

7th January, 1957.

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

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

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

John Howlin and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a loan of £84,550 for the erection of 54 Houses at Faythe and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of eighty-four thousand, five hundred and fifty pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1966."

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

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION TO 31ST MARCH, 1957

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that overdraft accommodation in the sum of £40,000 on the Revenue Account and £100,000 on the Capital A/C. be authorised for the period 1st January to 31st March, 1957.

SYMPATHY

At this stage His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James Morris on the death of his Father which had taken place on the 5th instant and that the meeting adjourn without transacting any further business as a mark of respect.

His Worship The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Corish on the death of his cousin Mrs. Whitty; to Captain John J. O'Leary, Rate Collector, on the death of his sister; and to the relatives of Fergal O'Hanlan and Sean South who had recently lost their lives in Northern Ireland.

Alderman Byrne seconded the Mayor's proposals which were supported by the other Members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

14th January, 1957.

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

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

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

Michael Flusk, Frank Cullimore, 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 Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the minutes of meeting of 3rd ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Councillor James Morris and Alderman Corish returned thanks for the votes of sympathy passed with them on the 7th instant.

A communication was also read from the relatives of the late Father Bertrand, O.F.M. acknowledging the condolences of the Corporation.

ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to the request of the Corporation for additional telephone kiosks at Davitt Road South/Waterloo and Wygram Place. The letter stated that there were already four kiosks in Wexford which number compared favourably with those in other centres and it was regretted the Minister was unable to meet the Corporation's representations for further kiosks at present.

In this connection it was pointed out that Wexford was a large, spread-out, area and there were no telephones near the areas in which the Corporation asked them to be provided. In addition the large new area at Corish Park was mentioned as being sadly in need of telephone facilities and it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the matter be referred back to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for reconsideration with the suggestion that he should instruct some of his Local Officials to meet representatives of the Corporation for consultation on the matter before a final decision was taken.

LETTING OF HOUSES

A motion in the name of Alderman Byrne calling on the Corporation to deplore the present method of letting houses was adjourned at the request of the Alderman in view of a meeting of the Consultative Committee being held at the close of the present meeting.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved we demand that the Government make available supplementary grants to off-set the very acute unemployment position in the Town. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion.

This motion gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the general economic situation of the country; unemployment and emigration. While most Members agreed that supplementary grants were necessary to deal with the immediate problem they were of opinion that such grants were merely a palliative and that it was time Dail Eireann and the Government settled down to tackle the unemployment problem in earnest.

After a very lengthy discussion Alderman Byrne's motion was agreed to as was a further motion moved by Councillor O'Flaherty and seconded by Alderman Cullimore "that His Worship The Mayor ask the five T.D's. for the County to request An Taoiseach to recall Dail Eireann with a view to considering unemployment and the national economic position."

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

The reports of the Housing Engineer for the month of December on the Corish Park and Faythe Housing Schemes were read. Arising out of the reports reference was made to a recent discussion on suggested economies in the Faythe Housing Scheme and it was stated that hoods were retained on certain houses but it was pointed out that the Department of Local Government had refused to sanction the deletion of these on southerly aspect dwellings.

JOHN STREET SEWER

The report of the Consulting Engineers on the Town Sewerage Scheme was also read. This gave rise to a question regarding the wall at Clifford Street and the Town Clerk replied that the question of responsibility for this wall was at present under consideration and he expected to have a consultation with the Engineers in the coming week.

INCREASE IN PENSIONS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, an increase in the pensions of Patrick Hickey, Retired C.E.O. and Miss Mary T. Walsh, Retired Domestic Economy Instructress, in accordance with the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956, were approved and an estimated increase in the expenditure for the current financial year of £39 (thirty-nine pounds) was also approved.

INCREASE IN WAGES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, wages increase of 3/- per week, as from the 29th October, were approved in the cases of Patrick Sutton, Cemetery Caretaker; James McMahon and Michael Murphy, Water Works Caretakers, together with additional expenditure of £10 (ten pounds) in the current financial year.

It was explained that the wages of these three employees were related to that of road workers employed by the County Council and that the County Council workers had been granted an increase of 3/- per week by a recent decision of the Labour Court.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

A circular letter under date of the 22nd November, 1956, No. H17/56 from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of capital expenditure was submitted.

It was explained that this circular in effect meant that no capital project could be commenced until the necessary borrowing therefor had been approved by the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Finance and the Mortgage Deed providing for the loan from the Local Loans Fund had been executed on the part of the Corporation. It was further explained that it was the intention of the Minister for Finance to introduce a capital budget in the coming financial year and he would then intimate to Local Authorities the sums which would be available for capital purposes during the year.

Arising out of this matter it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government for an immediate decision on the four Compulsory Purchase Orders made in respect of property at Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street.

The following questions were asked and answered:-

Question: Why the accounts pertaining to housing operations have not been submitted to Finance Committee.

Answer: It is presumed the question refers to the 40-house Scheme at Newtown and as previously pointed out this Scheme has had, from the beginning, to be related to the 36-house Scheme now in progress. When the estimate was prepared in 1953, it was even then seen that over £1,700 worth of work would have to be carried out in the preliminary stages which would only benefit a further Scheme. Consequently portion of the expenditure on the 40-House Scheme must in equity be apportioned to the 36-House Scheme. This correlation was so evident in the initial stages of the latter Scheme that the consent of the Minister for Local Government was sought and received to have the two schemes regarded as one for subsidy purposes. It will therefore be seen that the preparation of final accounts separately for the 40 houses is of necessity a tedious procedure but they have now reached the stage when they can be examined by the Town Clerk for checking with his records and will be ready for the next Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee. This meeting will possibly be held on Monday next the 21st instant.

Question: Why report of Department Inspector relative to overexpenditure on Relief Grants has not been submitted to Finance Committee.

Answer: No report has yet been received.

Question: What reply has been received from Department of Social Welfare with regard to application for fuel vouchers for people in receipt of British Old Age Pensions and those residing adjacent to the Borough.

Answer: No reply has been received to representations made regarding the supply of fuel to persons in receipt of British Old Age Pensions.

As regards the application of the scheme to persons residing outside the Borough Boundary the Department has requested further information on:-

1. The number of persons concerned.
2. The estimated cost.
3. How it is proposed to identify these persons.
4. How it is proposed to limit the application of the Scheme to those persons.
5. The names of streets or roads where these persons reside with an indication of their proximity to the Urban Boundary.

Replies to these queries are in course of preparation and will be forwarded to the Department within the next few days.

Question: How many men are employed on Relief Work and what is the position with regards the Ball Alley.

Answer: Sixteen men are at present employed on Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote Schemes. The proposal to complete the Ball Court has been approved by the Minister for Local Government.

Question: How many houses have been let at 15/6d at Corish Park; and how many remain to be let at this figure.

Answer: Fifteen houses have been let at a basic rent of 9/- (total 15/6) each. The number still to be let at this figure will depend on the over-all cost of the entire scheme and the extent to which the Corporation are prepared to subsidise same. Estimates are at present in course of preparation on these lines and will be submitted to the Finance Committee in the near future. It will be recommended that a further 22 of the Corish Park houses be let at this rent.

DEPARTURE OF COUNTY SECRETARY

Councillor Howlin referred to the pending departure of Mr Thomas F. McDermott to the post of Assistant County Manager at Galway. He moved that the Corporation extend congratulations to Mr McDermott on his promotion and their sincere appreciation of his services to the Corporation during the various periods he had acted as County Manager. In moving the motion Councillor Howlin said he had found Mr McDermott one of the most approachable officials, always ready to give sympathetic consideration to representations and while he congratulated him on his well deserved promotion he regretted his leaving Wexford.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and unanimously adopted.

Edward Hall

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 adjourned Quarterly Meeting with the exception of Councillor O'Flaherty who had had to leave to attend another meeting.

Reference was made to a discussion between Members of the Council and the County Manager on the 7th instant when complaint was made that a house at William Street, tenanted by Mrs. Niam Quinn, was not being continually occupied by her and the County Manager had agreed to seek possession of the dwelling for non-occupation.

The Town Clerk stated that on Tuesday last the County Manager had directed that proceedings be instituted for possession of the dwelling, but shortly after he giving such instruction Mrs. Quinn had called on him (Town Clerk) and pointed out that last year she had personally called on him several times in connection with the purchase of the dwelling when he could give her no decision as the proposed sale had not been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. In October last, following the sanction of the Minister, a communication had been addressed to all persons interested in acquiring their houses including Mrs. Quinn and to this letter she had replied from London to the effect that she was staying with her husband there for a short time and would be in Wexford after Christmas but in the meantime if it were necessary in connection with the purchase, she would return to Wexford. She had stated that she was prepared to reside in Wexford and wished to purchase the dwelling for cash.

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After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris that the house at William Street be sold to Mrs. Quinn for a cash price of £150.

An application for the transfer of the tenancy of a house at Wygram Place to a man named Mahon who had been residing as a sub-tenant with a Mrs. Comerford (now deceased) for the past six years was granted, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

A letter was read from Fine Wool Fabrics Ltd. requesting the allocation of a house at Corish Park to one of their key-workers.

While the Members were anxious to assist this thriving industry in the Town as much as possible, it was intimated that there was at present a vacant house at William Street owned by a Miss Gordan which the Members thought the Company should seek the tenancy of, but if they failed in this it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Morris that the tenancy of one of the houses now ready at Corish Park be given to one of their key-workers.

With reference to a vacant house in the front row at Bishops-water it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager be recommended to grant the tenancy to Philip Cullen of No. 3 Parnell Street.

Reference was made to the condition of the family of Aidan Murphy, but it was seen that nothing could be done for this man until a cheap house at a rent commensurate with his means was available.

On the suggestion of Alderman Corish, it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to transfer Nicholas Kearney of 35 Bishops-water to a cheaper house.

It was reported that Myles O'Rourke, tenant of a house at Davitt Road South had applied for a transfer to Corish Park which the Manager proposed to grant. He proposed to transfer to the house to be vacated by O'Rourke, Mr John Hayes, Turncock, a Member of the Fire Brigade and this transfer would mean that the entire twelve members of the Fire Brigade would now be housed in the one area, adjacent to the Fire Station. Hayes at present resided at Columba Villas and when he vacated this house the Manager intimated he proposed to grant the tenancy to John McDonald, Sacristan at Bride Street Church, who was at present residing under unfit conditions and as well he was a man who should live as close as possible to his place of employment. These three transfers were unanimously agreed to.

For vacant houses at Corish Park the following were strongly recommended to the Manager for consideration:-

Mr. O'Neill, Bride Street;
Mrs. S. Murphy, Selskar;
Mrs. McCann, Monk Street;
Michael Farrell, Mary's Lane;
Kevin Phillips, Bride Street;
Garda Lowney, Parnell Street.

Richard Mahoney, Faythe;
Patrick Sheehan, High Street;
Alex. Scott, St. Magdalen's Terrace;
Garda McKeon, John Street;
Lorcan Kiernan, Allen Street;

A man named Culleton of King Street was also recommended for a house but as he was suffering from heart trouble it was agreed that an effort should be made to re-house him in the town, as close to his employment as possible. It was also agreed to recommend Stephen Foley of School Street for a cheap house.

As regards the recommendations for Richard Mahoney, Patrick Sheehan and Garda Lowney, it was pointed out that from the information at the disposal of the officials these persons were not residing in unfit dwellings but it was agreed that up-to-date reports be obtained on their conditions and be considered by the officials.

The meeting then terminated.

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Edward Hall

21st January, 1957.

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 Edward Hall, in the Chair.

Aldermen:-

Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillor O'Flaherty.

The Housing Engineer and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he did not expect the County Manager as he understood he was ill.

The Town Clerk submitted the usual financial report for the period ended 31st ultimo. This showed that the estimated expenditure of the Corporation for the financial year was £113,835, while the actual expenditure amounted to £102,000 and this was considered satisfactory in view of the fact that the expenditure included full loan charges for the current financial year and the full demand of the Wexford County Council.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report on the 40-House Scheme at Newtown:-

Estimate and All-in-Cost of 40-Houses at Newtown (Corish Park).

<u>ESTIMATE</u>		£.	s.	d.
Land law costs and survey			560.	0. 0.
Building Costs			58,400.	0. 0.
Total (1953) Estimate	£.	s.	d.	58,960. 0. 0.
Add for increases on building costs	6,424.	0. 0.		
@ 11%				
Add for extras:-				
Substitution of gas cookers and boiler grates for ranges	480.	0. 0.		
Building up opes to suit grates	361.	8. 6.		
Site works - extra excavation, under building etc.	3,039.	2. 9.		
			10,304.	11. 3.
			£69,264.	11.3.

<u>ACTUAL COSTS</u>		£	s.	d.
Cost of Mortgage	£123.17.	6.		
Proportionate cost of land	495.	0. 0.		
legal expenses	67.	0. 0.		
fee simple	86.12.	7.		
survey	56.16.	0.		
Engineer	903.	0. 0.		
Clerical Asst.	400.	0. 0.		
Printing and Advertising	93.	0. 2.		
Building Costs			£2,225.	6. 3.
			67,012.	4. 4.
Total all-in-costs --			£69,237.	10. 7.

<u>SUMMARY.</u>		Approximate Per Centage	Average Cost Per House (approx).
			£
Land, Legal, Survey, Printing, etc.	£922	1.33	23.050
Supervision	1,303	1.88	32.575
Development and Building	£67,012	96.79	1675.325
	£69,238	100.00	1730.950

The Members were aware of the difficult nature of the sites at Newtown which had formally been a turf dump. When the huge amount of turf mould, which had been left on the site, was excavated it would found that very deep accommodation roads had been built into the dump by Fuel Importers when the site was being used to store turf during the Emergency and these had had to be excavated.

Arising out of this report the Town Clerk was asked if the increased cost would affect the rents of these houses.

The administration expenses at the maximum of £12 per house would amount to £912 so that the total all-in charges on the two schemes would be £3,812.

4 semi detached dwellings at 25/- each.
22 9/- each.
10 18/- each.

He pointed out, however, that this loss would be off set to a considerable extent by the absence of repairs in the early years and that the actual administration expenses would amount to - insurance £75, collection £150, making the total £225 and leaving a balance of £687 from the £912 provided for administration expenses, thus reducing the theoretical loss from £875 to £188 or the equivalent of £2.47 per house.

Before the meeting terminated the Town Clerk asked the Members if there was any further information they required in addition to that given in the above figures and again read for them, slowly, the various figures set out above, but the Members were satisfied that there was no further information they needed.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

4th February, 1957.

A meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

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

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

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

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

With reference to minutes of last meeting when certain recommendations were made Alderman Morris referred to the application of Patrick Sheehan and was informed by the Town Clerk that as promised he had had this man's application re-examined by both the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Medical Officer, he had received a report from the Borough Surveyor but had not received a report from the Chief Medical Officer.

In reply to the Alderman the Town Clerk also stated that he had had the application of Mrs. O'Neill, Selskar Street, re-examined and the premises inspected by the Borough Surveyor.

In this connection he had received the Surveyor's report which stated that the house could be made fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense and notice had been served on the owner fixing a day and hour for the receipt of representations regarding the future user of the premises.

The Alderman complained bitterly that the report of the Chief Medical Officer was not available in the case of Sheehan and though he was aware that the premises had been inspected by the Health Inspector on the previous week.

*See Minutes
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The Town Clerk explained that the object of the meeting was to examine the fresh list received from the Chief Medical Officer. The present position was that the last four houses in the 18/- group were expected to be finished during the coming week but that the list of names previously passed by the Committee did not contain any persons whom it was considered would be capable of paying a rent in excess of 9/- plus rates. The reason for requesting the new list to be examined before the old list was exhausted was to have at least four names approved of persons who could pay a rent of 18/- plus rates.

The meeting then examined the list of names submitted by the Chief Medical Officer and recommended that the following should be considered for the four houses in addition to any on existing lists who were in a position to pay a rent of 18/- namely -

Alexander Scott, 7 St. Magdalen's Terrace.
Mrs. Margt. Kavanagh, Paul Quay.
Mrs. M. Murphy, Wolfe Tone Villas.
John O'Connor, Menapia Avenue.
Francis Hynes, School Street.

The list was then further examined and the following were recommended for re-housing at rents commensurate with their means.

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John Barry, Roserock.
Martin Frayne, 22 Dolphin Road.
John Murhpy, 1 Trinity Street.
Edward Kelly, Whitemill.
Fintan Hall, John Street.
J. Barnes, 29 Abbey Street.
John Roche, do.
J. Quinn, 31 High Street.
Robert Rowe, 17 Skeffington Street.
Andrew Doyle, 42 Lower John Street.

A memorandum from six of the tenants at Corish Park who had recently been housed at a rent of 18/- per week was read by the Mayor. Those people complained they were under the impression when they agreed to take houses at this rent that no cheaper ones would be available. This was not the case, however, and they now asked to have their rent reduced from 18/- to 9/- per week.

The Manager explained to the meeting that this could not be done and that all the people concerned had been informed in writing before-hand of the rent of the houses and asked if they were willing to pay it.

The Members strongly pressed to have the case of two girls named Browne reconsidered for a cheap rent as their only income was what they earned as charwomen for the Church but the Manager intimated that at the present time he could not make any discrimination regarding the rent of this block of houses as it had been laid down by the Corporation that persons should not be housed in a dearer block at a lower rent.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held at 8.30p.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: James Gaul and James Morris.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the following minutes, 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.

Special Finance Committee - on 9th July, 26th August, 31st August, 15th October, 5th November, 1956 and 21st January.

Meetings of the Corporation - on 7th and 14th January.

Housing Consultative Committee - on 14th January, 1957.

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Mr T.F. McDermott, County Secretary, returned thanks to the Mayor, Corporation and Officials for their kind remarks at a recent

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meeting on the occasion of his appointment as Assistant County Manager in Galway.

SUPPLEMENTARY RELIEF GRANTS

The Minister for Local Government acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's application for supplementary relief grants and intimated that it had been transmitted to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance by whom allocations under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote were determined.

ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A letter was read from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs intimating that the provision of additional telephone kiosks in Wexford was being re-examined and that a further letter would be sent as soon as possible.

LETTING OF HOUSES

A motion in the name of Alderman Byrne, adjourned from last meeting, regarding the letting of a house was withdrawn at the request of the Alderman.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare regarding the eligibility of persons in receipt of British Old Age and Widows Pensions to participate in the Cheap Fuel Scheme. The letter stated that on the basis on which the scheme was organised the persons concerned could not be regarded as coming within the categories prescribed as eligible to participate therein. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that on considering that letter he had wondered if the scheme referred to therein was the Scheme prepared and submitted by the Corporation and he had asked the Department of Social Welfare if an amended scheme were submitted to include people in receipt of British Pensions would it be sanctioned.

In view of the action taken by the Town Clerk no further comment was made on the communication.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A tender was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board for the supply of an additional light at Devereux Villas near St. Aidan's Crescent at an initial cost of £24.10.0. and on the motion of Alderman Cerish it was unanimously agreed to recommend the provision of this light. In this connection Alderman Morris submitted a lengthy memorandum, which had been prepared by Sergeant O'Connell of the Garda Síochána, on public lighting in Wexford and it was decided to submit this memorandum to the Local Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board for his observations and an estimate of the cost of carrying the recommendations into effect.

On the motion of Alderman Morris the meeting congratulated Sergeant O'Connell on his initiative in preparing the memorandum.

LICENCE - ABBEY CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the licence of the Abbey Cinema under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was renewed for a further year.

REPORTS ON HOUSING SCHEMES

Progress reports submitted by the Housing Engineer on the Schemes in progress at Newtown and Faythe were read and considered satisfactory.

Arising out of these reports reference was made to the dismissal of some men from the Faythe Housing Scheme the previous week and it was decided to request the Housing Engineer for the future if he found it necessary to dismiss men that, all other things being equal, he should dismiss single men and retain married men.

COMPLAINTS

The following complaints were made by Members:-

Alderman Morris on the failure of the people of Parnell St. to comply with the notice issued regarding the numbering of their houses.

Alderman Cullimore complained regarding the condition of the footpath at School Street near Mr L. Kelly's house.

Complaint was made by Alderman Corish and Alderman Morris that the use of the waiting room was denied to the people attending the Clinic at Grogan's Road and they were obliged to stand in the passageway while waiting to see the Doctor.

The Borough Surveyor promised to examine a complaint regarding a depression in the roadway outside Lacey's John Street, near the junction of John Street and George's Street.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

11th March, 1957.

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: Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Gaul and O'Flaherty.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

Alderman Byrne proposed the adoption of the minutes of meetings of the Housing Consultative Committee and Corporation held on the 4th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting. Alderman Morris objected to the minutes of the Housing Consultative Committee being signed on the grounds that they did not contain a recommendation that Patrick Sheehan of High Street be granted a house at Corish Park.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the minute contained five names in addition to any named on existing lists and as Sheehan had been recommended at previous meeting and was on an existing list there did not seem to be much point in adding his name to the recommendations made on the 4th ultimo. As a matter of fact other persons besides Sheehan were mentioned on the 4th ultimo but as they had already been recommended on a previous occasion and their names on existing lists they were not included in the list of the 4th. However, in deference to the wishes of the Alderman, the Town Clerk intimated that he would amend the minute of the 4th ultimo by a note in the minutes of the present meeting.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and relatives of the late Doctor P.J. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, who had died the previous week, and suggested that the meeting adjourn for half an hour as a mark of respect to his memory. Alderman Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Borough Surveyor; and the Town Clerk, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the County Manager.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his cousin Mr Patrick Corrish. Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and both resolutions adopted in respectful silence.

The Town Clerk returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The first business was to consider the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the financial year ended 31st March, 1955 together with the observations of the Officials of the Corporation thereon.

A copy of the report and the observations above referred to is attached to these minutes.

His Worship The Mayor said that he was glad to see there was nothing very serious in the report and thought that the observation of the Town Clerk

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in the second paragraph of his reply that "the receipt and expenditure amounted to £288,586, all of which was accounted for" summed up the entire position.

Alderman Byrne in moving the adoption of the report and the explanations of the Officials agreed that with the exception of a few minor matters there was nothing serious in the report. Councillor Gaul seconded the adoption of the report and explanations.

Alderman Corish also agreed that the report was generally satisfactory.

Councillor O'Flaherty, whilst he considered the report satisfactory, intimated that there were some small irregularities which should not have occurred and stated that in his opinion any genuine recommendations made by the Auditor should be implemented and the Town Clerk replied that this was being done.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to consider the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1955 and this report was accepted.

