores, requisitions and the necessary labour and materials costs sheets. The filing cabinet which had been referred to by some of the Members was an old one which the Town Clerk had given to the Housing Engineer to store records in.

Some Members were of the opinion that a decision on this matter should be adjourned to another meeting at which the Housing Engineer would be present but it was pointed out that Mr. Millar was held up in the ordering of timber for the Faythe Housing Scheme pending the decision on this report so it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, but with Alderman Morris dissenting, that the economies suggested in the Housing Engineer's report be approved.

TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS 1956

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government, under date of the 13th ultimo RV/205/8, enclosing copies of the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1956 and the Traffic Signs (Temporary Authorisations) Order, 1956, made by the Minister under the Local Government Acts 1946 and 1955.

OPERATION OF TRAFFIC BYE LAWS

Arising out of the above reference was made to a question on the agenda by Councillor Howlin as to when the Traffic Bye-Laws,

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approved of in 1955 by the Commissioner of the Garda, would be put in force, and the Town Clerk replied that the Borough Surveyor had informed him he was in touch with the Garda Síochána regarding the number of signs required when he would be in a position to submit an estimate of the cost to the Corporation.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports on the 36 house scheme at Newtown and the 54 house scheme at the Faythe were submitted.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING ON CHURCH HOLIDAY

Alderman Corish raised the question of domestic scavenging during the coming week-end. He pointed out that Saturday the 8th would be a Church Holiday and no scavenging carried out and asked that the houses due for scavenging on Saturday would be scavenged on the following Monday and not left for a week as on previous occasions and the Borough Surveyor promised that this would be done.

PUBLIC LIGHTING- DEVEREUX VILLAS

Alderman Corish also referred to the need for a public light at the end of Devereux Villas and the Town Clerk promised to take this up with the Electricity Supply Board as he also did in the case of a complaint by Alderman Morris regarding lighting at the rear of St. Aidan's Crescent.

LETTING OF DEMONSTRATION HOUSE - CORISH PARK

Councillor Flusk referred to the letting of the house at Corish Park which had been used by the Electricity Supply Board as a demonstration house and enquired how the tenant had been selected. The Councillor was informed that the selection had been made from a Priority List compiled by the Chief Medical Officer and approved of by the Corporation. The Councillor thought that others should have been given an opportunity of applying for this house as he was aware of at least ten persons interested and he considered that all the applicants names should be put into a hat and the tenant selected by lot.

INSTALLATION OF FIREPLACES

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that where tenants of Corporation houses purchased fireplaces, to install in lieu of existing ranges, such fire places should be fitted by the Corporation provided the old ranges were returned to the store.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IRISH OLYMPIC TEAM

On the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Morris, and supported by all the Members present a resolution congratulating the Irish Olympic Team on their success in Melbourne, was unanimously adopted.

The Meeting then terminated.

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