DEEDS OF MORTGAGE

There was submitted to the meeting three Deeds of Mortgage for the repayment of loans of -

- (1) £1,600 to the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of ten houses at Corish Park;
- (2) £1,330 to the National Bank Limited for the development of a housing site at Waterloo Road; and
- (3) £2,890 to the National Bank Limited for the erection of a wall at Waterloo Road.

As regards (1) it was moved by Councillor Gaul and seconded by Alderman Byrne 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 One Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1956."

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

As regards (2) it was moved the Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and resolved -

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated the 28th January, 1957 of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,330 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of financing the cost of development of a site for private building at Davitt Road South, extension to be repaid within fifteen 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 be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

As regards (3) it was moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and resolved -

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"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 28th January, 1957, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £2,890 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of financing the cost of providing a boundary wall at Davitt Road South to be repaid within fifteen 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 be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

Both Mortgage Deeds were duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CIVIL DEFENCE

His Worship The Mayor and other Members of the Corporation made a strong appeal for young men and women to volunteer for civil defence work.

BANKS' HALF-HOLIDAY

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the proposed change in the Banks' half-holiday from Thursday to Saturday. The Chamber considered that this change would have a detrimental effect on business as Saturday was the established market day in Wexford for a considerable time.

Alderman Corish and Councillor Gaul thought that the Corporation should not interfere in this matter but His Worship The Mayor thought it would inconvenience Shopkeepers on market day. Alderman Morris said in his opinion it would be detrimental to trade and Councillor Cullimore agreed as there was only one market day in Wexford and the lack of banking facilities was bound to hamper business.

Alderman Byrne thought it would deter people from coming into town on Saturday.

Eventually it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, that the Corporation forward a strong protest to the Irish Banks' Standing Committee on the proposed change. Alderman Corish and Councillor Gaul dissented.

MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Councillor James Gaul to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

FISHING RIGHTS - COOLREE RESERVOIR

An application from the Loch Garmain Sea and River Angling Association for the fishing rights on Coolree Reservoir for the 1957 Season was agreed to on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, at the same fee as last year - namely £5.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Correspondence on the subject of the Cheap Fuel Scheme from the Department of Social Welfare regarding requests made by the Corporation -

(a) That persons in receipt of British Old Age and Widows Pensions should be allowed to participate, and

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- (b) That persons residing on the borders of the Town, but outside the boundary, should be permitted to avail of the Scheme.

As regards British Pensioners the Department stated that on the basis on which the Scheme was organised the persons concerned could not be regarded as coming within the categories prescribed as eligible to participate therein.

Alderman Byrne proposed that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision and that it be pointed out to him that some of these people were forced out of this Country by unemployment to seek their livelihood in Great Britain and as a result of reciprocal arrangements between the two Governments they were only in receipt of the same rate of pension as if they had qualified for a pension in this State. Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Byrne also proposed that the Minister be asked to reconsider the cases of persons living on the borders of the Town, a few yards away from the boundary and pointed out that they were under the same living expenses as people a few yards away inside the Borough. Alderman Morris also seconded this proposition which was agreed to.

RENT OF PLOTS - WATERLOO ROAD

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government on the proposal to lease, for private building, sites on the new road from Davitt Rd. South to Waterloo. The Minister considered that having regard to the expense involved in making the sites available it was considered that the proposed rents of £7.10.0d per annum were low. As an alternative to increasing the proposed price it might be considered whether the number of sites proposed should be increased by reducing the frontages.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that if good-class houses were to be erected in the area the frontages could not be reduced any further and if they were reduced it would mean that only terraces of houses could be erected.

After some discussion the Town Clerk was asked how many applications he had for plots and he replied that although they had not been advertised he had an application from The City and Suburban Housing Society Dublin for permission to build sixteen houses on the entire site. He had also received an application from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, on behalf of a

Client who wished to be considered for the entire plot for the purpose of building. In addition to these there were ten applications from individuals but on the names of these being read out it was seen that a number of them would not now be needing plots as they had either gone away or secured alternative accommodation.

It was further agreed that before coming to any decision on the rents to be charged for the plots they should be advertised for letting and an approximate rent of £7.10.0. indicated to any person inquiring.

REMOVAL OF TREES AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

One tender was received for the removal of trees etc. at St. Ibar's Cemetery Crosstown. This was from Mr John J. O'Brion, Crosstown, Wexford, who offered a sum of £7 (seven pounds) to remove trees roots, etc.

It was explained to the meeting that there was approximately 300 trees around the borders of the Cemetery and if these were removed a number of grave spaces could be provided which would obviate the necessity to extend the cemetery for a number of years. In the original plan of the cemetery provision had been made for boundary graves but owing to the presence of these trees it would not be possible to provide graves on the borders as originally planned.

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It was therefore decided, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, to recommend the Manager to accept the offer of Mr. O'Brien to have the trees, roots, etc. removed from the Cemetery.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

The progress reports of the Housing Engineer for the month of February were submitted and noted.

TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING AFTER ELECTIONS

A letter was read from the Secretary Association of Irish Municipal Authorities on the subject of the time for annual meeting after Elections and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to inform the Association that the Corporation did not consider any change necessary.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

A question was raised regarding the position of the Compulsory Purchase Orders made in January 1955 in relation to Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street and the Town Clerk replied that he had not yet received any official communication as to whether or not the Orders in question would be confirmed and he was requested to communicate with the Department of Local Government asking for an early decision on these Orders as the Housing Engineer was now beginning to dispense with the services of some of the men employed on the Faythe Housing Scheme.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A letter was read by the Mayor from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee which appealed to the Members of the Corporation to take an active part in this Parade.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation usually attended High Mass on St. Patrick's Day and for a number of years past the attendance of Members had been confined to three or four and if this occurred in the actual Parade the Corporation would not look very well. It was decided, however, to appeal to all the Members to attend at Swan View on St. Patrick's Day to participate in the Parade and to let the Town Clerk know in good time those who intended to take part so that their robes could be ready from them at the starting point.

TENANCY OF HOUSE AT CORISH PARK

Arising out of the minutes referred to above Alderman Morris again raised the question of the allocation of a house at Corish Park to Patrick Sheehan, High Street, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to recommend the Manager to grant Sheehan the tenancy of a Corish Park house.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The Town Clerk referred to the decision of the Corporation last year to confer the Freedom of the Borough on His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton and intimated that the Cardinal would be in Wexford on the 29th and 30th June next. There would be Solemn Pontifical High Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, at 12-00 noon on the 30th idem after which it was

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suggested that the Freedom should be conferred on His Eminence in the Church grounds.

He, Town Clerk, asked that a Committee of the Corporation be appointed to arrange the details of the presentation of the Freedom and it was unanimously decided that this task should be undertaken by the Finance Committee.

RELIEF GRANTS

With reference to the Relief Grants at present in progress the Town Clerk intimated that it appeared there would be £200 to £300 of a surplus and after discussing the matter with the Borough Surveyor they suggested that a beginning should be made with the widening of St. John's Road with this surplus.

Alderman Byrne moved that approval be given to this suggestion and this was seconded by Alderman Corish.

A discussion took place, however, as to the best place to commence work on St. John's Road and after various suggestions were made it was eventually decided to leave the starting point to the discretion of the Surveyor.

Councillor Cullimore was of the opinion, however, that any money available should be expended on foot-paths and mentioned a couple of defective footpaths which the Borough Surveyor intimated he would repair in the ordinary way.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

15th March, 1957.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

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

Aldermen Byrne and Cullimore and Councillor O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

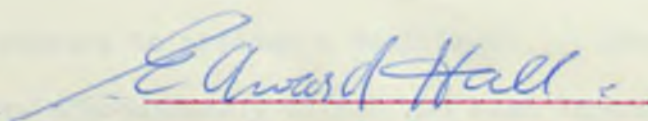
The meeting had been convened for a preliminary examination of the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, prepared by the County Manager, for the year ending 31st March, 1958.

These showed that the estimated expenditure for the year was £124,173 to which had to be added a sum of £500 for partial reduction of the debit balance, making the gross total £124,673.

The estimated receipts amounted to £62,736 leaving a balance of £61,937 to be raised by way of Municipal Rate which would require a rate of 43/-d in the pound.

The Town Clerk read out for the Members the details of the various estimates and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to adjourn the present meeting until the Town Clerk could supply the Members with copies of the estimates and in the meantime he was to examine the possibilities of savings by -

1. Increasing the charges for grave spaces in the Cemetery; and
2. The pensioning of Scavenger John Rossiter and his replacement on the scavenging of the Quays by John Rossiter, Storeman, in a part-time capacity.


Edward Hall

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 8 o'clock p.m. the Members present being:-

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

Aldermen Byrne, Cullimore and Morris; Councillor O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

The meeting now had before them the detailed particulars making up the Estimated Receipts and Expenditure which they examined seriatim.

On the Roads Estimate they questioned an item of £50 included for parking signs and the Town Clerk intimated that this was merely a token sum as he had now received an estimate from the Borough Surveyor that the necessary signs would cost approximately £750 and since writing his report the Surveyor had been informed by the Garda Authorities that a new survey of the roads in the district was being made which might add to the number of signs required. In view of this report it was agreed that the Corporation could not hope to provide the amount required in the current years rates and it was unanimously decided to delete this £50.

On the estimate for the Borough Surveyor's salary the Town Clerk stated that the increase of £100 had been included to provide for a Deputy while the Surveyor was on annual holidays during the month of August, but he (Town Clerk) now suggested, that if the Committee agreed, they could dispense with a Deputy Surveyor for the month of August and ask Mr. Millar, Housing Engineer, to keep a general eye on the work in progress and for this service to pay him the travelling expenses allowed to the Borough Surveyor for the month.

The Committee unanimously agreed with this suggestion and a further £100 was deleted from the Estimate.

The next item to be considered was the sum of £2,500 included for repairs to artizan's dwellings. The Town Clerk intimated that up to date approximately £1,800 had been expended, being £1,200 for wages and £600 for materials and he felt sure that the sum of £2,000

allowed in the current year would not suffice having regard to the large amount of damage caused by recent storms.

The Members were unanimous in the opinion that a fair return was not being received for the money expended on repairs to Corporation houses. Some Members suggested that the estimate should be reduced to £1,000 but after a lot of persuasion on the part of the Town Clerk it was agreed to leave the estimate at £1,500 for the coming year. This took a further £1,000 off the estimate.

Further examination on the expenditure side could show no reduction and after long argument the Town Clerk agreed to reduce the aggregate sum for contingencies by £100. This brought the total expenditure reductions to £1,350.

The question of charges for grave spaces and interments was then examined. A return prepared by the Town Clerk showed that in the eleven months to the end of February the total receipts from the Cemetery amounted to £501, of which £328 was for the sale of grave spaces and £173 for openings. The number of grave spaces sold was:-

2 @ 10/-d	16 @ £1. 10. 0.	12 @ £3. 0. 0.
14 @ £5. 0. 0.	20 @ £8. 10. 0.	2 @ £10. 0. 0.

From this return it was seen that without increasing the price of graves to an abnormally high figure little revenue would be derived from a small increase.

On the question of grave openings it was found that - 16 were opened at 12/-d; 46 @ £1.2.6d and 59 @ £1.10.0d. It was considered that the charges for opening graves was much too small and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation and County Manager to make a flat rate of £2 for the opening of graves for persons whose normal place of residence was within the Borough and £3 for those whose normal place of residence was outside the Borough who are being charged full Urban rates would be treated as residents for the purpose of this charge.

From these increased charges it was expected to derive an extra £100 which reduced the net sum required to be raised by rates to £60,587 or a rate of 42/1d.

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The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

27th March, 1957.

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

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

Aldermen Byrne, Morris and Cullimore and Councillor O'Flaherty.

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

Mr Gallagher, County Accountant also attended the meeting at the request of the Finance Committee to explain various items in the County Council Demand which increased the amount of such demand leviable on the Town by 11d in the pound, whereas the general increase in the County rate was only 7d. Mr Gallagher explained that the County Council in making reductions in their estimate had only reduced services which were subject to County Health District Charges and had not interfered with services which were subject to County at large charges. He also explained to the satisfaction of the Members how various items in the County Council estimate were made up and having being thanked by the Mayor and Members for his help retired from the meeting.

The meeting then took up the Corporation Estimates again and it was agreed, with the consent of the Borough Surveyor, to reduce the amount allowed for road maintenance by £100.

On the question of public scavenging it was unanimously decided that John Rossiter, Scavenger, should be retired on pension and that John Rossiter, Storeman should be in a position to take over the scavenging of the quays as well as act as part-time Storeman.

This arrangement would reduce the estimate for Public Scavenging by £150.

It was agreed to reduce the sum allowed for the maintenance of sewers by £50 and for the maintenance of Corporate property by £50.

At the last meeting the net sum to be raised by rates had been reduced to £60,587 and the £350 now taken from the estimates reduced it to £60,237, which would require a rate of 41/10d in the pound.

After further exhaustive examination it was not found possible to reduce the expenditure or increase the receipts further and it was decided to leave the estimate go to the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 1st proximo without making any rate recommendation.

The meeting then terminated.

1st April, 1957.

The Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9.00 p.m. the Members present being:-

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

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

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

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

The Members had been supplied, on the 20th ultimo, with a copy and details of the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1958 and with the agenda for the present meeting had been supplied with a list of the alterations in the estimate recommended by the Finance Committee which reduced the net amount required to be raised by rates from £61,937 (or a rate of 43/-d) to £60,237 (or a rate of 41/10d).

Before the present meeting commenced the Town Clerk intimated that on the previous Friday he had received the President and Secretary of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and they had asked him to request the Corporation to examine certain items in the Estimate with a view to reducing them if possible.

Arising out of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reduce the estimate for scavenging by £150 Councillor Gaul inquired if this would mean the dismissal of a man and was informed that this reduction could only be achieved by placing John Rossiter, Scavenger, on the Superannuation List and transferring the work of sweeping the Quays to John Rossiter, Storeman, who could act as part-time Scavenger and part-time Storeman.

Councillor Howlin also referred to this item and stated he understood that the Finance Committee had considered further dismissals and he asked if they were to be carried out, but it was stated that the only alteration affecting employment was the one referred to above. The Councillor also referred to the comments of the Auditor in a recent report on the stores and asked when it was intended to transfer the Stores to the Municipal Buildings and he was informed that this was still under consideration by the Finance Committee.

The Councillor also queried and criticized the proposed deduction of the amount allowed for repairs to artizan's dwellings and intimated that in his opinion the amount allowed was insufficient and was bound to lead to heavy expenditure in future years.

After some further discussion it was moved by Alderman Byrne, a seconded by Aldermen Morris, that the estimates meeting adjourn until Friday, 5th instant for further examination of the figures by the Finance Committee who were authorised to hear the views to the Chamber of Commerce with a view to a reduction in the rate, the Committee to meet on Wednesday, 3rd idem.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd April, 1957.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9.00 p.m. the Members present being:-

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

Aldermen Byrne, Cullimore and Morris and Councillor O'Flaherty.

Mr Sean Scallan, President, and Mr. R.E. Corish, Secretary of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce attended at the request of the Committee to give their views on how the rate could be reduced without impairing the services. The meeting went through each item of the estimates and explained them in detail to the Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and at the end of which only two suggestions were made for further reduction. These were to reduce the waterworks estimate by £100, and £100 from contingencies.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in his opinion the estimate for contingencies could not be reduced by a further £100 as £100 had already been taken off at a previous meeting of the Finance Committee.

As regards waterworks he felt that this could not bear reduction but the Members thought that if a warning were issued both by the Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce to the people of the Town, that if the present abnormal consumption of water was not drastically reduced in the current year further increases in this estimate would be inevitable, that the warning might have the desired effect and consequently reduce the heavy pumping charges at present being borne.

The Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce stated that they appreciated the difficulties of the Corporation and intimated they could not hope for a rate less than 41/6d in the pound but could not see how even that could be achieved.

The Members of the Committee and the Representatives of the Chamber then asked the Town Clerk to consult further with the County Manager to see if they could affect any alterations which would achieve a further reduction of 4d in the pound in the rates.

The meeting then terminated on the understanding that the Finance Committee would meet on the 5th instant to consider the Town Clerk's report on this request before making a recommendation to the adjourned estimates meeting.

Edward Hall.

5th April, 1957.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held at the Municipal Buildings at 8.45 p.m. the Members present being:-

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

Aldermen Byrne, Cullimore and Morris and Councillor O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

With reference to minutes of meeting on the 3rd instant when the Committee asked the Town Clerk to consult further with the County Manager to see if they could effect any alterations in the rate estimate which would achieve a further reduction of 4d in the pound bringing the net rate to 41/6d. The Town Clerk had submitted a report to the Members prior to this meeting on the consultations he had had with the Manager. It was seen from this report that the Manager had now made certain suggestions which, if adopted by the Committee and the Corporation, would achieve a rate of 41/6d in the pound.

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk the meeting unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to agree on a rate of 41/6d in the pound.

Edward Hall.

5th April, 1957.

An adjournment of the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9.00 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 was also in attendance and Mr Seamus Gallagher, Acting County Secretary, represented the County Manager who was ill.

In opening the meeting the Mayor stated that before adjourning the Estimates Meeting on the 1st instant the Corporation had asked the Finance Committee to again examine the Estimates for the current year and to hear any suggestions which the Chamber of Commerce might have to make with a view to reducing the rate in the pound.

The Committee had met the President and Secretary of the Chamber on the 3rd instant when a frank and open discussion took place during which the Representatives of the Chamber expressed appreciation of the difficulties confronting the Corporation, but despite a minute examination of the estimates prepared by the Manager and detailed explanations given by the Town Clerk there was little the meeting could do to further reduce the immediate rate burden.

The joint meeting eventually decided to request the Town Clerk to consult with the County Manager to see if they could possibly find any means which would reduce the rate to at least 41/6d.

The Finance Committee had just considered the Town Clerk's report on his consultations with the Manager, a copy of which was now before the Members of the present meeting. From this it was seen that certain suggestions had been made by the Manager which the Finance Committee had accepted and they now recommended the Corporation to adopt a rate of 41/6d in the pound which he (Mayor) moved. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Before the rate was formally adopted, however, Councillor Flusk raised the question of the amount contributed by the County Council for the scavenging of the main roads in the Borough and the Town Clerk informed him that this was based on the actual wages of one man per annum. The

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Councillor thought that this sum should be increased but the Town Clerk intimated that in his opinion it would be injudicious at the present time to ask the County Council to further increase this sum and even if there was a slight increase the amount of any such increase would not materially effect the rate estimate now before them.

Before the actual adoption of the rate estimate the attention of the Members was called to the proposal contained in the County Manager's report that on the retirement under the age limit of Rate Collector John J. O'Leary on the 9th instant it was proposed to abolish his office and to have the rate collection for the entire Borough collected by Mr Patrick J. Curran, who would be paid a salary of £720 per annum plus a bonus of £280 for compliance with five conditions as regards lodgements. Mr Curran would also be paid 8^d in the pound on all special water charges collected and lodged and would be permitted to retain for his own use franchise fees in respect of the duties performed under the Electoral Act, 1923 as amended by the Juries Act, 1927.

The report pointed out that the estimated cost of the rate collection for the year 1956/7 was £1,729 or 3.5% of the total warrant which was the highest in some fifteen comparable areas where the average cost of rate collection was approximately 1.8%.

In the current year the saving as a result of amalgamation would be off-set by the payment of a lump sum grant to the retiring collector under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1955, but in future years the estimated saving would be approximately £600.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 (1) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 to authorise the alteration of the number of permanent offices of rate collector from two to one by the abolition of the post of rate collector at present held by Capt. John J. O'Leary who was due to retire from the position under the age limit, on the 9th instant, and the amalgamation of his collection district with that of the district collected by Rate Collector Patrick J. Curran.

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The following resolutions were then adopted:-

1. Table A - Expenditure of £122,973 - on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.
2. Table B - Receipts of £63, 216 - on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Cullimore.
3. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, Table C. providing for a sum of £59,757 (including £500 as part reduction of estimated debit balance) to be raised by rates was adopted; and a Municipal Rate of 41/6d in the pound for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958 agreed on.

ADJUSTMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, estimated overexpenditure for the financial year ended on 31st ultimo was approved as follows:-

Roads Account	£800.
Sanitary Services Account	£1,500.
Housing Account	£3,000.
General Purposes Account	£1,500.



OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that overdraft accommodation in the sum of £40,000 (forty thousand pounds) on the Revenue Account and £80,000 (eighty thousand pounds) on the Capital Account be authorised for the Quarter ending on 30th June, 1957.

At this stage Alderman Byrne moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for the manner in which the estimates had been presented and to the Acting County Secretary for his assistance in explaining to the Finance Committee the details of the County Council Demand. This motion was seconded by Alderman Morris and supported by all the Members present.

The Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf returned thanks to the Corporation.

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DATE OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

Reference was made to the decision at the Quarterly Meeting on the 1st instant to fix a Quarterly Meeting for Monday June 24th next and Alderman Morris intimated that when moving this he had not adverted to the fact of the Franciscan Procession which it was usual for the existing Mayor to attend, and suggested that the date of the Quarterly Meeting be changed to Monday, July 1st, and gave notice that he would move a resolution to this effect at the Statutory Meeting due to be held on 6th May.

The meeting then terminated.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

. March, 1957.

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

A Chairde,

As the Borough Council has not exercised the prerogative given under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, of appointing an Estimates Committee to prepare the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, I have prepared such Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958. 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 each Member of the Council.

I now wish to report on these Estimates which will come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on 1st proximo.

The Estimates are at present under examination by the Finance Committee whose recommendations will be considered in due course.

During the current financial year sums aggregating £720 and amounting to sixpence in the £, not estimated for, were authorised to meet increased wages, extensions of public lighting, town decoration, harbour guarantee, etc.

The rate of 40/- in the £ levied for the current financial year was made up as follows:-

	Amount	Rate in the £
	£	s. d.
For services directly administered by Council	28,895.	20-2.80
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>£57,120.</u>	<u>40-0.00</u>

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The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts to £124,673 and is divided as follows:-

	£
1. Repayment and Interest on Loans	48,960.
2. Statutory Precepts	28,753.
3. Wages	15,000.
4. Salaries and Superannuation	11,550.
5. Materials and Equipment	6,640.
6. Cheap Fuel	4,500.
7. Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurance, etc.	4,365.
8. Electricity and Public Lighting	2,275.
9. Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Receipts, Telephones, etc.	720.
10. School Meals	500.
11. Legal and Audit Expenses	200.
12. Rate Refunds	200.
13. Miscellaneous	210.
14. Contingencies	300.
15. Part of debit balance	500.
	<u>£124,673.</u>

The estimated receipts of £62,736 are broadly divided as follows:-

	£
1. Rents, Rates, Fees, Loan Repayments, etc.	33,125.
2. Central Government Grants	25,375.
3. Materials Expenses Account	2,500.
4. Payments for Services Rendered	1,176.
5. Superannuation Contributions	400.
6. Miscellaneous Receipts	160.
Total.....	£62,736.
7. Balance to be raised by rates	61,937.
	<u>£124,673.</u>

The net sum of £61,937 now required to be raised by rates is composed as follows:-

	Amount £	Rate in the £ (Pence)
For Services directly administered by the Council	32,417	270
For Services rendered by precepting Authorities		
(a) Wexford County Council	26,410	220
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,160	18
(c) Department of Social Welfare	950	8
	<u>£61,937</u>	<u>516</u>

The demands of the three precepting Authorities are Statutory and may not be altered by the Council.

The demand of Wexford County Council at £26,410 shows an increase of £1,316 or a poundage increase of 11d. on the current valuation.

The following table shows the sums allowed in the current year under the Statutory Headings; the actual expenditure to 28th February, 1957; the estimated expenditure for March; and the sums required for 1957/58.

Head of Estimate	Amount Allowed 1956/57	Expenditure to 28/2/57	Estimated Expenditure for Mar. 57	Total 1956/57	Estimated Expenditure 1957/58
	£	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Road Works	1,505	1,433.	50.	1,483.	1,553.
Special Grant Works	5,500.	4,880.	600.	5,480.	5,500.
Sanitary Services	17,220.	16,111.	1,050.	17,161.	19,145.
Housing Services	40,310.	39,781.	1,000.	40,781.	46,075.
General Purposes	49,300.	45,733.	3,500.	49,233.	51,900.
Reduction of Debit Bal.	500.				500.
	114,335.	107,938.	6,200.	114,138.	124,673.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following sets out the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1956.

Year ended 31st March	Total of Warrant £	Amount Collected £	Irrecoverable £	Carried Forward £	Percentage of Possible Collection
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.
1956	45,009.	44,086.	588	335	99.26.

The Rate Collection continues to be satisfactory.

At the close of the current Rate Warrant, Collector Capt. John J. O'Leary is due to retire as he will have reached the age limit and this opportunity is taken to record appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Council during the past twenty years.

As the older Members of the Council will recall, the Department, when previous vacancies arose in the position of Rate Collector, pressed very

strongly for amalgamation of the posts but the Council did not then agree. However, conditions were inserted in the terms of appointment of both the (then Town and Poor Rate) Collectors that if a vacancy occurred in either office the surviving collector would take over the work of the other.

Even if justification previously existed (due to the collection of two separate and distinct rates) for the employment of two collectors, none exists at the present time for the appointment of a second collector as all rates are now amalgamated under one Municipal Rate.

It is therefore intended to amalgamate the two posts by requiring the remaining Collector, in accordance with the terms of his appointment, to take over the collection district of the retiring Collector on a salary, plus bonus, basis. Aside from reasons of efficiency, and convenience for Agents of property (who will only have to deal with one Collector), this course is easily justified on economic grounds. The estimated cost of the rate collection for the current year is £1,729 or 3.5 per cent of the total warrant which is the highest in some fifteen comparable areas where the average cost is approximately 1.8 per cent. In the ensuing year the saving resulting from the amalgamation will be offset by the payment of a lump sum grant to the retiring Collector under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1955, but in future years the estimated saving will be approximately £600 per annum.

RENT COLLECTION.

The Rent Collection for the past five years was as follows:-

Year ended 31st March	For Collection £	Collected £	Irrecoverable £	Arrears £	Percentage of Possible Collection
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.
1956	31,260.	30,550.	244.	466.	98.51.

While the arrears of rent at 31st March, 1956 show a slight reduction and the percentage of possible collection an improvement of one per cent., the position is still regarded as unsatisfactory as the arrears position continues to fluctuate between the opening and closing of each financial year so that in the interim period it is difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy whether the collection is improving or otherwise. Constant vigilance

is necessary not only by the Rent Collectors but also by the office staff to keep the collection at a reasonable standard. The Collectors are constantly being reminded that a considerable amount of the arrears is composed of numerous small sums which should be collected by timely pressure on their part and a little co-operation on the part of the tenants.

ESTIMATES FOR 1957/58.

ROADS

The estimated expenditure on roads for the coming year is the same except that provision (£50) is made to cover part of the salary of a substitute for the Surveyor for the holiday period. A token sum of £50 is included under the head of "Traffic Signs" which, according to a report made by the Surveyor, will cost £750, in order to implement the Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1955. The Council will have to decide if and how this sum is to be provided. During the current year the expenditure and receipts from Road Openings have been separately set out and show an increase of £150 in receipts.

SPECIAL GRANT WORKS

In the current year works totalling £4,920 were approved under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote and are being financed by a State Grant of £4,300 with a local contribution of £620. The approved works consist of the completion of surfacing of Davitt Road; Ball Court at Trinity Street; improvements at Summerhill Corner; partial surfacing of Talbot Street and the provision of a footway at Crescent Quay.

Suggestions should be submitted, as early as possible, for works to be carried out from Employment Schemes Vote Grants so that they may be examined, and proposals be ready for submission to the Department when notification of the allocation is received. Members will recall the difficulty in the current year of preparing schemes to absorb the grant.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The total estimated expenditure under this head is £19,146 as against £17,320, an increase of £1,825. The estimated receipts are up by £946 leaving the net increase £879.

The estimate for Burial Grounds is up by £20 due to increased wages. It is proposed to remove the trees around the boundaries at St. Ibar's

Cemetery. The original cemetery plan provided for border graves but the trees made it impossible to avail of this ground for grave-spaces. With their removal, however, considerably more grave-spaces than were originally contemplated will be made available and should be ample to meet demands for some years to come without incurring the expense of acquiring further land for the purpose

Expenditure on domestic scavenging is increased by £350 due to increased wages and loan charges for new scavenging cart purchased this year.

Public Scavenging is up by £100 due to increased wages. The Waterworks Estimate shows a decrease of £450 on account of reductions in loan charges. The receipts are estimated at £1,800 leaving the net charge for the Waterworks at £4,535 or approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the £. While the maintenance of a reasonably good water supply to the Town is an essential service, there is little doubt that wholehearted co-operation by the public could prevent waste, and reduce costs. The present consumption of water of 840,000 gallons per diem is excessive and is causing a considerable strain on the filter plant which was only designed to handle 650,000 gallons. In addition the limited storage capacity of the Reservoir necessitates constant and costly pumping over the twenty-four hours of the day in dry periods.

Miscellaneous Sanitary Services show an increased expenditure of £1,885 due to increased loan charges of £1,800 and wages £85. The remaining items in this estimate remain the same.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

The provision and maintenance of working class dwellings is still the largest service administered by the Corporation. The estimated expenditure for the coming year is £46,075. Loan charges account for £38,550, Rates, Insurance and Ground Rents £3,525, and collection £1,500. The sum needed for maintenance is £2,500.

Since 1889, when the first Artizans Dwellings were erected, the Corporation has provided no less than 1107 houses, while 70 are in course of construction. These were provided at various periods and disposed of as follows:-

Erected	Number Erected	Let	Sold Outright	Sold on T.P. System
Prior to 1922	134	134	--	--
From 1922 to 1932	109	47	49	13
From 1932 to 1939	421	410	2	9
Post War to date	387	355	--	32
	1051	946	51	54
In course of erection	70	---	--	--
Total new houses	1121	946	51	54
Acquired houses	56	56	--	--
	1177	1002	51	54

At the commencement of the current financial year 113 houses were in course of erection and up to date 43 have been completed and occupied, while 6 more will be ready for occupation by 31st instant. According to the 1944/45 survey 872 houses were then required to meet the needs of the Town. Of this figure 387 have been provided and 70 are in course of erection, leaving 415 to be provided.

Up to the time of writing this report, no official confirmation has been received to the Compulsory Purchase Orders made in respect of property at Batt's Street, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street. If these Orders were confirmed sites would be available for approximately 91 houses; sites are also available for 230 at Newtown and Slippery Green and for 18 at Distillery Road.

During the eleven months ended 26th ultimo an average of 101 men were employed on housing construction work and their total wages amounted to £37,159.

During the past year the borrowing rate for housing finance increased by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{4}\%$. The Corporation were extremely fortunate that the building programme was not impeded and thanks are due to the Treasurers who advanced sufficient funds from time to time to enable all works to proceed without interruption.

The continued upward trend in labour and material costs have inevitably resulted in sharp increases in the final cost per house which must in turn affect the rents which will need to be charged. The existing basic weekly rents of your houses vary enormously. There are some 48 different figures varying from 1s.9d. to 9s.0d. in respect of per-war dwellings; 11s.0d.

to 40s. for post war; and 1s,6d. to 13s. for acquired houses. In 1952 the basic rents of houses not in excess of 4s.5d. per week were increased by 50% and it seems that consideration of some further adjustment of the lower rented dwellings may be necessary if the Corporation are to continue to provide houses at rents commensurate with the means of those in need of them.

A housing site is now being developed at Waterloo Road which will accommodate some sixteen good-class dwellings. It is proposed to let these sites for private building and applications for sites have been invited by public advertisement. In the long-term view the erection of dwellings of this type should add appreciably to the valuation of the Borough, and gives well deserved encouragement and aid to persons who wish to have the sense of satisfaction and independence which springs from providing their own houses.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The net increase in this estimate is £2,650 and the variations are as follows:-

The County Council Demand shows an increase of £1,316; and Unemployment Assistance a decrease of £50. Vocation Education is up by £54 due to a pension increase of which 50% is recoupable. The Fire Brigade Expenditure is increased by £200. In the current year £1,550 was allowed for this service, being £900 for loan charges and £650 for wages and general maintenance. During the period to 28th ultimo £1,764 was expended, being loans £884, equipment etc., £105 and £775 for wages. There will be due for payment some £120 in respect of wages prior to 31st instant. Salaries are down by £440 due to amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts. Rate refunds are up by £50 due to the operation of the Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Valuation) Act, 1954. Loan Charges are up by £500 in respect of the Corporation's contribution towards the capital cost of Wexford Bridge and the erection of a wall at Davitt Road South/Waterloo Road.

Superannuation of Workmen is increased by £80 and provision of £850 has to be made for lump sum grant and superannuation of retiring Rate Collector.

RECEIPTS.

ROADS.

The estimated receipts under this head amount to £5,040 an increase of £150 attributable to work carried out for individuals etc. The Estate Duty and Emergency Schemes Grants remain the same: the latter providing for a local contribution of £700 towards Employment Schemes.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The estimated receipts under this head are up by £946 due to State Contributions to Sewerage Loan Charges £850, Waterworks £50, Public Scavenging £20 and Domestic Scavenging £26.

HOUSING.

Rents from Artizan's Dwellings are up by £2,750 and State Grants by £700, while Small Dwellings are down by £50.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The rents from the Town Hall are reduced by £100 but this is offset by an increase of £160 in Corporate Estate Rents - anticipated from letting sites at Waterloo Road. There is an increase of £25 from Vocational Education Grants and an increase of £100 from Miscellaneous Receipts, while a sum of £400 is included in respect of superannuation contributions.

GENERAL.

These estimates have been based on actual costings and experience over previous years and reductions must necessarily result in curtailing the services to which they relate.

During the year a consultation took place with the County Council regarding the proposed extension of the Borough Boundaries. Before this the Corporation had agreed that the proposed new boundary line should be drawn so as to include the houses the Corporation have erected at Bishopswater, and Corish Park, as well as the sites they have acquired for building. The revised map is at present with the Commissioner of Valuation for information as to the owners and occupiers of the property proposed to be included in the Borough and when this is received a further conference will be arranged with the County Council to consider the extension.

In conclusion I again^{wish} to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation given by the Members of the Borough Council in the administration of the affairs of the Borough during the year as well as the assistance given by the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and other Officials of the Corporation in the preparation of the estimates and this report.

Mise, le meas,

T. F. BRUGHA,

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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 1956/57 AND 1957/58.

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1956/57 £.	Service	Estimate For 1957/58. £.	<i>Allowed By Council</i>
<u>URBAN ROADS.</u>				
1.	500.	Ordinary Road Works	500.	<i>400</i>
2.	655.	Salaries	703.	<i>653</i>
3.	50.	Parking etc. signs	50.	<i>—</i>
4.	200.	Loan Charges	200.	<i>200</i>
5.	100.	Contingencies	100.	<i>60</i>
6.	5,500.	Special Grant Works	5,500.	<i>5500</i>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES.</u>				
7.	1,305.	Burial Grounds	1,325.	<i>1325</i>
8.	1,700.	Domestic Scavenging	2,050.	<i>2050</i>
9.	2,675.	Public Scavenging	2,775.	<i>2625</i>
10.	6,785.	Waterworks <i>(Loans £3100)</i>	6,335.	<i>6235</i>
11.	1,200.	Sewers - Loan Charges	3,000.	<i>3000</i>
12.	300.	Sewers - Maintenance	300.	<i>200</i>
13.	100.	Food and Drugs Acts	100.	<i>100</i>
14.	300.	Salaries	300.	<i>300</i>
15.	350.	Public Conveniences - Loans	350.	<i>350</i>
16.	650.	Charges Public Convenience - Wages	730.	<i>730</i>
17.	1,700.	Public Lighting	1,700.	<i>1700</i>
18.	60.	Superannuation	60.	<i>60</i>
19.	20.	Red Cross - Water Safety	20.	<i>20</i>
20.	100.	Contingencies	100.	<i>60</i>
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>				
21.	33,395.	Loan Charges	38,000.	<i>38000</i>
22.	3,015.	Rents, rates, Taxes & Insee. (including Co.Council rates on houses)	3,525.	<i>3525</i>
23.	2,000.	Maintenance of Houses	2,500.	<i>1500</i>
24.	1,500.	Collector's Commission	1,500.	<i>1500</i>
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Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1956/57 £.	Service	Estimate For 1957/58. £.	Allowed By Council
25.	600.	Loan Charges - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	550.	70,143 550
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>				
26.	25,094.	County Council Demand	26,410.	26,410
27.	1,000.	Unemployment Assistance	950.	950
28.	20.	Tourist Development	20.	20
29.	300.	Maintenance of Corporate Property	250.	200
30.	2,826.	Vocational Education	2,880.	2880
31.	1,550.	Fire Brigade	1,750.	1750
32.	805.	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insee.	805.	805
33.	6,640.	Salaries	6,200.	6150
34.	450.	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	450.	450
35.	270.	Telephone, Office Requisites, Postage, Stamping Rate Receipts and Paying Orders.	270.	270
36.	100.	Fuel and Light	100.	100
37.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.	4500
38.	200.	Legal and Audit Expenses	200.	200
39.	1,000.	Overdraft Interest	1,000.	1,000
40.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.	30
41.	20.	Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant	20.	20
42.	40.	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands.	40.	40
43.	500.	School Meals	500.	500
44.	150.	Rate Refunds	200.	200
45.	575.	Loan Charges	1,075.	1075
46.	2,500.	Materials, machinery and stores	2,500.	2500
47.	720.	Superannuation allowances	800.	800
48.	-----	do. and Lump Sum	850.	850
49.	100.	Contingencies	100.	80
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1957/58 -			£124,175.	122,473

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1956/57. £.	Particulars	Estimated 1957/58. £.	<i>Adopted by Council</i>
<u>ROADS.</u>				
1.	4,800.	Special Grant Works	4,800.	4,800
2.	90.	Estate Duty Grant	90.	90
3.	----	Road Openings	150.	150
<u>SANITARY SERVICES.</u>				
4.	2,700.	Water Rents	1,800.	1,850
5.	330.	Scavenging Main Roads	350.	350
6.	----	Domestic Scavenging	26.	26
7.	600.	Burial Ground Fees	600.	700
8.	120.	Public Conveniences	200.	200
9.	500.	Sewerage Schemes (State Contributions)	1,300.	1,300
<u>HOUSING</u>				
10.	23,250.	Rents	26,000.	26,000
11.	12,340.	State Grants	13,040.	13,040
12.	2,500	Co. Council Rates Collectible	3,000.	3,000
13.	600.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	550.	550
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>				
14.	695.	Vocational Education	720.	720
15.	650.	Fire Brigade	650.	650
16.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.	4,500
17.	75.	Refund of Fees	75.	75
18.	675.	Government Rates	675.	675
19.	900.	Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market.	900.	900
20.	----	Superannuation Deductions	400.	400
21.	250.	School Meals	250.	250
22.	60.	Miscellaneous Receipts	100.	440
23.	2,500.	Materials Expenses	2,500.	2,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			262,730.	63216

SUMMARY.

Estimated Expenditure 1957/58..... £124,178. *122,473*
 Add for partial reduction of Debit Balance... 500. *122,973*

Estimated Receipts 1957/58..... 62,736. *63216*

Estimated amount to be raised by Council... 61,957. *59757*

Which will require a rate of 48/00. in the £.

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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, 1958.

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	1553	.	1313	.
	Special Grant Works	5500	.	5500	.
	TOTAL	7053	.	6813	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	19145	.	18805	.
	TOTAL	19145	.	18805	.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	45,525	.	44,525	.
	Local Assistance Schemes	—	—	—	—
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	550	—	550	—
	TOTAL	46,075	.	45,075	.
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	4290	.	4290	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	2158	.	2158	.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	4328	.	4328	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	11556	.	11556	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	4041	.	4041	.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	37	.	37	.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	950	.	950	.
	Public Libraries	.	.	.	.
	Tourist Development	20	.	20	.
	Town and Regional Planning	.	.	.	.
Other Urban Purposes	Vocational Education	2880	.	2880	.
	Other Purposes	19140	.	19020	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	2500	.	2500	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL	51,900	.	51780	.
	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)	4890	.	4890	.
	(Employment & Emergency Schemes (Wt)) 4800 Estate Duty Grant. 90				
	Other Receipts	150	.	150	.
	TOTAL ...	5040 5040	.	5040	.
SANITARY	State Grants (to be specified)	1300	.	1300	.
	Other Receipts	2976	.	3126	.
	TOTAL ...	4276	.	4426	.
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes				
	Rents	26000	.	26000	.
	State Grants	13,040	.	13040	.
	Other Receipts	3,000	.	3,000	.
	Local Assistance Schemes	-	-	-	-
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	550	.	550	.
	TOTAL ...	42,590	.	42590	.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	State Grants (to be specified)	6145	.	6145	.
	Other Receipts	2185	.	2515	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	2500	.	2500	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL ...	10830	.	11160 10830	.

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 (£. 28880.) (8)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS	6813 . .	5040 . .	1773 . .			1773 . .	14.78
SANITARY	18805 . .	4426 . .	14379 . .			14379 . .	119.83
HOUSING	45075 . .	42590 . .	2485 . .			2485 . .	20.73
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS	4290 . .		4290 . .			4290 . .	35.75.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2158 . .		2158 . .			2158 . .	17.93
MENTAL HOSPITAL	4328 . .		4328 . .			4328 . .	36.08
HEALTH (County)	11556 . .		11556 . .			11556 . .	96.30
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	4041 . .		4041 . .			4041 . .	33.68
SEPARATE CHARGES	37 . .		37 . .			37 . .	.33
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	950 . .		950 . .			950 . .	7.93
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	24420 . .	11160 . .	13260 . .		500 . .	13760 . .	114.66
	122473					£59,757	498.00.
TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...							

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 5th day of April 1957, 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, 1958.

Dated this 5th day of April 1957Signed Edward Hall Mayor or Chairman.Countersigned Thomas J. Hall Town Clerk.

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1st April, 1957.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held at the close of the Estimates Meeting the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward 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 Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of the previous meeting, copy of which had been submitted to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The principal business of the meeting was to fix the day and hour of a quarterly meeting to be held (in pursuance of the Local Elections Act, 1927) not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1957, and on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to fix the Quarterly Meeting for Monday 24th June, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

TOWN COAT OF ARMS.

An application from the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the Town Coat of Arms on their stationery was adjourned.

The meeting then terminated.

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Edward Hall

15th April, 1957.

A Meeting of the Housing (Repairs) Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. The Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, (in the Chair)

Aldermen: N. Corish, K.C. Morris, T.F. Byrne and J.Cullimore

Councillors: J. O'Flaherty, J. Morris, J. Gaul and J. Howlin.

The Borough Surveyor; Mr. T. Cullimore and Miss E. Phillips were also in attendance.

Alderman Morris stated the tenant of No. 37 Bishopswater intended removing fixtures and fittings before vacating the house and had already removed the Servall range and installed a fireplace. The Borough Surveyor agreed to make an inspection of this house the following morning. The question of removal of a range from No. 6 Columba Villas was also discussed and it was decided that the former tenant be written to.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the Trinity Street houses, with special reference to dangerous chimneys, and it was decided that the tenants be written to requesting them to pay an extra three shillings per week in their rent to meet the cost of repairs.

It was also decided that the Rent Collectors be written to regarding inspection of houses, etc., and pointing out that disciplinary action would be taken against them for failure to carry out their duties.

The Committee decided to instal a second-hand range in No. 5 St.Brendan's Road occupied by E. Mulhall at a cost of £12.

It was also decided to request the Housing Engineer to take up the matter with the Manufacturers of a leaking boiler in the fireplace of No. 46 Corish Park with a view to a replacement.

Repairs to the extent of £7.14.0. were authorised to be done to No. 49 Corish Park being now purchased on the Tenant-Purchase System.

The Borough Surveyor was also authorised to carry out repairs, to the extend to £200, to Artixan's Dwellings, including the house occupied by the Town Sergeant, W. Kehoe.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall.

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

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

Aldermen:-

Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:-

Gaul, 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 to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

MAY PROCESSION

It was agreed that the Corporation would attend, in state, at the Annual May Procession to the Shrine at Rooklands on the 13th instant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

An acknowledgement, of the vote of sympathy passed with her on the death of her husband, was read from Mrs. Maureen Sinnott, Rocklands House.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James Gaul on the death of his sister-in-law. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Alderman Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Joseph Mullaly. Alderman Byrne seconded.

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. George Hadden on the death of his brother Mr Addisson Hadden, Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

The three resolutions were 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.

Councillor Gaul returned thanks to the Members for the vote of sympathy passed with him.

ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs referring to previous correspondence on the provision of extra telephone kiosks in the Town. The letter stated that because of capital restrictions only a limited number of kiosks were being erected this year and as there were already four in Wexford the erection of additional ones could not be undertaken.

While the Members considered this letter unsatisfactory the lack of capital for the purpose of providing kiosks was appreciated and it was decided to defer further action until next year.

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CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare referring to previous correspondence on the extension of the cheap fuel scheme to persons in receipt of British Old Age and Widows Pensions and to persons residing outside the Borough Boundary. The letter stated it was not possible to include persons in receipt of British Pensions within the ambit of the scheme nor was it possible to extend it to persons residing outside the Urban Boundary, other than those approved of in the Department's letter of 14th February last. This letter was noted.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the Corporation for the effort made to reduce the rate estimate for the current year and this letter was noted.

No action was taken on a further letter from the Chamber containing suggestions for economies in the Municipal Administration.

COST OF PAINTING

A letter was read from the Painters' Society regarding an alleged statement by Alderman Morris at a previous meeting to the effect that it cost £6.10.0. to paint the front door of a Corporation house.

The Alderman denied making the statement as quoted and intimated he merely referred to a statement by the Borough Surveyor to the effect that it costs approximately £6.10.0d to paint a Corporation house including repairs to sashes etc. No action was taken in the matter.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR SINNOTT

A letter addressed to the Town Clerk from Councillor James Sinnott was read to the effect that acting on medical advice he was obliged to resign his membership of the Corporation and wished to thank the Members and Officials for the courtesy extended to him during the 36 years he had been in public life.

Councillor Howlin moved that the resignation be accepted with regret, Alderman Byrne seconded.

All the Members present and the Town Clerk expressed regret that Councillor Sinnott had been obliged for health reasons to sever his connections with the Corporation and expressed the hope that he would for the future enjoy better health than he had in the past twelve months.

The following declaration was thereupon sealed and signed and it was agreed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Sinnott at the June Statutory Meeting.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1898; AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS, 1925 TO 1955.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD CORPORATION.

WHEREAS on the 28th day of June, 1955, James Sinnott was elected a member of Wexford Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the said James Sinnott has resigned his membership of the Wexford Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the said James Sinnott to be vacant;

AND WE FURTHER DIRECT that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes. Given under our hands and Corporation Seal this 6th day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven.

L.S.

Edward Hall, Mayor.

John Howlin

Thomas Byrne

Countersigned John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.

MUNICIPAL RATE 1957/58

The next business was to formally make a municipal rate of 41/6d in the pound for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958, as agreed to on 5th April, 1957 and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that a municipal rate of 41/6d in the pound be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958, as agreed to on 5th April last. The rate book containing the rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

DATE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris moved that the resolution of 1st April, 1957, fixing a quarterly meeting for Monday, June 24th, be rescinded. Alderman Cullimore seconded.

Before the motion was put to the meeting the Town Clerk pointed out that as there was ten Members present at the meeting when the original motion was adopted and only nine at the present meeting it would require a two thirds majority to rescind the previous resolution. Thereupon on a show of hands being taken three voted for rescission and four against, two Members not voting. The motion was accordingly declared lost.

APPLICATIONS FOR SITES - DAVITT ROAD/WATERLOO ROAD

Applications for building plots at the new road from Davitt Road to Waterloo Road were submitted from:-

The City and Suburban Housing Society, Ltd., who required all the plots.

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Wexford Estates, North Main Street, Wexford, who applied for any plots available when individual applications had been satisfied, and from -

Mr. O. Goodman, Quanstown Lodge, Drinagh, Co. Wexford.
Mr. David Corcoran, Riversfield, Wexford.
Mrs. Patrick Lacey, 1 Francis Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.
Mr James Lucking, 73 Corish Park, Wexford.
Mr Aidan Murphy, 12 Bishopswater, Wexford.
Mr Patriok J. Sheridan, 2 Auburn Terrace, Wexford.
Superintendent J. Crotty, Garda Siochana, Wexford.
Mr Francis X. Butler, "Derrynane", St. John's Road, Wexford.

Alderman Morris proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded that the individual applications be granted first preference and when they had been satisfied that Wexford Estates be granted the balance.

In this connection it was agreed that a reasonable time limit should be placed on the submission of plans, etc. for the erection of houses by the individual applicants and in the case of Wexford Estates the leases would only be granted to persons for whom they erected the dwellings.

With reference to the letter from the Department of Local Government, under date of the 21st February last, on the subject of the proposed rents of £7.10.0. per annum, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to inform the Department that the Corporation considered this rent ample as former building plots on St. John's Road had been leased at the rate of 1/- per ft. frontage and on St. John's Drive at £5 per annum.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Arising out of the above a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 2nd instant, No. H. 5/57 and H. 209/32, intimating that limited issues from the Local Loans Fund would be available in the current financial year for the purpose of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts.

The Minister had decided that loans would be recommended to enable advances to new applicants from the following groups:-

- (a) Farmers whose rateable valuation did not exceed £35;
- (b) Other persons in areas outside Dublin, Cork and Dun Laoghaire, whose incomes did not exceed £520 per year, as well as
- (c) Tenants of Local Authority dwellings, without limit of income, who surrender their tenancy on providing their own houses.

While the Members considered that the income limit of £10 per week proposed by the Minister would debar most people from taking advantage of the Acts it was thought that nothing could be done in the matter at the present time.

COAT OF ARMS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application from the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on their letter heading was adjourned a further letter was read from the Chamber intimating that they merely wished to embody the Coat of Arms in a distinctive Emblem and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, to grant permission to embody the Coat of Arms in an emblem on their letter heading subject to a copy of the draft emblem being submitted for approval beforehand.

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WATER SUPPLY POSITION

Correspondence was read from the Borough Surveyor on the present position of the water supply. This showed that the average daily consumption was 940,000 gallons, while inflow from the catchment area and pumps only amounted to 440,000 gallons, leaving a net storage loss of 500,000 gallons.

It was noted from the meter readings taken during the past week that the average consumption between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. was 240,000 gallons.

The Members considered these reports alarming, particularly the figures for night consumption and thought that there must be leaks, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, to:-

- (1) Cut off the supply to the town between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.;
- (2) Provide for a thorough inspection of services, fittings, etc., and employ an extra man; and
- (3) To resort to pumping for 24 hours of the day and the employment of a night Caretaker at Edenvale.

An appeal was also made to the public to conserve the supply and to report any leakages which might come to their notice.

Reference was made to a diverted stream at Coolree Reservoir and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine this with a view to having it turned into the Reservoir.

It was also agreed that the Finance Committee should examine the whole water supply position.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports on the 36-Houses at Corish Park and 54-Houses at The Faytho were submitted from the Housing Engineer.

Arising out of these reports reference was made to the dismissal of men from Housing Schemes and a statement was made by Councillor O'Flaherty to the effect that two labourers were supervised by the general foreman at Corish Park.

As regards the dismissal of men the Members again referred to the decision taken in 1948 that continuous employment would be provided for the Direct Labour Housing Staff and that if tradesmen were now dismissed they would emigrate and would not be available for building work at a later date.

After further discussion it was unanimously agreed that a full report on the housing position should be made to the Corporation as soon as possible.

It was also agreed that lettings of the remaining houses at Corish Park should be made as soon as possible from the lists already approved of by the Corporation.

PROPERTY AT WHITEMILL

Reference was made to the property of Cullen at Whitomill for which protection had not been provided following the creation of the houses at Corish Park.

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NUMBERING -- CORISH PARK HOUSES

Alderman Morris referred to the re-numbering of Corish Park and intimated that some of the numbers which had been provided by the tenants themselves had been removed by the Corporation Employees while numbering and it was agreed that these should be returned to the owners.

REMOVAL OF RUBBLE IN JOHN STREET

A complaint was made regarding rubble left by the sewerage Contractors opposite St. John's Club, John Street, and pipes on St. John's Road. The Contractors were to be asked to remove both rubble and pipes.

RENTS TWO HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

Reference was made to the rents charged to persons named Browne and Hillis for houses at Corish Park and the County Manager was to be asked to re-examine the position of these two tenants and to either reduce the rents or transfer them to lower rented houses.

HOUSES FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of married men who were obliged to retire from the Army under the age limit and asked the Town Clerk to seek a ruling from the Minister for Local Government as to whether or not such persons would be entitled to be housed by the Corporation on the basis of a two-thirds subsidy towards loan charges.

FIREPLACE AT DISTILLERY ROAD

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to install a fire-place in the house of Kearns, Distillery Road, in place of the existing range; the fireplace having been purchased by Kearns and the range returned to the Corporation Store.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

20th May, 1957.

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

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

Aldermen:- Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:- Howlin and O'Elaherty.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James J. Morris on the death of his aunt, Miss Mary Nolan, Alderman Byrne seconded.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James Meyler, former member of the Corporation and Alderman Byrne seconded.

Both resolutions were 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.

The meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect.

Edward Hall

3rd June, 1967.

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

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

Aldermen:-

Byrne, Corish, Cullimore and Morris.

Councillors:-

Cullimore, 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 held on the 6th and 20th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Councillor James Morris and Dr. George Hadden.

SYMPATHY

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr Henry F. Doyle and Miss Evaline Phillips of the Town Clerk's Office on the deaths of their uncles. Alderman Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by all the Members present; by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR CARDINAL D'ALTON

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That in pursuance of the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, The Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Eminence, John Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland, on the occasion of his visit to the town for the Congress of The Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, as a tribute of our regard for the outstanding personality of a distinguished Prelate and patriotic Irishman; as a mark of the loyalty and attachment of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford to the Hierarchy of Ireland; and to the Supreme Sovereign Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Pius XII."

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of Councillor James Sinnott.

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Alderman Byrne proposed the co-optation of Mr John Bierney, Duncannon

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Road. Alderman Corish seconded.

His Worship The Mayor proposed the co-option of Mr Patrick Kehoe, North Main Street. Alderman Cullimore seconded.

On a pole being taken there voted:-

For Kehoe - Aldermen Cullimore and Morris, Councillors Cullimore, Morris and The Mayor.....5

For Bierney - Aldermen Byrne and Corish, Councillors Gual and Howlin.....4

Declined to vote - Councillor O'Flaherty.....1

Mr Kehoe was declared elected to the vacant seat.

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Arising out of the resignation of Councillor Sinnott a vacancy occurred on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that by reason of his resignation Mr Sinnott was disqualified from continuing to be a member of the Vocational Education Committee. He was, however, unless otherwise disqualified, eligible for re-election. The Town Clerk further pointed out that the Vocational Education Committee should consist of fourteen members of which not less than five nor more than eight were to be members of the Borough Council. At the Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th July, 1955, the Corporation appointed a Committee consisting of seven members of the Council and seven other members and Councillor Sinnott was a Council member.

Alderman Byrne thereupon proposed that Mr James Sinnott be appointed an extern member of the Committee but Councillor O'Flaherty intimated that while the former Councillor Sinnott was at first anxious to retain his membership of the Vocational Education Committee he had now changed his mind owing to the state of his health and had requested him (Councillor O'Flaherty) to inform the Corporation that he was not anxious to be appointed to the Vocational Education Committee.

Alderman Morris thereupon proposed that the Rev. Thomas Roche, St. John's Road, Wexford, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee created by the resignation of Councillor Sinnott from the Corporation. Councillor James Morris seconded this proposal which was unanimously adopted.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (BATT'S STREET), 1954

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government under date of the 15th April, 1957 annulling the "Compulsory Purchase Order (Batt's Street), 1954" made by the Corporation on the 19th November, 1954.

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk stated he was not aware of any provision whereby the Minister was obliged to give the Corporation reasons why he annulled the Order and in reply to a query by Councillor O'Flaherty as to whether or not the Minister's reasons for annulling the Order could be obtained by way of Parliamentary question the Town Clerk stated that this was a question he was unable to answer. After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Corish to ask the Minister for Local Government for an explanation as to why the Order was annulled and it was further agreed, at the request of Councillor Howlin to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

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INCREASE IN WAGES

The next business was to consider an application by the Wexford Trades Council on behalf of the Carpenters, Plumbers, Painters and Building Labourers for an increase of 1½d per hour as from 10th May, 1957 in accordance with a recommendation of the Labour Count and in agreement with the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that an increase of 1½d per hour be granted to Employees in the building group as on and from 10th May, 1957.

COMPLETION OF MARIAN ROW SCHEME

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was agreed to direct the County Manager to execute the necessary work to complete the Marian Row Scheme of Bungalows and it was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that a loan of £330 be raised from the Treasurer to finance this work.

Arising out of this matter it was pointed out that any money retained when these houses were completed had been expended in maintenance work and that the full cost of the extra work now agreed to would have to be met by the Corporation as they had previously decided on 5th March, 1956 that the work be carried out without any increase in the rents.

NEW HOUSING SCHEMES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved "to avoid dismissal of housing workers that a new scheme be undertaken immediately". Alderman Corish seconded.

In this connection Councillor Howlin referred to the minutes of last meeting when it was decided that a full report on the housing position should be submitted to the Corporation and stated he was under the impression it had been decided to convene a special meeting for the purpose.

The Town Clerk informed him that he would not contradict him if he said it had been decided to call a special meeting but he was under the impression that a report would be submitted to the Corporation as soon as it was available. The report in question was at present in course of preparation but in so far as the present motion was concerned he, Town Clerk, would be able to inform the Corporation of the present position.

The Town Clerk recalled that a general discussion on the housing programme took place at a meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee held on the 18th June last when plans were laid before the meeting for the provision of some 230 dwellings at Newtown and Slippery Green. When the Corporation approved of the lay-out and house plan for these dwellings they decided that further building outside the Borough area should not take place until all available building sites within the Borough had been utilised. At the time it was the intention of the Corporation and Officials to operate schemes at Batt's Street, William Street and Fisher's Row in conjunction with the present scheme at the Faythe and as soon as houses were available at the Faythe to transfer the residents from the other areas into them.

The Members were well aware of the delays which had occurred in obtaining decisions on Compulsory Purchase Orders made as far back as 1954 in respect of Batt's Street, William Street and Fisher's Row Areas and it was only in recent weeks that those decisions had been received. The Members were now aware that the Batt's Street Order had been annulled, the Fisher's Row Order only partially confirmed and the William Street and John Street Orders confirmed in toto.

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Having in mind the danger of a lay-off of building employees on the Faythe Scheme a meeting had taken place recently between the Manager and Officials of the Corporation with a view to seeing what could be done to have a fresh scheme commenced.

Following that meeting the Manager had visited the Department of Local Government and as a result of his visit a Department Inspector had a lengthy conference on the 31st ultimo with the Borough Surveyor, Housing Engineer and the Town Clerk. At this conference general agreement had been reached on the lay-out and house plan for ten two storey houses at Bishopswater, eight bungalows at Distillery Road, 19 houses (including the eight for old people) at Fisher's Row, 14 houses at William Street and 23 (possibly 25) at John Street. The necessary documents were now being prepared for submission to the Department for those schemes and no delay was anticipated in their approval as they had been more or less agreed to between the Department Inspector and the Corporation Officials. Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that immediate steps be taken to have the ten houses at Bishopswater and the eight houses at Distillery Road commenced by Direct Labour. Alderman Corish seconded. Alderman Morris, however, moved that the houses be advertised for erection by contract, Councillor Cullimore seconded. On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Direct Labour	- Aldermen Byrne and Corish, Councillors Howlin and O'Flaherty and His Worship The Mayor.....	5
For Contract	- Aldermen Cullimore and Morris, Councillors Cullimore and Morris.....	4

Councillor Gaul had left the meeting at this stage.

The proposal to erect the eighteen houses by Direct Labour was declared carried.

As regards the erection of the houses at William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street, Councillor Howlin also proposed that these be erected by Direct Labour. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Alderman Morris, however, moved that they be erected by contract, Councillor Cullimore seconded.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of the County Manager, that the William Street and Fisher's Row Schemes be erected by Direct Labour and that tenders be sought for the erection of the houses at John St.

TRAFFIC ON MAIN STREET

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved "that the necessary steps be taken to facilitate traffic on the Main Street," Councillor Howlin seconded. After some discussion, during which it was pointed out that to implement the Traffic Regulations, recently made by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, would cost from £750 to £1,000 and it was eventually agreed to ask the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána to meet the Corporation with a view to a discussion on the implementation of the Traffic Bye-Laws.

SALE OF HOUSES AT MENAPIA AVENUE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, a scheme was unanimously adopted for the sale to the tenants of six houses at Menapia Avenue for the sum of £260 (two hundred and sixty pounds) cash, plus a ground rent of 15/- (fifteen shillings) per annum and if sold on the Tenant-Purchase System interest to be charged on the outstanding balance from time to time at the rate of five per cent.

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INCREASE IN PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS

A report was read from the Housing Engineer intimating that the following increases had taken place in building materials:-

Roofing Felt 2½d per roll.
Damp Course 15%.
Fireclay Goods 15%.
Cement 10/-d per ton.
Concrete Roofing Tiles 10/-d per thousand.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that loans might now be granted under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to persons whose income did not exceed £832 per annum. This was considered satisfactory.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce regarding a Road Safety Campaign and it was agreed to inform the Chamber that the Corporation would be only too pleased to give any help they could in this matter.

In this connection it was agreed to ask the County Council to erect "Drive Slow" signs at the various entrances of the town and to particularly ask them to provide a "Dangerous Crossing" sign at each side of Bishopswater Cross.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Howlin intimated that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Finance Committee of the Corporation should consist of the entire Body.

BALL ALLEY

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Ball Alley would be ready for occupation by June 15th.

In reply to a query by Alderman Morris the Surveyor intimated that cracks had shown in the back wall but he was waiting for them to develop before carrying out repairs.

GULLEY TRAPS

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of gulley traps in the town and the Surveyor promised to have them cleaned and some chloride of lime placed in them.

WALL AT GRATTAN TERRACE

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine and report on the condition of the wall between the house at Grattan Terrace occupied by Hayes and the County Clinic

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PROVISION OF W.C. PAN AT MENAPIA AVENUE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to provide a W.C. Pan in the house at Menapia Avenue occupied by Stephen Byrno.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

The water supply position at the present date showed that the daily loss was 200,000 gallons and that the Reservoir was 58" below top water level. The level at the corresponding date in 1956 was 72" below.

HOUSE AT WHITEROCK VIEW

Reference was made to the proposed allocation of a house at Whiterock View to a man named Fonlon of Duke Street and the Manager was recommended to allocate him a house at Wolfo Tone Villas the rent of which would be more commensurate with his means.

The meeting then terminated.

John Bullard

24th June, 1957.

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 Ed. Hall in the Chair.

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, James Gaul, John Howlin, James J. Morris, John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

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

NEW MEMBER

Before the meeting commenced Mr Patrick Kehoe, who was selected on the 3rd instant to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor James Sinnott, signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 in the presence of Aldermen Kevin C. Morris and Councillor Frank Cullimore.

His Worship The Mayor welcomed Councillor Kehoe as a Member of the Council for which Councillor Kehoe returned thanks to those Members of the Corporation who had voted for his selection.

ADJOURNMENT

At this stage Councillor Flusk asked would it be in order to propose that this meeting be adjourned; and the Corporation Solicitor replied that the meeting had been legally convened in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927; it had properly assembled and it was entirely a matter to be decided by the majority of those present if they wished to adjourn.

Councillor Flusk thereupon purposed that the meeting adjourn until Monday, July 1st, 1957 at 7.30 p.m., Alderman Morris seconded.

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Councillor Howlin objected to the adjournment and pointed out that this would mean the disfranchisement of his colleague Alderman Corish and if this happened, he Councillor Howlin would not attend the adjourned meeting.

Councillor Frank Cullimore, however, stated he would "pair" with Alderman Corish at the adjourned meeting and he would not therefore be disfranchised.

Alderman Corish stated he had objected to a previous proposal to have the date of the meeting changed and he also objected to the present proposal. Councillor Gaul also intimated that he would not be present on the 1st ultimo as he had already postponed his holidays for the present meeting and could not do so again.

After further discussion Councillor O'Flaherty proposed an amendment that the Corporation proceed with the business of the present meeting, Councillor Howlin seconded. On a poll being taken there voted:-

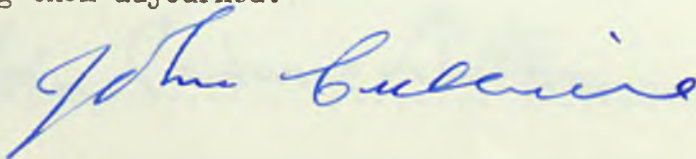
For Councillor O'Flaherty's amendment that the meeting proceed:-

Aldermen Byrne and Corish, Councillors Gaul, Howlin and O'Flaherty..5
Against the amendment:-

Aldermen Cullimore and Morris, Councillors Cullimore, Flusk, Morris, Kehoe and His Worship The Mayor.....7

The amendment was declared lost and on the original motion by Councillor Flusk, that the meeting adjourn, being put to the meeting it was declared carried by the same voting.

The meeting then adjourned.



An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 2.30 p.m. the Members present being:-

THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE ACT, IRELAND, 1876.

The Worshipful Mayor

Aldermen:-

John Cullinane and Edwin J. Morris.

Councillors:-

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN

John O'Flaherty

The Corporation Solicitor (Mr. J. E. O'Sullivan) and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE,

ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, THE HONORARY

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS CONFERRED ON HIS EMINENCE, JOHN

CARDINAL D'ALTON, ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH, AND PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND, ON THIS THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND NINE

HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN.

+ John Cardinal Dalton
.....SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

Edwards Hall
.....MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

.....TOWN CLERK.

1st July, 1957.

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

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

Aldermen:-

John Cullimore and Kevin G. Morris.

Councillors:-

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, James J. Morris,
John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kohoc.

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

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor for the ensuing year.

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, thereupon proposed that Alderman John Cullimore be elected Mayor of Wexford to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1958; and until his successor has been appointed and made the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office. Alderman Morris seconded the proposal which was supported by all the Members present.

As there was no other proposal, Alderman Cullimore was declared elected Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing twelve months.

The newly elected Mayor thereupon signed the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

Before vacating the Chair the outgoing Mayor thanked the Corporation, County Manager, Officials, Press, His Lordship The Bishop, and the Clergy of the Parish for the help they had given him during the past twelve months. His special thanks he stated were due to the Town Clerk for the manner in which he had at all times been at his disposal with help and advice during his period of office.

The outgoing Mayor then vacated the chair and having vested the new Mayor with the Robes and Chain of Office, Alderman Cullimore took the Chair.

The newly elected Mayor thanked the Members of the Corporation for electing him to this high office and congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past twelve months.

All the other Members present congratulated the outgoing Mayor and assured the incoming Mayor of their support during the coming twelve months.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, to hold three Quarterly Meetings of the Council on Monday 7th October, 1957 at 7.30 p.m., Monday 13th January, 1958 at 7.30 p.m. and Monday 7th April, 1958 at 7.30 p.m.

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The Meeting then terminated.

John Cullimore

29th July, 1957.

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, Alderman John Cullimore,
in the Chair

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Kevin Morris

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

In attendance: The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1957/58.

It was reported that a provisional allocation of £5,000 subject to a local Contribution of £720 had been made from this Vote and suggestions were requested to absorb the £5,720 available. After discussion, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to prepare estimates for the following: Resurfacing St. Peter's Square, Clearance of Derelict sites at Wygram and William Street; the provision of a water channel at Belvedere Road and the widening of St. John's Road.

DERELICT SITES

On the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was agreed that PRELIMINARY ORDERS under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, should be made in respect of derelict sites at Wygram Corner and Upper William Street.

PENSION INCREASES ACT, 1956.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the pensions of the following workmen be increased as hereunder;

John Molloy	by £18 per annum
Joseph Sinnott	4/7 per week
John Byrne	4/6 per week

OVERDRAFT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1957.

On the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that overdraft accommodation in the sum of £20,000 on the Revenue Account and £20,000 on the Capital Account be authorised for the quarter ending on 30th September, 1957.

BATT'S STREET C.P.O.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that the cost of acquiring the property of the Lett Bros. and other fit property in the Batt's Street area would be too high and would be reflected in the all-in cost of the houses to be erected and if this property were excluded the remaining portion of the site would be useless for development. In all the circumstances the Minister decided to annul the order. No further action was taken in the matter.

HOUSING OF RETIRED ARMY
MEN

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government setting out how persons could be re-housed on the basis of a two-third subsidy, and intimating he would be prepared to give consideration to specific cases on receipt of particulars.

This letter was noted.

SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION.

No action was taken on a letter from the "Safety First" Association of Ireland requesting the erection and maintenance of Notice Boards setting out the number of killed and injured on the roads in each year.

Arising out of this reference was made to a previous motion requesting the County Council to erect "GO SLOW" signs at the entrances to the town and the Town Clerk intimated that this was the subject of conversations between the County Manager and County Engineer at the moment regarding the legality of such signs. The matter was further deferred for the attendance of the County Manager.

MAYOR'S SALARY 1956/57

On the motion of Ald. K. C. Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to fix the allowance of the Mayor for the Year ended 30th June, 1957, at £20 (TWENTY POUNDS) per month or £240 for the year. ✓

MANAGEMENT OF HANDBALL COURT.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to appoint the following Joint Committee of Management to supervise the running of the recently erected Handball Court at Trinity Street.

Representing the Corporation: His Worship the Mayor,
Ald. Morris, Byrne and Corish,
Messrs. Hall, Morris & O'Flaherty

Representing Handball Clubs: M/s John Hayes, John O'Rourke,
and Robert Vaughney (Loc
Garmain Club)

M/s John Hore, Patrick Grant,
Philip Sutherland
(St. Mary's Club).

This Committee to be authorised to draft rules for the
running of the Court and the making of a charge to players.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION.

Arising out of a report from the Borough Surveyor on the
water supply position it was agreed that the supply to
the town be cut off between the hours of 7-0 p.m. and
6-0 a.m. and if the position worsened the Officials
were authorised to further reduce the hours of supply
without reference to the Corporation if necessary. It
was also agreed to recommend the Corporation to raise a
loan for the provision of stopcocks as recommended by
the Borough Surveyor at cost of £1,355.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following matters were mentioned and referred to
the Borough Surveyor.

1. Condition of Martin's house at Hill Street
2. Crack in wall of Sheehan's, 33 Corish Park.
3. Obstruction of light by Ball Alley to Carty's
Emmet Place
4. Defective Gully trap outside Moore's Old Pound.
5. Defective wall between Clinic and Hayes' house
Grattan Tee.

The Surveyor was instructed to examine and report on the
above. The attention of the County Surveyor was to be
called to the condition of the footpaths and kerbs in
John Street and School Street. On the suggestion of Ald.
Morris, it was agreed that the scavenging staff should be
placed on the work of wooding the Streets. The Town Clerk
was asked to look up the position regarding the erection of
houses on open space at Corish Park.

The Town Clerk was also asked to discuss with the County
Manager the case of Barbara Nolan, Maudlintown, against
whom proceedings had been instituted for a defective drain
at Maudlintown.

Ald. Byrne intimated that he would move at next Statutory
meeting that steps be taken to dispose of the "Town Hall"
site at Redmond Monument.

Ald. Morris referred to the tenders for cement and the Town
Clerk promised to discuss the matter with the Housing
Engineer and report to next meeting.

Complaint was made regarding the non-provision of a paling
around the property of Mr. Cullon adjoining Corish Park.

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The Meeting then terminated.

12th August, 1957.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council of the Borough 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 John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Alderman: Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Howlin, James Gaul, Edward Hall and James J. Morris.

In attendance: County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of meeting of 3rd and 24th June, 1st and 29th July, 1957 (copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

INTERMENTS

Alderman Byrne proposed a resolution of protest against the internment without trial of young men in this country. Councillor Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations from the General Purposes Committee were unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin:

PENSION INCREASES:

"That the pensions of the following workmen be increased as hereunder with effect as on and from 1st August, 1956.

John Molloy	- by £18 per annum.
Joseph Sinnott	- 4/7 per week.
John Byrne	- 4/6 per week."

MAYOR'S SALARY 1956/7: "That the allowance of the Mayor for the year ended 30th June, 1957, be fixed at £20 (Twenty Pounds) per month or £240 (two hundred and forty pounds) for the year".

MANAGEMENT OF HANDBALL COURT: "That the following Joint Committee of Management to supervise the running of the Handball Court at Trinity Street be appointed:

Representing the Corporation: His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Morris, Byrne and Corish.

Representing Handball Clubs: M/s. John Hayes, John O'Rourke and Robert Vaughey (Loc. Garmain Club)
M/s. John Hore, Patrick Grant, Philip Sutherland (St. Mary's Club).

this Committee to be authorised to draft rules for the running of the Court and the making of a charge to players."

WATERWORKS LOAN: "That a loan of £1,370 be raised for the provision of stopcocks as recommended by the Borough Surveyor at a cost of £1,355 plus £15 mortgage expenses."

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EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED - LOAN £450

There was submitted to the meeting a deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £450 for the acquisition and repair of a house at Thomas Street, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"THAT OUR CORPORATE SEAL BE AFFIXED TO THE DEED OF MORTGAGE OF THIS DATE NOW READ, WHEREBY SECURITY IS GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS PROPOSED TO BE ADVANCED BY THEM TO US UNDER THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACTS, 1890 TO 1956."

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion in the name of Councillor Howlin "That the Finance Committee be composed of the entire Corporation" was adjourned to next meeting.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1957/58

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the following proposals for expenditure of grant and local contribution for 1957/58 were approved:-

Concreting of St. Peter's Square	£3,320	
Widening of St. John's Road	1,210	
Provision of water channel, Belvedere Rd.	120	
Clearance of derelict sites at Wygram and William Street, etc.	£1,070	£5,720

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor stated he was quite satisfied the foregoing estimates would permit of each of the jobs being finished during the year within the estimates, provided he was permitted to use a scarifier on St. Peter's Square and no objection was raised to this.

The Town Clerk was asked to press for early sanction to proposals for the expenditure of unexpended balance of the 1956/57 grant, and to request sanction to the current years proposals so that work could be commenced not later than 1st December next.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Gaul, Alderman Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne were appointed as delegates to the annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held at Bunrana on 24th, 25th and 26th September next and if either or both these members were elected to the Executive of the Association they be authorised to attend the Meeting of the Executive.

PLAYGROUND AT CORISH PARK

A memorial from the residents of Corish Park was submitted protesting against a suggestion that houses should be built on the open space there. After some discussion it was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor to examine and report on the cost of providing a park or playground as visualised by the memorialists.

"TOWN HALL" SITE REDMOND PLACE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hall, it was agreed to seek tenders for the purchase of this site.

RENTS - FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

Consideration of estimated all-in cost and rents for the 54-house scheme at Faythe was adjourned to next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

WATER SUPPLY:

The report of the Surveyor showed that the level of Reservoir had increased by 1" during the past week. The members were informed that no relaxation of the supply restrictions could yet be permitted, but the position was under review from day to day and that the restrictions would be relaxed as soon as this could be done with safety.

TIMBER FOR HOUSES:

Councillor Hall was informed that considerable quantities of timber were being returned to the suppliers and that the Corporation were getting as good a run of timber as was being imported into the Country.

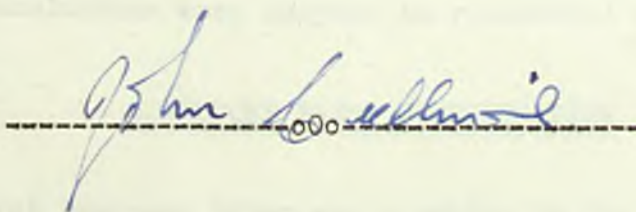
TENDERS FOR FAYTHE SCHEME:

It was reported that 14 tenders had been received for the supply of gates varying from £2.13.6d each to £5.1.6d. The lowest tender of George Milner, Dublin, had been accepted.

Four tenders were received for fencing, the lowest being Wilsonite Concrete Products, Wexford, at £264, which had been accepted.

The tender of the Walkinstown Electrical and Radio Engineering Co., for the electrical installations at £813.14.0d. had been accepted.

The meeting then terminated.



2nd September, 1957.

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 John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas F. Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:

Edward Hall, John Howlin, James J. Morris,
John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

The County Manager, Mr Millar (Housing Engineer and Acting Borough Surveyor) and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meeting on 12th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship The Bishop and the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of the Vicar General, Right Revd. Monsignor Robert Canon Hickey, P.P., New Ross. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by the County Manager, Mr. T.J. Millar and the Town Clerk.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to William Bolger, Foreman, on the death of his father and to Councillor Michael Flusk on the death of his brother-in-law, the late Frank Bolger. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

COMMODORE BARRY COMMEMORATION

The first business taken was a motion in the name of Councillor Hall that a Commodore John Barry Commemoration be held on Sunday, September 15th, by the laying of a wreath at the Memorial. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members, but Councillor Howlin suggested that the American Ambassador should be invited to lay the wreath and that a small committee be appointed to arrange the details, date, time and the persons to be invited.

Alderman Morris introduced to the meeting Rev. Brother Pacificus O.S.F., New York, the successor of the late Rev. Brother Aidan who was one of those responsible for the procuring of the Barry Statue at Wexford.

The Rev. Brother reviewed the lengthy history of the Barry Memorial and suggested that a further inscription should be placed on the memorial describing Barry as the "Father of the American Navy".

It was finally decided that a small Committee consisting of His

2nd September, 1957.

Worship The Mayor, Alderman Morris, Councillors Howlin, Hall, O'Flaherty and Morris be appointed to make such arrangements as were necessary for the Commemoration.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

The next business was to formally request the Minister for Local Government to assent to the Petition of the Corporation praying for an alteration of the Wexford Borough Boundary and to execute the said petition. A copy of the Petition is attached to these minutes.

It was thereupon proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that we request the Minister for Local Government to assent to the petition of the Wexford Corporation praying for an alteration of the Boundary of the Borough.

RENTS - FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a report was submitted on the estimated cost and rents of the 54 houses at the Faythe and was adjourned to enable further rent proposals to be submitted, two further proposals were now laid before the meeting.

The three suggested rent schemes were embodied in the following memorandum prepared by the Town Clerk.

Suggested Rents for Faythe Housing Scheme

1. Total Estimated Annual Charges as per statement submitted on 12th August £3,278.16.0.

2. Suggested Rents as per above statement

22 @ 25/-d	£1,430			
23 @ 15/-d	897			
9 @ 10/-d	234	£2,561.	Loss -	£717.16.0.

Alternative proposals as requested on 12th August, 1957:

3.	14 @ 25/-d	£910		
	22 @ 17/6d	£1,001		
	18 @ 12/6d	585	£2,496	Loss - £782.16.0.

4.	14 @ 25/-d	£910		
	22 @ 15/-d	858		
	18 @ 10/-d	468	£2,236	Loss - £1,042.16.0.

N.B. Whichever of the above proposals is adopted it will be necessary to embody it in a graded rent scheme.

After some consideration it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that scheme no. 3 providing for 14 houses at 25/-d per week, 22 at 17/6d and 18 at 12/6d be adopted and embodied in a graded rent scheme for submission to the Minister for Local Government.

With reference to minutes of last meeting the Town Clerk reported that an expenditure of £28.16.8d on repairs to a house at Thomas Street was comprise of -

tiled fireplace	- £12.15.6d.
repairs to doors and windows	- £16.16.7d.
painting doors and windows	- £9.4.7d.

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As the items comprised in this expenditure did not agree with the items

authorised by the Corporation it was decided to adjourn consideration until the Borough Surveyor resumed duty after his annual leave.

ERECTION OF BUST ON REDMOND MONUMENT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, permission was granted to the Redmond Memorial Committee to erect a Bust of the late John Edward Redmond on the Redmond Monument.

CONTINUATION OF HOUSING PROGRAMME

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager what was the position regarding the continuation of the Housing Programme and the following reply was given:-

The position regarding the immediate programme of the Council is:

1. EIGHT BUNGALOWS AT DISTILLERY ROAD: Site, lay-out and house plans approved. Estimate submitted for approval on 12th July, 1957. The estimate was considered too high and Department's Inspector discussed same with Housing Engineer and Town Clerk on 29th and 30th ultimo. As a result of these discussions, the estimate was reduced by £653 or just £82 per house leaving the net all-in cost at £1,403. Sanction to this revised estimate is awaited.
2. TEN HOUSES AT BISHOPSWATER: Revised lay-out and house plans with specification submitted for approval on 18th July, 1957. During the discussions on 29th and 30th ultimo the Inspector intimated that estimate could be prepared and submitted for these dwellings. This is in course of preparation.
3. 13 HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET; 19 AT FISHER'S ROW AND 25 AT JOHN STREET: Lay-out, house plans and specification submitted for approval on 23rd ultimo. Inspector examined lay-out plans on sites on 29th and 30th ultimo, and with the exception of minor alterations to lay-out for William Street, intimated they were in order. Estimates are in course of preparation for these Schemes.

Arising out of this the Housing Engineer informed Councillor Howlin that the estimate for the houses at Bishopswater would be available by the week ending the 14th instant and the remaining two for William Street and Fisher's Row at fortnightly intervals.

BUILDING SITES DAVITT ROAD/WATERLOO RD.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government regarding the rents proposed to be charged for building plots at Davitt Road South/Waterloo Road. The Minister intimated he was advised that the lessees of each plot should bear a fine of £75 towards the cost of the development of the site and if this were done he would be prepared to sanction a rent of £7.10.0d per annum.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to ask the applicants for the sites if they were prepared to pay this fine.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The progress report of the #4 House scheme at Faythe for the month of August was laid before the meeting.

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In reply to a query by Alderman Morris both the Town Clerk and County Manager intimated that they had received no proposals from the Minister for Local Government regarding the Batt Street Area. Alderman Morris intimated that in a recent conversation with the Minister he had informed him that he was sending fresh proposals to the Corporation for consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor James Morris congratulated the Wexford Ladies Water Safety Team on winning the President's Cup.

Councillor Hall congratulated John Ryan on winning the All Ireland Hand-Ball Championship.

Alderman Byrne congratulated Congressman Fogarty on his protest against Partition in the American Legislature.

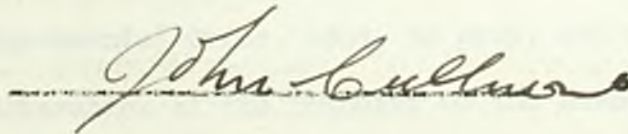
The meeting then terminated.



The Members of the Corporation met Superintendent Crotty of the Garda Siochana at the close of the above meeting for an informal discussion on the traffic conditions in Wexford.

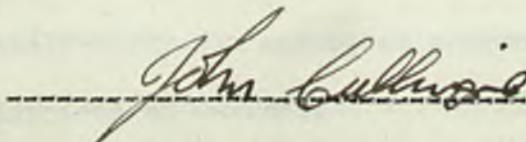
During the discussion the Superintendent explained that until signs were available to enable the Traffic Bye-Laws to be put into operation no steps could be taken by the Gardai to effectively deal with the traffic problem outside what they were doing at the present.

The Members appreciated that the Gardai were doing everything possible in difficult circumstances but as the cost of the necessary signs would be anything from £750 to £1,000 the Corporation were not in a position to provide them at the present so it was seen that nothing could be done to ease the traffic problem.



A meeting of the special committee appointed to consider the proposal of Councillor Hall to hold a Barry Commemoration during the month of September was held at the close of the above meeting. The full Committee appointed being in attendance.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should first communicate by telephone with the American Military Attache and enquire if the Ambassador would be available to attend a Commemoration Ceremony on September 29th and if he was not available to ask the Minister for Defence. As soon as this information was available he was to call a further meeting of the Committee.



The Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840; The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; and the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

PETITION OF

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford (Acting by the Borough Council) for an alteration of the boundary of the Borough of Wexford.

To the Minister for Local Government.

1. Your Petitioners were originally established as a Chartered Borough on 28th July, 1318, and known up to the year 1840 as "The Mayor, Bailiffs, free Burgesses and Commonalty of the Town or Borough of Wexford".
2. By Charter dated 25th July, 1846, issued under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, your petitioners were given their present style and title of The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford and established as a Municipal Corporation to exercise jurisdiction over the Borough of Wexford.
3. Your petitioners being the Corporation for the purpose of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840; the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; and the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, do pray, and make application for, an alteration of the Boundary of the Borough under Article 25 of the abovementioned Order.
4. The present Boundary of the Borough was last legally defined by the Parliamentary Boundaries (Ireland) Act, 1832, and confirmed and recited in the Charter of 25th July, 1846.
5. The present area of the Borough is 504 acres, 3 roods and 16 perches; and the Corporation now pray for the addition of approximately fifty-six acres, at present situate in the County Health Districts of Wexford.
6. The Corporation are the Housing Authority for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1956, and have up to date provided 1067 working class dwellings.

7. In 1944/45 a comprehensive survey of the housing needs of the Borough was carried out. This revealed 535 unfit houses requiring 696 new dwellings to rehouse the occupants, and it was estimated that 176 further houses were required to meet overcrowding and unsatisfied demands: thus the survey indicated the need for 872 new dwellings.
8. Since 1947, 403 dwellings have been completed and 54 are in course of construction leaving 415 still required to meet the needs of the 1944/5 Survey.
9. In 1949 it was apparent to the Corporation that they could never secure sufficient land within the Borough to enable the number of houses required to be provided, so with the consent of the County Council proceeded to acquire land and erect dwellings thereon outside the Borough.
10. The Corporation have up-to-date provided 260 dwellings outside the Borough and propose to erect a further 8 in the immediate future. In addition plans are available and land acquired, for the provision of further houses inside and outside the Borough.
11. The present housing position of the Corporation is:-

	Inside Borough	Outside Borough
Erected Prior to 1944/45 Survey	664	-
Erected since 1944/45 Survey	143	260
	807	260
In course of construction	54	-
In immediate contemplation	65	8
Land acquired for (approximately)	-	230
	926	498

12. With small exceptions, it is only the land on which the Corporation have erected, or propose to erect, houses, that it is requested should be included within the Borough.
13. In respect of the 260 dwellings erected outside the Borough the Corporation have provided roads, sewers, watermains and public lighting and as a result of their building, gas, electricity and domestic scavenging have been made available in the areas.

Similar services will be provided for future housing Schemes.

14. As a result of the Corporation having to erect dwellings outside the Borough to meet their responsibilities as a housing authority some hundreds of persons are now disfranchised in so far as the selection of Members of the Borough Council is concerned.
15. The Corporation have discussed the proposed alteration of the Borough Boundary with the Wexford County Council and that Body at their meeting on the 12th day of August, 1957, indicated no objection to the application in so far as it provided for the present and proposed housing needs of the Corporation.
16. The Schedule to this petition sets out the proposed new boundary and a copy of a map showing the existing boundary and the areas proposed to be included in the Borough is also annexed to this petition.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that pursuant to Article 25 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, a local inquiry be hold into the application of your Petitioners and that the Minister for Local Government after considering any representations made at the said inquiry may make according to the prayer of your Petitioners a Provisional Order in relation to the alteration of the boundary of the Borough.

SCHEDULE

Lands now in the County Health District of Wexford proposed to be included within the altered boundary of the Borough of Wexford.

1. In this Schedule a reference to a field identified by a number shall be construed as a reference to the field the area of which is shown as that number of acres on Sheet 37XVI of the Edition of 1940 of the Ordnance Map compiled and printed by the Ordnance Survey Department on the scale of 1 to 2,500 and published by the Director of the Ordnance Survey Office.

A reference to a boundary of a field shall be
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construed as a reference to the outside face or edge of the

fence, hedge, ditch or wall bounding such field; Wexford Borough altered and extended as proposed by this Petition being regarded as the inside.

2. It is proposed by this Petition to include in the Borough of Wexford all the land within the new boundary line hereinafter specified, which land lies in the Townlands of Newtown, Whitemill North, Whitemill South and Whiterock South, in the Electoral Division of Wexford Rural.
3. The new boundary between the County Health District of Wexford and the Borough of Wexford shall be a line commencing on the existing boundary where it intersects the northern boundary of the townland of Newtown proceeding in a westerly direction along the said northern boundary of the townland of Newtown until it meets the eastern boundary of the townland of Whitemill North thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of the 1.831 field in the townland of Whitemill North, rated in the name of Murtagh Moyler, thence in a south-easterly direction along the western boundary of the said 1.831 field until it meets the northern boundary of the 4.299 field in the townland of Whitemill North, rated in the name of Wexford Corporation, continuing in a south-easterly direction along the western boundary of the said 4.299 field to its junction with the southern boundary of the said 4.299 field, thence in a straight line from the said junction across the road leading from Wexford to the townland of Killeens, locally known as "Whitemill Road", to the point where the northern and western boundaries of the 1.330 field in the townland of Whitemill South and rated in the name of Frank Cullimore, meet, thence in a south easterly direction along the western boundary of the said 1.330 field and western boundary of the adjoining 3.370 field, also in the townland of Whitemill South and rated in the name of Frank Cullimore, continuing in a south-easterly direction along the imaginary south-easterly projection of the western boundary of the last-mentioned 3.370 field to intersect the central line of the road from Wexford to Arthurstown and Duncannon, locally known as the "New Line", thence it shall proceed along the centre of this roadway to the point where the said roadway meets the northern boundary of the townland of Whiterock North thence in an easterly direction along the said northern boundary of the townland of Whiterock North until it meets the existing Borough

Boundary at the northern junction of the boundaries of the townlands of Whiterock North and Whiterock South thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of the townland of Whiterock South, through the centre of the road leading from Bishopswater Bridge to Bridgetown until it reaches a point where it would intersect an imaginary westerly projection of the northern boundary of the .333 field to the North of Whiterock house in the Townland of Whiterock South rated in the name of Michael J. Martin thence proceeding in an easterly direction from the said point in the centre of the road until it connects with the northern boundary of the last mentioned .333 field thence along the northern and eastern boundaries respectively of the said .333 field until it meets the south-western boundary of the Bishopswater housing scheme of 128 houses (owned by Wexford Corporation and contained in the 3.626, 4.223 and 3.339 fields situated in the Townland of Whiterock South) proceeding from the said south western boundary in an easterly, south-easterly, southerly, easterly, northerly, south-easterly, north-easterly and north westerly direction along the boundaries of the last mentioned 3.626, 4.233 and 3.339 fields, being the boundaries of the above-mentioned housing scheme until it reaches the north western boundary of the 2.816 field situated in the townland of Whiterock South and rated in the name of Mary E. Colfer thence in an north-easterly and easterly direction along the northern boundary of the last-mentioned 2.816 field until it reaches the point where the said northern boundary of the said 2.816 field intersects the existing Borough Boundary at Maudlintown.

Scaled with the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, this 2nd day of September, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven, in the presence of:-

John Bullen Mayor.

J. Byrne Two Members of
the Wexford
Borough Council

J. J. Kearney
Thomas T. Bree Wexford
County Manager.

[Signature] Town Clerk.

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

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

17th October, 1957.

To each Member of Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council of the above Borough to be held at the Municipal Buildings on Monday next, October 21st at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to consider attached report on the costings of Corish Park Housing Schemes.

This report was considered by the Finance Committee on the 14th instant and a copy of the minutes of that meeting is also attached hereto.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Byrne,

Cloireach an Bhaile.



CORISH PARK HOUSING SCHEMES

REPORT ON COSTS

The first parcel of land for the erection of houses in this area was acquired in 1950, and a plan was made for the immediate erection of 80 dwellings. This plan provided for the future erection of some 162. As you are aware the actual erection of dwellings in the area consisted of five different schemes as follows:-

34, 16, 6, 40 and 36 of which the sixteen were of the five-room type.

As pointed out to the Corporation on various occasions, the actual site development costs pertaining to any one Scheme could not be accurately pin-pointed, as site works for one scheme of necessity caused work to be carried out which benefited the succeeding schemes. Thus the development already done will be of benefit to the other Schemes planned for the area.

Consequently it has not been possible to give accurate costings of each individual scheme as development costs pertained to them all. As well at no stage in advance of a scheme was it possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the probable cost of site works having regard to the nature of the ground met from time to time. It was apparent even to a layman at various stages of the work that considerable under building had to be carried out and this work of course is not visible in the completed house.

The following table shows the estimated costs of each scheme together with the actual costs of the four schemes of normal type houses and the 16 better class dwellings.

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CORISH PARK HOUSES

	Total £	Survey	Land and Legal	Super- vision	Building	Miscell- aneous.
Scheme of 34	50,780	49	653	700	49,378	
6	9,720	8	116	450	9,146	
16	31,310	23	307	750	30,230	
40	59,820	60	560	1,200	58,000	
36	57,720	51	504	1,200	55,965	
	209,350	191	2,140	4,300	202,719	

And for extras on
House Scheme

Substitution of gas cookers
and boiler grates for
ranges

841

841

Increases in wages and
materials since estimate 11%

6,380

6,380

Extras on Development

3,039

3,039

6 House Scheme

11% increase in materials
and wages

6,156

6,156

Extras on Development

2,576

2,576

£228,342 191 2,140 4,300 221,711

Actual Costings

229,070

188

2,033

4,689

221,898

262

Reduct cost of 16 better-
class houses.

29,943

23

307

752

28,824

37

11-in-Cost of 116 normal
type houses.

199,127

165

1,726

3,937

193,074

226

Average cost of 116 houses

1716.61

1.42

14.88

33.94

1664.43

1.94

Average cost of 16 houses

1871.44

1.44

19.19

47.00

1801.50

2.31

For the erection of 116 normal type houses, £174,456 has already been borrowed at rates of $3\frac{1}{4}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{3}{4}$ and $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent leaving £24,671 to be borrowed at the current rate (?) of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

The annual charges will therefore be:-

	£
Loan Repayments	10,000.
Loss Subsidy	<u>5,300.</u>
	4,700.
Administrative Expenses (Maximum 116 x £12)	<u>1,392.</u>
	6,092.
The present rents produce	<u>4,417.</u>
Leaving a loss of	<u>£1,675.</u>

14th October, 1957.

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Aldermen: Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: Edward Hall and John O'Flaherty.

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The first business was to consider the all-in-costs of the Corish Park Houses.

In a memorandum, which accompanied a statement setting out the estimated and actual costs of the five housing schemes comprising Corish Park under various headings, it was pointed out that the first parcel of land for the erection of houses in this area was acquired in 1950 and a plan made for the immediate erection of eighty dwellings. This plan provided for the future erection of a further 162 but actually the erection of dwellings consisted of five different schemes of 34, 6, 16, 40 and 36 of which the 16 were of the five-roomed type. The Members were reminded that on various occasions it had been pointed out to the Corporation that actual site development costs pertaining to any one scheme could not be accurately pin-pointed, as site works for one scheme of necessity caused work to be carried out which benefited the succeeding scheme.

The statement which was circulated to the members showed that the total estimated all-in-cost of the five schemes amounted to £209,350. In addition extras amounting to £18,992 had been incurred in respect of increases in wages and materials as well as extra development work bringing the total estimated cost to £228,342. The actual all-in-cost of 132 houses amounted to £229,070. The cost of the 16 better-class houses amounted to £29,943 leaving the all-in-cost of the 116 normal type houses at £199,127 or an average cost of £1,716.61. The average cost of the 16 better class houses amounted to £1871.44.

For the erection of the 116 normal type houses £174,456 had already been borrowed at rates of $3\frac{1}{4}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{3}{4}$ and $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, leaving £24,671 to be borrowed at the current rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

The estimated annual loan charges were £10,000 and the estimated subsidy £5,300, leaving

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administrative expenses on 116 houses at £12 each, £1,392, making the total annual charges £6,092. The present annual rents produced £4,417, leaving a net loss of £1,675.

The Members carefully examined the figures at length and finally decided that the all-in-cost of £1,716 for the houses at Corish Park was a reasonable figure. They decided to transmit the report to the Corporation with the observation that, having carefully examined the figures and considered the explanations given, they were satisfied that £1,716 was a reasonable all-in cost.

Alderman Morris referred to the quality of the paint used on the Corish Park Houses and the County Manager and Housing Engineer explained to the meeting the steps they had taken with the Combined Purchasing Department regarding the quality of paint supplied from the official list and in this connection the Housing Engineer intimated that the quality of paint had vastly improved during the past twelve months.

In connection with the overhead expenses on the present Housing Scheme at the Faythe it was reported that the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk had recently examined this matter carefully. As a result of their discussion and examination the overhead expenses in respect of the Faythe Housing Scheme had been reduced by approximately £20 per week with effect as from Thursday last. The Supervisory Staff on the Faythe Housing Scheme had been asked to make any suggestions they thought advisable for the further reduction of overhead expenses and the three officers had promised to give careful consideration to any suggestion which might tend to reduce supervisory expenses.

As regards the proposed erection of eight bungalows at Distillery Road the Town Clerk stated that following the discovery that a flaw existed in the title of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co., Limited, a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made with a view to clearing up the defective title and the necessary notice had been served on Messrs Pierce. Messrs Pierce had since asked for consultation with the County Manager and Town Clerk and this would take place on the 16th instant at the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs Haggard and Brennan. The meeting was assured that the Corporation Officials would do everything possible to clear up the title question so that work could be

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commenced on the erection of the bungalows without delay. The meeting was also informed that tenders had been invited for any materials that could not be purchased from tenders at present accepted for goods on the Faythe Scheme.

As regards the erection of ten houses at Bishopswater the Town Clerk was asked to try and expedite sanction to the building of these.

Alderman Morris raised a question regarding the drainage at the back of the new wall being erected at St. Peter's College and this matter was satisfactorily explained to him by the Housing Engineer who was acting for the Borough Surveyor at the time of the recent floods.

Alderman Morris also raised with the Housing Engineer the question of the fence between the property of Mr. Cullen, Whitrock, and the Corish Park Housing Scheme and the Housing Engineer intimated that at no time had he removed any portion of Mr. Cullen's fence but actually had placed barbed wire in defective portions of it where he had raised the level of the ground on the Corporation's side of the fence.

The Meeting then terminated.

7th October, 1957.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair;

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, James Gaul, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

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

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.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Deputy P. O'Donnell, former Minister for Local Government, on the death of his wife, Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from the Very Rev. Dean Codd, Parochial House, Ferns, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Corporation with his Lordship The Bishop and the Clergy on the death of Monsignor Hickey.

Councillor Michael Flusk also returned thanks to the Members for their vote of sympathy with him and the other members of his family on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Mr Frank Bolger.

HOUSING POSITION

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that Standing Orders be suspended to enable a full debate to be held on the housing position before any other business was transacted. This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and agreed.

Councillor Howlin then referred to the dismissal of large numbers of Tradesmen and Labourers from the Faythe Housing Scheme and asked for a clear statement as to the future policy of the Corporation regarding the building of houses. Was it their intention to continue the building until they were stopped through circumstances outside their control? If so a statement should be made as to when it was likely that these men would be re-engaged on housing work. He observed from a note on the agenda, since he gave notice of his intention to raise this matter, that sanction had now been received to the erection of eight bungalows at Distillery Road and he wished to know when it was proposed to commence the erection of these bungalows. He also asked if the estimate, which had been submitted at last meeting, to be ready for transmission to the Department for the ten houses at Bishopswater, was sent on the 14th ult.

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and the Town Clerk replied that he only received the estimate on the previous Friday afternoon and had immediately forwarded it to the Minister for Local Government. In this connection Alderman Morris intimated he had a letter from the Minister to the effect that this estimate had not arrived in the Department on Saturday last, 5th instant. Several Members referred to the cost of supervision of housing schemes together with the legal expenses and considered that these were altogether out of proportion and were a big factor in making the erection of houses dear.

The County Manager intimated that so far as he was concerned it was intended to implement the agreed housing programme of the Corporation. He also informed the meeting that a large proportion of the supervisory staff were engaged on a costing system to comply with instructions laid down by the Department of Local Government. As regards the commencement of eight bungalows at Distillery Road, it was understood that some difficulty had arisen in connection with title but the officials were examining this with a view to early settlement. Immediately the title difficulty was resolved work would commence and in the meantime tenders were being invited for the necessary materials.

Eventually Councillor Howlin moved that the Finance Committee, together with the County Manager and Housing Engineer, would go into the costing of all the Housing Schemes with a view to making recommendations to the Corporation regarding a reduction in over-head expenses. The Finance Committee was to meet on the 14th instant and the Corporation would meet on the 21st to consider their report.

TOWN HALL SITE AT REDMOND MONUMENT

Only one offer for the purchase of this site was received in response to public advertisement which appeared in the local press on the 23rd and 24th August last. This was from Mr Patrick Meylor, North End Garage, who offered the same price as previously, namely £575. Mr. Meylor intimated that if his offer was accepted and the site transferred to him he intended to plant trees on the west side, clear the site and turn it into a car park.

Alderman Morris proposed the acceptance of Mr. Meylor's offer, which was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

FINE ON BUILDING SITES AT WATERLOO ROAD

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he would only be prepared to sanction a rent of £7.10.0d per annum for building sites at Davitt Road/Waterloo Road if each site would bear a fine of £75 to cover the development costs. The last meeting had directed the Town Clerk to write to each of the applicants inquiring if they were prepared to pay this fine and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received only three replies. One was from a Mr. P.J. Sheridan, who was no longer interested as he had purchased a dwelling house, the second was from Superintendent Crotty, Garda Síochána, who was not prepared to consider bearing a fine of £75, the third letter was from Wexford Estates Limited who pointed out that such a fine would make the sites very dear and considering the Corporation did not make available supplementary housing grants as in other places they thought they should ask the Minister to waive the proposal to impose a fine of £75 on each site.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, to refer the matter back to the Minister and point out to him that the applicants for sites were not prepared to pay a fine of £75 and in view of the fact that the Corporation did not make available supplementary housing grants they considered that the fine should not be insisted on. If it was insisted on there was no hope of disposing of the sites for private building and they would eventually become derelict.

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SUPERANNUATION - FORMER BOROUGH SURVEYOR

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the making of a contribution of £18.17.1d towards lump sum grant and an annual contribution of £7.0.0d towards the pension of Mr. John T. O'Donnell, former Borough Surveyor of Wexford, who recently retired from the post of Deputy County Engineer Cork.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of The Very Rev. Chancellor J.E. Hazley.

Alderman Byrne proposed that Chancellor Hazley's successor, The Rev. Mr. Shearer, be appointed. There was no seconder for this proposition.

Alderman Morris proposed that the Superior of the Christian Brothers be appointed or a nominee of his. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion.

As there was no seconder for the proposal of Alderman Byrne it was agreed the Superior of the Christian Brothers of his nominee should be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

DECORATION OF TOWN

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to allocate the produce of a rate of 1d in the pound for the decoration of the Town in the Financial Year 1957/58.

REPAIRS - TRINITY STREET HOUSES

The next business was a recommendation from the Housing Repairs Committee that the Corporation consider the question of repairs to the 16 houses at Trinity Street and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to request the Borough Surveyor to prepare an up-to-date estimate of the cost of repairing the houses. It could then be seen when increase in rent would be necessary to meet the cost.

REDMOND MONUMENT

An application from the Redmond Committee was submitted requesting the permission of the Corporation to erect a plaque bearing the arms of Now Ross, the Borough for which John E. Redmond was first returned to Parliament, erected on the Monument at Redmond Place and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, permission was unanimously granted.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

A further letter was read from the Redmond Committee asking the Corporation to have the John Street Churchyard cleaned and tidied before the Wexford Festival and requesting that the Graveyard be left open during the week of the Festival so that any visitors who might care to could have access to the Redmond Vault.

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As regards the cleaning up it was decided to have the weeds cut and taken away and the pathway to the vault cleaned.

As regards opening the Graveyard it was pointed out that if this was left open without a caretaker children would have access to the Churchyard and as a number of the tomb stones were very old and decrepit the possibility of accident was great. In this connection it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Mayor and Town Clerk to make some arrangement with the Redmond Committee to have the key available at a nearby house for the use of visitors otherwise the committee would have to arrange to have a Caretaker available during the week when the graveyard would be left open.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gall, overdraft accommodation for the quarter ended 31st December, next on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £80,000 was authorised subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

LOAN FOR THE ERECTION OF EIGHT BUNGALOWS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan from the Local Loans Fund of the sum of £11,250 for the provision of eight bungalows at Distillery Road.

ST. MICHAEL'S GRAVEYARD

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the condition of St. Michael's Graveyard and the Town Clerk pointed out that the sum of £50 allowed in the current year for the repairs of intra-mural graveyards was exhausted before any work could be done on St. Michael's.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Alderman Byrne asked when the Fuel Scheme for 1957/58 would operate and the Town Clerk intimated that it would commence on 1st November next.

WATER SUPPLY

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor intimated that the water supply at present was normal and if necessary the hydrostats would be used for pumping.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

In reply to a further query by Councillor O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor stated that in his opinion the recent flooding at King Street was not contributed to in any great extent by the diversion of sewerage to the river.

In connection with the recent flooding Councillor O'Flaherty complained that in the low lying portions of the Main Street where the water did not actually flood the premises sight-seers in cars had caused a considerable amount of damage by driving fast through the flooded streets and suggested that in future when streets were flooded they be completely closed to vehicular traffic.

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In reply to a query by Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that the cost of opening graves in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, was £2 per opening and it did not matter whether the opening was first, second or third. In the case of the purchase of grave-spaces or the opening of graves for persons not occupiers of rated property within the Borough of Wexford the charges were increased by fifty per cent.

Councillor Flusk gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation consider the advisability of leasing the Ball-Alley at Trinity Street to some of the hand-ball clubs.

Councillor Hall proposed that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to all those bodies who took part in the Commodore Barry Commemoration on the 29th ultimo. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present.

His Worship The Mayor protested against the wanton damage recently done to the statue in the Redmond Memorial Park, Spawell Road, and to the telephone kiosk at St. Aidan's Crescent.

Alderman Morris raised the question of repairs to the fence between the property of Mr Cullen and the Corporation Housing Scheme at Corish Park and this was referred to the Housing Engineer.

Alderman Morris also referred to a wall at the junction of Back St. and John's Gate Street and asked the Borough Surveyor to inspect same as it was considered dangerous. The Alderman also asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the cause of the flooding of some of the houses at O'Connell Avenue recently. The Alderman also referred to the defective gulley outside the premises of Miss Moore, Old Pound, and the Town Clerk intimated that sometime ago he had drawn the attention of the County Engineer to this and he would send him a reminder.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had examined and submitted a report to the Repairs Committee on the condition of the gable end of the house at Hill Street occupied by Martins.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Housing Engineer's report on the progress of the Faythe Housing Scheme was read and adopted.

The Engineer also reported he had been notified by the suppliers that the price of mantle registers, manhole covers and frames, baths and fittings and boiler grates had all increased by $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Arising out of this report the Members thought that all these articles should be purchased as early as possible in each housing scheme and if necessary stored until they were needed thus obviating the need to pay increased prices although it was pointed out that a considerable sum of money would be required by way of loan or overdraft to purchase all the materials necessary for the houses at the outset, on which the Corporation would have to pay interest. As well the question of storage was a big factor in this matter, but it was agreed that all materials for the bungalows to be erected at Distillery Road should be purchased immediately and stored until needed.

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14th October, 1957.

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The Members carefully examined the figures at length and finally decided that the all-in-cost of £1,716 for the houses at Corish Park was a reasonable figure. They decided to transmit the report to the Corporation with the observation that, having carefully examined the figures and considered the explanations given, they were satisfied that £1,716 was a reasonable all-in cost.

Alderman Morris referred to the quality of the paint used on the Corish Park Houses and the County Manager and Housing Engineer explained to the meeting the steps they had taken with the Combined Purchasing Department regarding the quality of paint supplied from the official list and in this connection the Housing Engineer intimated that the quality of paint had vastly improved during the past twelve months.

In connection with the overhead expenses on the present Housing Scheme at the Faythe it was reported that the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk had recently examined this matter carefully. As a result of their discussion and examination the overhead expenses in respect of the Faythe Housing Scheme had been reduced by approximately £20 per week with effect as from Thursday last. The Supervisory Staff on the Faythe Housing Scheme had been asked to make any suggestions they thought advisable for the further reduction of overhead expenses and the three officers had promised to give careful consideration to any suggestion which might tend to reduce supervisory expenses.

As regards the proposed erection of eight bungalows at Distillery Road the Town Clerk stated that following the discovery that a flaw existed in the title of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co., Limited, a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made with a view to clearing up the defective title and the necessary notice had been served on Messrs Pierce. Messrs Pierce had since asked for consultation with the County Manager and Town Clerk and this would take place on the 16th instant at the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs Huggard and Bronnan. The meeting was assured that the Corporation Officials would do everything possible to clear up the title question so that work could be

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commenced on the erection of the bungalows without delay. The meeting was also informed that tenders had been invited for any materials that could not be purchased from tenders at present accepted for goods on the Faythe Scheme.

As regards the erection of ten houses at Bishopswater the Town Clerk was asked to try and expedite sanction to the building of these.

Alderman Morris raised a question regarding the drainage at the back of the new wall being erected at St. Peter's College and this matter was satisfactorily explained to him by the Housing Engineer who was acting for the Borough Surveyor at the time of the recent floods.

Alderman Morris also raised with the Housing Engineer the question of the fence between the property of Mr. Cullen, Whiteroek, and the Corish Park Housing Scheme and the Housing Engineer intimated that at no time had he removed any portion of Mr. Cullen's fence but actually had placed barbed wire in defective portions of it where he had raised the level of the ground on the Corporation's side of the fence.

The Meeting then terminated.

John Bullimore

4th November, 1957.

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 John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Alderman:- Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, John O'Flaherty and James J. Morris.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas F. Broe, Wexford County Manager, on the death of his Mother and that the meeting adjourn until the 11th instant as a mark of respect.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff.

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship The Bishop and The Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. Michael Rossiter, P.P. Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Nicholas Corish on the death of his sister-in-law. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff.

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



11th November, 1957.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Aldermen:-

Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:-

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

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of meetings of the 7th and 14th ultimo and 4th instant, 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

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from His Lordship The Bishop of Ferns, Mr. Thomas F. Brée, Wexford County Manager and Alderman Nicholas P. Corish.

LEASING OF HANDBALL COURT

In accordance with notice given Councillor Flusk moved that steps be taken to place the handball court at Trinity Street to the two local Handball Clubs. Alderman Morris seconded this motion.

Councillor Howlin supported the motion but suggested that the matter be referred to the special Committee appointed on the 29th July last so that they could devise a scheme which would ensure the Corporation not losing complete control of the Handball Court. Councillor Hall and other Members agreed with Councillor Howlin.

There was general approval of the Members to the proposal of Councillor Flusk and after some discussion the suggestion of Councillor Howlin, that the matter be referred to the Special Committee, was unanimously agreed to.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

A tender was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board intimating that the initial cost of providing a switchwire extension and timeswitch for the provision of four dusk to midnight lamps and one dusk to dawn lamp would be £59. The dusk to midnight fittings would bear a total annual charge of £21.14.0d and the all-night fittings £7.13.0d.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the County Manager was recommended to accept the tender of the Board.

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(WIRING FAYTHE HOUSES)

Arising out of this matter Alderman Morris referred to the contract for the wiring of the Faythe Housing Scheme and protested that this had not been given to a local firm. In this connection the Alderman was informed that the Contract had been given to the lowest tender and the specification had included a clause that the Contractor would employ local trade union labour. The Alderman was further informed that some time ago complaint had been made by the Irish Electrical Trade Union that the workmen employed on the Contract had not produced Trade Union Cards. The Town Clerk had taken this matter up immediately with the Contractors and he understood that the matter had since been satisfactorily settled between the Contractor and the Trade Union.

(QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL WORK)

Councillor Hall referred to the quality of the electrical work done on previous jobs and the Borough Surveyor stated that some of the electrical work was not carried out in accordance with the specification prepared by him. In-as-much as blocks for ceiling roses and switches had not been provided.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Howlin intimated that he would raise the matter at next meeting when a copy of the specification should be available for the information of the Members.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

The next business was to consider a letter from the organisers of the annual open air Christmas Recital to be held in the Bull Ring during the Christmas Season. The Organisers asked the Corporation to provide a Christmas Tree and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should make inquiries as to the cost of providing such a tree and if it were reasonable, say £10 to £12, that the provision of such a tree be authorised.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The usual monthly progress report on 54 house scheme at Faythe was submitted to the Members.

LABOURERS WAGES

A recommendation was submitted by the Wexford County Manager that the wages of labourers (other than building labourers) be increased by 8/-d per week as from the 11th October last. In submitting this recommendation on behalf of the County Manager the Town Clerk intimated that the Manager based in on -

- (1) the official consumers price index had increased since 1955 by seventeen points which was the equivalent of 13.5%;
- (2) the increase of 8/-d had already been paid by all Employers (except two in Town); and
- (3) the Corporation wages rates had always been based on locally recognised Trade Union Rates.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the County Manager's recommendation was unanimously adopted and the estimates for 1957/58 increased by £130 to cover the estimated cost from 11th October to 31st March.

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INCOME TAX

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister for Finance be requested to raise the basic allowance for income tax to at least £260 per individual. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by the other members and unanimously adopted.

EMPLOYMENT

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be asked to state what their policy was to provide employment particularly in the immediate future. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion but Councillor Hall did not think the resolution would do any good. Alderman Morris referred Alderman Byrne to a statement by the Taoiseach on the 10th instant setting out the Government's proposals in this connection.

The resolution, however, was unanimously adopted.

HOUSING

With reference to the proposed housing schemes at William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street it was reported that in the plans submitted for Fisher's Row and John Street provision had been made for the inclusion of eight small bungalows in Fisher's Row and three in John Street. This would bring the total number of bungalows erected and to be erected by the Corporation to 29 - namely - Thomas Street - 10, Distillery Road - 8, Fisher's Row 8 and John Street - 3. If the present housing proposals before the Department were implemented the Corporation would have provided 1196 dwellings of which the twenty-nine small bungalows would represent about 2.42%.

The Department of Local Government had questioned the advisability of providing any more of these small bungalows on the grounds that preference should be given to the rehousing of applicants with families and as well that these bungalows were not an economic proposition. The Corporation Officials, however, had pointed out that there was a considerable demand in the Town for this type of dwelling particularly from old couples. It had been pointed out that the Corporation were often faced with the problem of being compelled to rehouse an old couple and it seemed unfair to have to give such a couple a family house while applicants with families were awaiting rehousing. As well in the Fisher's Row Area there were some old people who would be physically unable to keep a family house in order yet these people had to be rehoused before their present dwellings were demolished. The Department had also been informed that variations in the type of house would be beneficial in preventing monotony in housing schemes.

Councillor Howlin protested in the strongest possible manner against the attitude of the Department, he stated it was right and proper and necessary to provide this type of house. He recalled some years ago having visited housing schemes in Waterford where this type of house was interspersed with standard two storey buildings giving a very pleasing effect to the Schemes in general. For a long time the Corporation of Wexford had been seeking a means of relieving the monotony of the present standard house design and he felt that the inclusion of a small number of these bungalows would achieve that object and set off the various schemes. The other Members agreed with Councillor Howlin and it was unanimously decided to request the Department to sanction the inclusion of eleven bungalows in the schemes at Fisher's Row and John Street. If the Department insisted in maintaining their present attitude the Officials were to be authorised to agree to the substitution of two storey houses for the bungalows rather than hold-up commencement of any of the schemes.

QUESTIONS

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In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne asked the following

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questions and was given the answers appended thereto by the Town Clerk:-

Question: When it was proposed to start work on the erection of eight bungalows at Distillery Road?

Reply: Immediately the question of title to the land has been disposed of. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been made and submitted to the Minister for Local Government with a request for early confirmation. All the relevant facts had been made known to the Minister in support of the request for early confirmation.

Question: What reply was received from the Department of Local Government in connection with ten houses at Bishopswater?

Reply: Under date of 9th September last the Department intimated that revised plans submitted on 18th July were generally in order and requested the submission of an estimate. Such an estimate was submitted on 3rd October, 1957. Since then nothing further has been heard from the Department.

Arising out of the reply to this question it was agreed that the Department should be asked to expedite sanction to the Scheme.

Question: If the Fisher's Row Housing Scheme has been submitted to the Department?

Reply: Plans, etc., were submitted to the Department on 23rd August last and estimates and Bill of Quantities submitted on the 5th instant.

Question: What is the position regarding the William Street Housing Scheme?

Reply: Plans, etc., were submitted on 23rd August, 1957 and Bills of Quantities and Estimate submitted on the 5th instant.

Question: If Quantities were being prepared in connection with proposed Scheme at John Street?

Reply: No Quantities are being prepared. Plans were submitted on 23rd August last. The estimate was received from the Borough Surveyor on the 9th instant and forwarded to the Department on this day.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1957/58.

The Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the Department of Local Government and request immediate sanction to the proposals for employment schemes submitted for the current winter period as work had commenced this day on Enniscorthy Schemes.

Arising out of this, reference was made to the condition of the Whitemill Road and if it was not sanctioned for inclusion in the Employment Schemes the attention of the County Engineer should be drawn to it.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councillor James Morris asked that a road sign be erected at Davitt Road North/Davitt Road South pointing out the fact that a school was adjacent to this crossing. The Borough Surveyor intimated that it would be necessary for the Corporation to declare St. John's Road a major road and Davitt Road North and South minor roads before any effective action could be taken to stop motorists speeding across the crossing.

In reply to Alderman Morris the Town Clerk stated he understood the County Manager had inspected the fence complained of by Mr. Cullen at Whitemill but he Town Clerk had not had an opportunity of hearing the Manager's view on it, as he was engaged all day at a meeting in the County Council.

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of the Public Convenience at Crescent Quay and asked the Borough Surveyor to have it cleaned up.

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Alderman Byrne raised the question of the erection of a back kitchen to one of the Corporation houses at Wygram Place and stated he understood that it was affecting the light of the adjoining premises. The Borough Surveyor however stated that in his opinion the erection of the back-kitchen did not affect the light of the premises in question and that the real cause was a shed nearby erected before the Corporation acquired the property. The Surveyor, however, promised to again inspect the premises and advise the tenant who was erecting the back-kitchen accordingly.

Councillor Hall referred to dumping in Oyster Lane and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the laneway cleaned up.

The Meeting then terminated.


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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Aldermen:-

Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:-

Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, James Gaul,
Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and
Patrick Kehoe.

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

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Patrick Parle and George Keegan who lost their lives in an explosion recently in the County Lough. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, amended by Councillor Hall to include the relatives of the five men who lost their lives there. The resolution was supported by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the family of the late Senator Moylan, Minister for Agriculture. Councillor Howlin also seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

GOOD WISHES-THE BISHOP

The Mayor moved "that the Corporation extend their sincere good wishes to His Lordship The Bishop and that we ask the Town Clerk to convey to him our joy that he is now on the way to complete recovery from his recent illness". Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was also supported by the Members present and unanimously agreed to.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of 11th November, 1957, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

HOUSING POSITION

The County Manager made a report on the position regarding the erection of ten houses at Bishopswater, thirteen at William Street, nineteen at Fisher's Row and twenty-five at John Street. The Manager stated that following the discussion at last meeting of the Corporation on this subject he had interviewed officials of the Department of Local Government on the 21st ultimo. As a result a further interview was arranged for the 27th idem when he was accompanied by the Housing Engineer and Town Clerk. At this latter meeting the plans and estimates for the four schemes were examined in detail and the estimates revised and agreed figures arrived at.

The question of the extension of the Housing Scheme at Bishopswater was discussed at length - purely from the economic stand point and in order not to delay sanction to the schemes it was agreed to delete these from the Fisher's Row and

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John Street proposals.

Finally the Department Officials agreed to sanction Bishopswater, William Street and Fisher's Row and to have John Street re-examined with a view to scouring more dwellings with a consequent reduction per house in development and site costs. An Inspector of the Department had since re-examined this site with this object in view.

The three sanctions above referred to should issue any day but in the meantime the Housing Engineer was preparing quantities for the purposes of inviting tenders for the Bishopswater Scheme.

As regards bungalows, the Manager stated, the Department of Local Government were not opposed to those where they could be built at a cost bearing some relation to the accommodation provided. Unfortunately the sites on which they had been proposed carried heavy development costs which would bring the total cost of the bungalows to a figure out of proportion to the accommodation provided and would of necessity mean the charging of rents which the people for whom they were intended could not afford to pay. If sites could be secured where small development costs would arise these bungalows have a reasonable chance of being approved. With this object in view it is intended to have the Faythe, William Street, Maudlintown Area surveyed to ascertain if there are any sites there which would require little development and on which bungalows could be erected. If there are such sites plans will be prepared and submitted for approval as soon as possible so that erection could take place while the building unit is engaged in the William Street/Fisher's Row Area.

The immediate net result was that the Corporation had now been promised sanction for the erection of 42 houses and when the bungalows are replaced by two storyed dwellings this number would be increased by two or three.

In conclusion the Manager stated he wished to record appreciation of the courtesy and help accorded to himself and the Officials on their visit to the Department.

Arising out of this report Alderman Morris asked if a statement could be made regarding the Batt Street Area and the Manager replied that he was not in a position to give any useful information to the Corporation on this matter.

Councillor Howlin proposed that the Corporation congratulate the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk on the success of their visit to the Department. He stressed the need of starting as early as possible some of the labouring men who had been dismissed from the Faythe Scheme. He especially asked that some of them should be employed before Christmas even if a break occurred for a short time after. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to. Councillor Flusk referred to the proposal to revise the John Street Plan and was informed that the idea was to try and erect more houses on this site.

WAGES OF LORRY DRIVER.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a recommendation from the County Manager that the wages of Thomas Crosbie, Lorry Driver, be increased by 8/-d per week as from the 11th October, 1957, was unanimously agreed to.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION RATE

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocation Education Committee intimating that at their annual meeting on the 18th November the Committee had decided to seek, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education, a rate of 1/6d in the pound from Wexford Corporation. He pointed out that it was with the greatest reluctance the

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Committee had decided to do this but unfortunately the financial position was such that there appeared to be no other alternative other than the curtailing of the facilities being provided up to the present. During the past few years they refrained from making any increased demand on the local rates despite the fact that they had to suffer a loss of 6% cut in the Department's Grant and 80% of the finances came from the Department.

The contents of this letter were noted.

REPAIRS TO TRINITY STREET HOUSES

The next business was to consider a report from the Borough Surveyor, a copy of which had been circulated amongst the Members sometime ago, on the cost of repairing the sixteen houses at Trinity Street. The total of the Borough Surveyor's estimate amounted to £2,332.10.0d and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that if this money could be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund over a period of 20 years the approximate increase in rent would be 5/-d per week per house. It was doubtful, however, if this money could be obtained from the Local Loans Fund for the repair of houses and that it would be necessary to borrow from the Treasurer. If this were the case the Loan would be for not more than ten years and repayable on the instalment system which would make a big difference in the annual charges and a consequent difference in the rent increase.

In this connection Councillor Howlin stated that he had been approached by a couple of the tenants who had asked him if they would be permitted to purchase their houses and carry out their own repairs. Members thought that very few of them would be willing to purchase or even pay an increase of 5/-d per week for the repairs and it was eventually decided to defer the matter to enable the Town Clerk to prepare a Scheme for the purchase of the houses by the Tenants and circulated amongst them together with the approximate increase in rent if the Corporation were prepared to carry out the necessary repairs.

PLAYGROUND AT CORISH PARK

With reference to minutes of 12th August last when a memorial from the Residents of Corish Park, regarding the provision of a play ground there, was referred to the Borough Surveyor, Mr. McNally now reported that to provide a macadam surface all over would be very expensive. He estimated that approximately 30,000 cubic yards of materials would have to be excavated, loaded on vehicles and carted away and the area to be surfaced was approximately 16,000 sq. yards. This would involve an expenditure of approximately £20,000 or £150 per house.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Flusk, it was decided to defer this matter.

TOWN HALL SITE AT REDMOND PLACE

With reference to minutes of 7th October last when it was decided, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to sell the site known as the Town Hall Site at Redmond Road to Mr. Patrick Meyler, North End Garage, for the sum of £575. A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government stating that in view of the location and prominence of the site it would appear advisable for the Corporation to give some consideration to the manner in which it might be developed. If the Corporation were satisfied that the site is not now, or is not likely to be required by them, for the purposes of any of their powers or duties the prospective purchaser might be asked to submit a plan illustrating the development he proposes. If the proposals were acceptable to the Corporation the plans should be forwarded to the Department. It should also be indicated whether the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1946 had been complied with.

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A copy of the Minister's letter, together with the necessary notice required by Section 38 of the Local Government Act, 1946, had been forwarded to each Member of the Council on the 16th ultimo and on the 18th idem, Mr. Meyler had been asked to submit a plan showing the development he proposed to carry out on the site if it were demised to him.

Mr. Meyler's plan was now laid before the meeting and having been examined by the Members it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the Corporation were satisfied that the site was not now or was not likely to be required by them for the purpose of any of their powers or duties, and that it be sold to Mr. Meyler for the sum of £575 to be developed in accordance with the plan submitted.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL

A letter was read from the Rev. Edmund G. Shearer, Protestant Rector, Wexford, requesting the Corporation to reserve for him a site at the extension of Davitt Road South for the purpose of erecting a new National School thereon in place of St. Patrick's. The Rector required this reservation pending approval of the site by the various authorities concerned with the building of a National School.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that this site would not interfere with the proposed housing sites in this area and that already the Commissioners of Public Works had sent their local architect to him for a copy of this site plan.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to reserve the site for the Rev. Mr. Shearer pending a decision by the Education Authorities on the building of a new National School.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved "that the regulations governing the Special Relief Works be strictly observed in that each batch of men receive eight week's work and that the maximum number be employed". Councillor Gaul seconded this motion.

In reply to a query the Members were informed that sanction had been received to the proposal to widen St. John's Road and to construct a channel at Belvedere. The work only justified the employment of eight men as sanction had not yet been received to the major proposal to resurface the road from Wolfe Tone Villas to the Corish Park Housing Scheme or the Clearance of Derelict Sites at Wygram Place. If these proposals were sanctioned the total number of men to be employed would be approximately 27 to 30.

Members expressed disappointment at the small number of men employed and to be employed and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch immediately with Department of Local Government and the Special Employment Schemes Office with a view to having the remainder of the work sanctioned without delay so that the men could at least have a few weeks work before Christmas.

CODIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved "that Corporation request the appointment of a Committee or Commission to investigate and codify Local Government Law and that their findings be given statutory effect in a Local Government Act". Alderman Morris seconded this motion provided that the Committee was set up and not a Commission.

The motion was unanimously agreed to

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ELECTRICAL WORK

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place on the quality of the electrical work carried out on Corporation Housing Schemes the Town Clerk submitted the specifications prepared by the Borough Surveyor for schemes prior to the 36 houses at Corish Park. This Specification laid down "provide the P.C. Sum of.....per house for electric wiring with single cores cab type sheeted cable system to satisfy the requirements of the Electricity Supply Board. The new specification was much more elaborate and provided the work should be carried out in strict accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Supply Board and the rules of the I.E.E.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that as the specifications had provided for the work being done to the satisfaction of the Electricity Supply Board it had to be assumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that a Statutory Body of the standing of the Electricity Supply Board had to be satisfied that the work was alright before they connected it their electricity mains.

After some further discussion on the present housing scheme at the Faythe it was decided to ask for a report from the Housing Engineer as to whether or not the work at present being carried out there was strictly in accordance with the new specification and if any of the fittings provided had been submitted for test to the I.E.E.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE FAYTHE

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that immediately the Corporation had approved the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of Public Lighting at the new Faythe Housing Scheme he had transmitted an order to the District Engineer in Waterford to have this work carried out.

NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TENANTS

In reply to a query by Alderman Byrne the County Manager informed him that no alteration had been made in the arrangement between the Corporation and himself that they would be notified as soon as possible of the persons allocated to vacant houses. He understood, however, that due to illness and other causes in the office the person responsible for sending out these notices had omitted to do so. This had now been remedied by an up-to-date list which accompanied the present agenda and he assured the Members that the notifications would be sent as soon as possible in future.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSE

A unanimous recommendation was made to the Manager that a Mr. Michael Whelan, who suffered from T.B., and was at present residing in an unfit house at Barraok Street, should be rehoused in a cheap house as soon as possible.

FENCE AT CORISH PARK

In reply to Alderman Morris the County Manager stated that he had inspected the fence between the Corporation Housing Scheme at Corish Park and Mr. Cullon's property at Whitemill, in his opinion the Housing Engineer had done all he could be expected to do on the site and after some discussion it was agreed that a few strands of barbed wire should be erected there to prevent trespass on Mr. Cullon's property.

RANGE - DEVEREUX VILLAS

Reference was made to the absolute lack of cooking facilities in the house at Devereux Villas occupied by Mr. Carty and the Borough Surveyor intimated that arrangements had already been made to replace the defective range there with another one.

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Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and Patrick Kehoe.

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A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation in regard to the codification of Local Government Law.

REVISION OF RATEABLE VALUATION

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities referring to a discussion at the 1956 Annual Conference that extensions or improvements to buildings be valued without revaluing the original premises. The revised total valuation being merely the original valuation plus the valuation of the extension or improvements.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the Corporation agree with the attitude of the Association in so far as it applied to additions or improvements but they would not agree to a general revision of the whole valuation system.

RATES ON TENANT-PURCHASE HOUSES

The following motion submitted by the Association of Municipal Authorities was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce the necessary legislation for the amendment of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928 so as to provide in the cases of houses sold or leased to tenant-purchasers on the annuity system for the collection of the rates on such houses in weekly instalments together with the annuity".

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A letter was read from His Lordship The Bishop of Ferns returning thanks to the Mayor and Members of the Corporation for their kind message on the occasion of his recent illness.

A letter was also read from the relatives of the late Patrick Parle acknowledging receipt of vote of sympathy passed at last meeting.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation in regard to the codification of Local Government Law.

REVISION OF RATEABLE VALUATION

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities referring to a discussion at the 1956 Annual Conference that extensions or improvements to buildings be valued without revaluing the original premises. The revised total valuation being merely the original valuation plus the valuation of the extension or improvements.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the Corporation agree with the attitude of the Association in so far as it applied to additions or improvements but they would not agree to a general revision of the whole valuation system.

RATES ON TENANT-PURCHASE HOUSES

The following motion submitted by the Association of Municipal Authorities was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce the necessary legislation for the amendment of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928 so as to provide in the cases of houses sold or leased to tenant-purchasers on the annuity system for the collection of the rates on such houses in weekly instalments together with the annuity".

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COST OF COLLECTION OF COUNTY DEMAND

No action was taken on the following motion received from the Association of Municipal Authorities "that legislation be introduced to permit Urban Councils to deduct from the County Council demand the cost of the collection of that demand".

LOANS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

With regard to a letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities on the question of whether loans for water and sewerage schemes should be repaid on the instalment or annuity basis it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to inform the Association that in the opinion of the Corporation the present instalment system should remain.

SPELLING OF DUN LAOGHAIRE

No action was taken on a resolution from the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council transmitted through the Association of Municipal Authorities on the subject of the spelling of the name Dun Laoghaire.

MAIN ROADS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the Wexford County Council to resurface the main road through the Borough via John Street, School Street, Carrigeen Street and Joseph Street. In this connection the Town Clerk was directed, when forwarding the resolution to the County Council, to indicate the amount contributed by the Corporation during the past ten years towards the maintenance of the main roads in the County.

LOAN FOR TEN HOUSES AT BISHOPSWATER

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £17,690 from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of fifty years to finance the erection of ten houses at Bishopswater, Wexford.

LOAN FOR REFUSE COLLECTOR

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £1,850 from the Treasurer for a period of five years to finance the purchase of a new refuse collector.

REPAIRS TO TRINITY STREET HOUSES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of repairs to the Trinity Street Houses was under consideration, four replies were submitted from the tenants indicating that they would be prepared to pay the increased rent necessary if the repairs recommended by the Borough Surveyor were carried out.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to refer this whole question to the

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Finance Committee to see if it would be possible to delete any of the repairs suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

IMMORAL LITERATURE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following resolution received from the Wexford Branch of the Catholic Young Mens' Society was unanimously adopted and a copy was to be forwarded to the Minister for Justice -

"That this meeting calls for immediate action to stem the unprecedented flood of filthy written matter;

"That immediate proposals for legislation be drafted for the recasting of our completely inadequate Censorship of Publications Act, under which new legislation a permanent full time Censorship Department will be set up, which will be directed by a Board fully representative of the community where majority decisions will operate.

"That we are of confirmed opinion that a Censorship Board, where a minority can exercise the power of veto, is farcical in the extreme, is a negation of democracy and flouts the spirit of the Constitution, the Preamble to which invoked the Name of God.

"We therefore call upon the Taoiseach and all Public Representatives to see that, pending the introduction of proposals for legislation, Emergency Powers are taken to deal summarily with the importers and vendors of the filth."

Arising out of this matter Alderman Byrne referred to the censorship of films and thought that a considerable number of them, particularly horror films were not suitable for showing at childrens' matinees and suggested that the Minister for Justice should be requested to take some action to prevent films of this nature being shown at childrens' matinees.

HOUSING REPORT

The report of the Housing Engineer on the erection of 54 houses at the Faythe for the month of December was read and arising out of this matter a complaint was made that a number of these houses had not yet been occupied although they were practically ready for occupation with the exception of door saddles. In this connection the Town Clerk stated he understood that considerable difficulty had been experienced by the Housing Engineer in obtaining suitable door saddles but as he was not familiar with the actual details he would obtain a report from Mr. Millar for next meeting.

JOHN STREET SEWER

His Worship The Mayor asked why the premises of Mrs. O'Keeffe, Upper John Street could not be connected to the Town Sewerage Scheme and in a written reply the Borough Surveyor intimated that technically it was possible to lay a pipe connection from the new sewer in John Street Upper to Mrs. O'Keeffe's premises. It would be remembered that in the Consulting Engineer's opinion only drains on the southerly or westerly side of John Street should be connected to the new sewer. In the Surveyor's opinion, however, the Corporation should consent to Mrs. O'Keeffe having a connection made with the new sewer otherwise it would be a costly business to extend the sewer into the footpath on her side some 100 feet to enable Mrs. O'Keeffe to connect with same.

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It was thereupon agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded

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by His Worship The Mayor, that permission be given to Mrs. O'Keeffe to connect with the new sewer.

WYGRAM CONRER

Councillor Howlin asked what protection would be provided for adjoining property when the derelict site at Wygram Place was cleared and the Borough Surveyor in a written reply stated - the question of protection needed by the property adjoining the derelict property at Wygram Place was not adverted to in the scheme for the removal of the derelict buildings. The existing fence between the two properties was not being in any way interfered with. The derelict property would be fenced on the road side with a new concrete wall 3'6" over footpath level.

Arising out of this reply the Borough Surveyor was asked to prepare an estimate of the cost of raising the average height of the 6ft wall at the rere of the demolished houses to 9 feet and to submit such estimate as soon as possible.

BUILDING SITES AT WATERLOO ROAD

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of the 7th ultimo, No. H.85/23/2, intimating that in view of the fact that supplementary grants would not be payable by the Corporation in respect of the houses proposed, the Minister would not object to the sites being made available on the terms suggested - namely - £7.10.0d per annum for persons who would otherwise be eligible to receive supplementary grants. The Minister added that the number of sites to be provided should be reviewed so that the maximum number could be made available to persons in the category mentioned.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the Borough Surveyor to revise the plan to provide for at least two more sites on the ground in question.

An application from a Mr. O'Donovan for permission to erect a bungalow on one of these sites was refused on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, as it was considered that only two-storey houses should be permitted thereon.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was given to overdraft accommodation for the quarter ending 31st March, 1958, in the sum of £40,000 on Revenue Account and £80,000 on Capital Account.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, excess expenditure amounting in the net aggregate to £4,515 for year 1955/56 and £985 for the year 1956/57 was unanimously agreed.

WASTE GROUND CORISH PARK

The question of the clearing of the waste ground at Corish Park was referred to the Finance Committee to consider, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

HOUSING

It was unanimously agreed that a list of persons who had vacated Corporation houses owing rent or who had caused damage to such houses during their tenancy should be prepared for circulation amongst the Members.

The Meeting then terminated.



20th January, 1958.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 8-00 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman J. Cullimore, in the Chair.
Aldermen Byrne and Morris, Councillors Hall and O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the estimated expenditure for the financial year ending on 31st March next was £122,973. The actual expenditure to 31st December, 1957 amounted to £91,749, leaving £31,224 for the remaining three months of the financial year. The only large outstanding accounts that the Town Clerk was aware of were -

County Council Demand	- £13,000.
Unemployment Assistance	- 950.
Vocational Education	- 500.

making a total of £14,450 and leaving £16,774 to meet normal expenditure for the remaining three months of the year. The Members considered that the financial position in so far as the expenditure was concerned was satisfactory.

RELIEF GRANTS

Alderman Morris referred to the concreting of Whitemill Road and stated it would appear from where the men started that the road in front of the last two Corporation houses there would not be concreted and the Town Clerk promised to take up this matter with the Borough Surveyor next day.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS DWELLINGS

The Town Clerk pointed out that up to date over £1200 had been expended on repairs to Artizans dwellings and as the allocation for the whole financial year was only £1,500 he considered it advisable to retain the balance to deal with roofs which might be damaged by storm during the remaining period of the winter. Last year a small sum had been retained for the purpose of repairs to roofs damaged by storm but had not been sufficient to meet damage which was caused.

It was unanimously agreed that all repairs, other than urgent roof repairs, to artizans dwelling should be suspended for the remainder of the financial year.

REPAIRS TO TRINITY STREET HOUSES

With reference to the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation on the 13th instant when the question of the repairs to the sixteen houses at Trinity Street was referred to the present meeting for examination and report the Committee carefully examined the Borough Surveyor's estimate for repairs to these dwellings and after some discussion unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Bill of Quantities of the necessary repairs on which tenders could be invited from contractors. They would then be in a position to consider whether or not the Corporation could afford to carry out the full repairs suggested by the Surveyor.

WASTE GROUND - CORISH PARK

The meeting also examined the question of the clearing of the waste ground at Corish Park which had also been referred to by the Quarterly Meeting and similarly decided to recommend the Corporation to instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a specification for the clearing of the waste ground and to invite tenders for the work.

The meeting then terminated.

3rd February, 1958.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council 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 John Cullimore, in the Chair:

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOWN CLERK

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Howlin moved that the Council congratulate the Town Clerk on his silver jubilee as Town Clerk of Wexford and expressed the hope that he would continue in his present position for a long number of years.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present.

The Town Clerk suitably replied.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meeting of the Council on 13th January and Finance Committee on 20th January last, 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

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the family of the late Mary A. Broe and Mr. P. O'Donnell.

REPAIRS TO TRINITY STREET HOUSES

A recommendation from the Finance Committee "that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification for the repair of the Trinity Street Houses on which tenders could be invited for the work" was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

WASTE GROUND - CORISH PARK

A further recommendation from the Finance Committee "that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification on which tenders could be invited for the purpose of levelling the waste ground at Corish Park" was also adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

LEASE TO E.S.B. of Sub-Station at Market

With reference to minutes of 3rd October, 1955 when it was agreed to grant to the Electricity Supply Board a lease of a small portion of the Market at the Bull Ring on which to erect a sub-station on payment of a fine of £150 subject to a rent of 1/-d per annum for the unexpired portion of the Corporation's lease and in the event of the Corporation renewing the said lease to grant the Board a further lease at 1/-d per year, it was explained that when this lease was granted the unexpired portion of the Corporation's lease was less than thirty years consequently sanction of the Minister for Local Government did not arise. The Auditor, however, now took the view that as the Corporation had agreed to extend the lease if and when their own lease was renewed that the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 should be complied with and the sanction of the Minister obtained to the lease.

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The prescribed notice under Section 83 of the Act of 1946 had already been supplied to the Members of the Council and it was now unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to confirm the

granting of a lease of portion of the market at the Bull Ring to the Electricity Supply Board on the terms already agreed on.

FISHING RIGHTS COOLREE RESERVOIR

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously agreed to grant the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club a renewal of the fishing rights on Coolree Reservoir for the 1958/9 Season.

NAMING OF FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

Two motions appeared on the Agenda in connection with the naming of the Faythe Housing Scheme -

- (a) Councillor James Morris had intimated he would move that the Scheme be named "Bernadette Villas"; while
- (b) Alderman Corish had intimated his intention to move that the Scheme be named "Our Lady's Place".

Before either of the two motions were put to the meeting Councillor Morris and Alderman Corish agreed that the Faythe Housing Scheme should be named "Bernadette Place". Thereupon Councillor Morris moved that the Scheme be named "Bernadette Place" and Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

REV. JAMES CANON ROCHE P.P.

Councillor James Morris had intimated that he would move "that (with the permission of the owner) the Corporation erect a plaque on No. 75 South Main Street to commemorate the birth therein of Very Rev. James Canon Roche who was responsible for the erection of Wexford's Twin Churches in 1858".

Before this motion was put to the meeting the Town Clerk asked Councillor Morris if he had consulted with the Administrator or the Clergy before putting down this motion and the Councillor replied in the negative. It was therefore agreed that before any further action was taken Councillor Morris should interview the Administrator and obtain his views on the proposal.

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In accordance with notice given Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation adhere to the resolution of 29th September, 1952, "that during Lent and the months of May and October meetings do not commence before 8.15 p.m. Alderman Corish seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

FOREMAN

In accordance with notice given Alderman Kevin Morris moved "that in view of the long and faithful service given by James Malone, Acting Foreman of the Corporation, we recommend the County Manager to have him appointed Foreman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Foreman James Rossiter". In moving the motion Alderman Morris said he was sorry that Mr James Rossiter had to resign owing to ill health but he felt that Mr James Malone would make a good foreman and a worthy successor to Mr. Rossiter. Councillor Frank Cullimore seconded the motion which was supported by his Worship The Mayor, Councillor Hall, Councillor O'Flaherty, Councillor James Morris, Councillor M. Flusk and Alderman Thomas Byrne. Councillor Howlin intimated that he could not support the motion at the present meeting and asked Alderman Morris to adjourn it to a later meeting when he would have had an opportunity of speaking to the other members of his Union who were also Members of the Corporation Staff. Alderman Corish agreed with Councillor Howlin.

After some discussion the motion was passed with Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin not voting.

DOOR SADDLES - FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

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With reference to the minutes of last meeting when the Housing Engineer was to be asked for a report on the delay in providing door saddles

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for the Faythe Housing Scheme a lengthy report was submitted from the Housing Engineer indicating the steps that had been taken by him to obtain door From this it was seen that the principle difficulty had been the obtaining of suitable hardwood for this work and eventually a fresh tender had to be obtained for the supply of special kiln dried timber to make the saddles.

Alderman Morris held that the specification was too good and that the saddles should only be $\frac{7}{8}$ " thick and further that in his opinion light deal door saddles would have done just as well. He further complained that the doors would now have to be taken off to allow the saddles to be fitted and then re-hung.

As the saddles had now been obtained no further action was taken on this matter.

FAYTHE ROAD SURFACE

A report was also read from the Housing Engineer regarding breaks in the concrete road surface at the Faythe. He intimated that there were three openings in the concrete and it would not be possible to repair and make good the road surfaces until the scheme was practically completed. In one of the trenches a temporary sewer and water main was laid, in the other two both main sewers and water mains were laid and as lead service pipes and gas pipes were crossing those from mains in Faythe to supply the houses it would not be possible to have the reinstatement carried out until the four houses in the Faythe were demolished and the new road completed from the site to the Faythe.

The explanation of the Housing Engineer was accepted but he was to be asked to fill in the trenches a little more often.

DISMISSAL OF WORKMEN

Complaint was made that the married tradesmen had been dismissed from the Faythe Housing Site and single men kept on. Complaint was also made that an apprentice mason had been left off after one year and on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was decided to request the Housing Engineer to re-employ this boy.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman Morris complained that the fuel house to be erected in connection with one of the new houses at Bishopswater would obscure the light from the house occupied by Quirke at Alving Brook. The Town Clerk intimated he understood that discussions were taking place between the owners of Quirke's house, Messrs Pierce & Co., and the Housing Engineer on this matter but it was agreed that the Housing Engineer should be asked for a report on the position.

ROAD BREAKS

The attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to breaks in the Roadway at Carrigeen which it was understood had been caused by the Gas Company.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT MAUDLINTOWN

In reply to Alderman Morris the Town Clerk explained the position of Miss Barbara Nolan in connection with defective drain from her premises to main sewer at Maudlintown and informed the Members that the County Council had now been asked to accept liability for the break in the drain.

Complaint was made regarding flooding at Davitt Road South during the recent heavy rain and it was stated that two lengths of pipe was all that was needed to prevent flooding in this area and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to attend to this matter.

WATER SUPPLY

A lengthy letter was submitted from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the water supply together with the observations of the Borough Surveyor thereon and it was agreed that copies of both letters should be circulated to the Members for discussion at the next meeting.

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The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the Corporation acting as a Housing Consultative Committee was held at the close of the Statutory Meeting when the same Members were in attendance. A list of qualified applicants for the Faythe Houses, apart from those to be rehoused from Fisher's Row and William Street, together with applications for transfers from other Corporation Schemes were laid before the meeting.

Before an examination of the list took place the Town Clerk explained that it had been originally intended to allocate numbers 1 to 14 @ 25/-d per week, 15 to 32 @ 12/6d and 37 to 50 at 17/6d each per week. The Manager was now anxious to secure more houses at 12/6d and intended, if possible, to let numbers 51 to 54 at 25/-d as well as 1 to 14, making a total of 18 houses at 25/-d. It was also intended to let numbers 33 to 36 with 15 to 32 at 12/6d, making 22 at 12/6d and numbers 37 to 50 at 17/6d.

The Lists were then examined and the following people were considered eligible to pay a rent of 25/-d plus rates, namely:-

L. Kiernan, Allen Street, Wexford.
Peter Kehoe, 14 Wolfe Tone Villas.
Myles Redmond, McDonagh Street.
Michael O'Neill, 2 South Main St.
P. Beaver, 28 William Street.
Peter Byrne, 138 The Faythe.
Thomas Hayes, John's Gate Street.
James Roche, Cinema Bar.
R. Turner, 21 Michael Street.
Thomas Haughton, 26 Barrack St.
Eileen O'Keefe, 11 Barrack Street.
John Nolan, Thomas Street. (for a house other than Corish
(Park at a lesser rent than 25/-d).
John Malone, 10 Skeffington St.
John Scott, 89 The Faythe.
Patrick Hayes, 33 Parnell Street.
Walter Cousins, John's Gate Street.

The following applications for transfers to Faythe Housing Scheme from other Corporation Schemes were approved:-

William Whelan, 1 St. Magdalen's Toe.
John O'Brien, Dolphin Road.
Lee. Doyle, do.
John Wade, Emmett Place.
Mrs. Josephine Whelan, Hantoon Road.
Mrs. Mary E. Doyle, 47 do.
Mrs. Mgt. O'Neill, St. Aidan's Cres.
Thomas O'Neill, 49 Bishopswater.
William Byrne, 111 do.
William Devereux, 124 Corish Park.
Thomas Murphy, 52 do.
John Murphy, 59 Whiterock View.

The meeting then terminated.

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

Municipal Buildings,

W E X F O R D.

3rd March, 1958.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Ald. John Cullimore,
in the Chair

Aldermen: T. Byrne, N. Corish, Kevin Morris

Councillors: M. Flusk, Ed. Hall, John Howlin,
J. Morris and John 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 meeting of 3rd ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Rev. Fr. Clancy, C.C., on the death of his father. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. P. J. Clancy on the death of his sister whose father was a former Mayor of Wexford. Ald. Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and also adopted in respectful silence.

IMMORAL LITERATURE

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when a resolution on the subject of the importation of immoral literature was adopted, a letter was read from the Dept. of Justice intimating that little if any complaints had come under the notice of the Garda Síochána who at all times had been willing to undertake prosecutions for the sale of obscene publications. Likewise the Consorship of Publications Board was ready to examine any publication in respect of which there was a complaint, but here too complaints from members of the public had been few and far between. The Members considered this letter satisfactory, but Alderman Corish asked that the Minister for Justice should be requested to sponsor further legislation to simplify the procedure by which citizens could object to immoral publications. He said that as far as he knew the present system whereby a certain number of copies of the publication had to be purchased and forwarded to the Consorship Board was costly and beyond the means of the average citizen to comply with. The Alderman's suggestion was agreed to.

USE OF COAT OF ARMS

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce requesting permission of the Corporation to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on the cover of a Brochure or Holiday Guide sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce which was due for publication in May next. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the necessary permission was granted.

Arising out of this matter it was agreed that the Chamber be requested to have the Brochure printed locally.

EASTER COMMEMORATION MASS.

A letter was read from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Mayor, and Members of the Corporation with their Officials to attend the 11-0 Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday morning, which Mass would be offered for all those who, in every generation, gave their lives in the fight for Irish Freedom. It was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should attend this Mass as in previous years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris moved "that the Corporation congratulate the President on being the first person to have the recently instituted Collar of Pian conferred on him by His Holiness Pope Pius XII". Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP MANNIX

Alderman Morris also moved that the Corporation congratulate Archbishop Mannix on reaching his ninety-fourth Birthday, Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by the other members present and unanimously agreed to.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR PAPAL NUNCIO

In accordance with notice given His Worship The Mayor moved "As His Excellency The Apostolic Nuncio will be visiting Wexford on the 27th April next that he be requested to accept the Freedom of the Borough", Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER ON HOUSING

The County Manager made a statement on the present housing position in the town. This statement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, set out the number of certified applicants for houses; the possible number of families which might be displaced by the future housing activities of the Corporation, and the number of houses in course of erection or proposed to be erected.

Councillor Howlin pointed out that this statement by the Manager was a very important one and suggested that a copy of it should be circulated to the Members, and that the Consultative Committee meet to consider the report as well as recommendations for the tenancy of the remainder of the Faythe Houses prior to the next Statutory Meeting. Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman

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Morris, Councillor James Gaul was unanimously appointed to represent the Corporation at the Forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

MORTGAGE DEED.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Ald. Corish, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to "that pursuant to the letter of sanction, dated the 28th January, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,850 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a new refuse collector 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 be secured by a mortgage over the rates, and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

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

ACCOUNTS - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the Local Government Auditor, together with the abstract of accounts on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, for the financial year ended 31st March, 1957, was laid before the meeting.

WATER SUPPLY

Correspondence from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and reports from the Borough Surveyor on the present position of the waterworks were submitted. One report of the Surveyor was only available for the members just before the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration to a meeting to be held on the 10th instant to enable the members to consider the implications of the Surveyor's last report.

This completed the agenda and the following matters were raised by Members.

Alderman Morris raised the question of the fence at Mr. Cullen's, Corish Park, and the Town Clerk promised to see the Housing Engineer about the matter.

Alderman Morris also raised the question of loads of stone and gravel on the footpaths at Corish Park where the road is being resurfaced by relied grant workers and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have the footpaths cleared at least once a day so that they would not be an obstruction to pedestrians.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked that the number of men employed on relied grants to date should be made available at the next meeting.

Councillor O'Flaherty also complained of traders displaying their wares on the footpath and requested the Corporation to take action to stop this practice.

The Councillor also complained about a car perpetually blocking the footpath at Allen Street over night and asked the Town Clerk to take the matter up with the Garda.

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the position of School St. and complained that some of the occupants of houses there had had their windows broken by loose stones flying from under the wheels of passing vehicles.

Councillor Howlin referred to the condition of main roads around the Churches and asked that something be done with them before the Centenary Celebrations in the week commencing the 20th April.

Councillor Hall complained that a break in the road-way at Carrigeen by the Gas Company, referred to at a previous meeting, had not yet been repaired.

Alderman Corish referred to the crossing from the junction of John Street and Francis Street to the Friary and asked to have something done with it.

The Town Clerk was asked to arrange to have the midnight light at the end of Rowe Street converted into a pilot light.

Alderman Corish referred to interference with radio reception at South Main Street due to defective fluorescent lights in the Public Convenience there and the Town Clerk intimated that this matter had been taken up with Radio Eireann.

Councillor O'Flaherty intimated that he would ask at next meeting to be supplied with detailed costs of the work of widening St. John's Road with particular reference to the cost of shifting poles by the Electricity Supply Board and the Post Office.

Councillor Flusk referred to a complaint of Mr. John O'Leary, John Street, about trespass on his property from the Croke Avenue houses and the Town Clerk intimated that he would take the matter up with the Corporation's Solicitor with a view to finding out if the Corporation were in any way liable to provide a fence between their property and Mr. O'Leary's.

A lengthy discussion took place on the rent proposed to be charged to Mr. Joseph Walsh, Faythe, who had been compelled to leave a small house there and occupy one on the new housing scheme at the end of which the County Manager intimated he would further consider this matter without making any promise whatever that he would reduce the proposed rent.

Councillor James J. Morris asked the County Manager to examine the application of Mr. Hilary Scott, Rosslare, for housing accommodation.

The meeting then terminated.



REPORT OF WEXFORD COUNTY MANAGER ON HOUSING
POSITION MADE TO WEXFORD CORPORATION ON
3RD MARCH, 1958.

Arising out of consideration of the applications for the 54 houses at Faythe, an assessment was recently made of the present over-all position with regard to the number of applicants for houses whose needs have been certified by the Chief Medical Officer on the grounds of overcrowding or of living in dwellings considered unfit for human habitation.

The following appears to be the position:

No. of applicants whose needs have been certified by the C.M.O.	91
Add in respect of persons certified who could only afford houses at very low rents -	<u>20</u>
Total qualified applicants.....	111

Dwellers affected by proposed building programmes at -

Fisher's Row	26	
William Street/New Lane	5	
Faythe	4	
John Street	<u>12</u>	47

Total	158
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Houses provided and in course of construction at

Faythe - 54

To be erected at:-

Bishopswater	10	
William Street	17	
Fisher's Row	21	
John Street	<u>30</u>	132

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A revision of the 1944/5 survey carried out in July 1956, showed that

to rehouse families residing in unfit houses would require -	234
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Add for Fisher's Row, William Street and Batt's Street -	<u>41</u>
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Total Houses Needed	275
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Since July, 1956, 36 houses have been provided at Corish Park and 54 are nearing completion at Faythe -

90

Leaving the number needed at	<u>185</u>
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We therefore have the position that while a further 185 houses would appear to be needed, we have only applications from qualified persons for 111. The inference to be drawn would appear to be that the people who need re-housing most are unable to meet the rents which must be

charged for new dwellings and are therefore not applying for them. In order to re-house some of the most needy cases we have had to depend on the transfer of some of the better-off tenants from the cheaper to the dearer dwellings.

Allowing for the fact that some 30 to 40 Local Authority houses become vacant in the course of any one year, it becomes apparent that the Corporation are close to catching up with the known needs of persons who are prepared to pay the rent at which houses can be let at present.

Allowing for certified applicants and possible displacements, the programmes contemplated for Bishopswater, William Street and Fisher's Row, together with annual vacancies, would now appear ample to meet immediate housing needs.

Obsolescence should be covered by the annual vacancies.

Consideration must, therefore, as a matter of urgency be given to the question as to whether any further dwellings other than the Bishopswater and William Street Schemes should be proceeded with, until further consideration can be given to the question of eligible applicants being forthcoming.

For your information it may be added that a number of people in Fisher's Row are unable or unwilling to meet the rents of the Faythe Houses or to transfer to other areas.

There are however a number of applications on the files from persons who are not regarded as living in unfit or overcrowded conditions. In the present shortage of much-needed capital, it is certain the Corporation would not secure financial accommodation to provide houses for such people. Indeed, from the Corporation's own financial position it would be most inadvisable to even consider doing so.

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10th March, 1958.

A Meeting of the Corporation was held on 10th March, 1958, in the Town Clerk's Office at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore was in the Chair, together with -
Aldermen Byrne, Corish and Morris,
Councillors Hall, Morris, Kehoe and O'Flaherty.

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

The Borough Surveyor's report on the Water Supply and Waste Detection, was read by the Acting Town Clerk, which intimated inter alia that a very large leakage had been discovered in School Street where a 4" distribution main had been broken across allowing the water to escape and disappear underground through the trench in which the new sewer had recently been laid. This broken main had been repaired immediately together with some minor bursts in lead services elsewhere.

After a long discussion on this report it was unanimously decided that drastic action would have to be taken in cases of water wastage and it was generally hoped that by this action the daily consumption should be brought down to a figure of at the greatest 700,000 gallons per day. It was also decided to continue the night tests as heretofore with a view to the above.

HYDROSTATS

Alderman Morris questioned the Borough Surveyor as to the condition of the hydrostats and was informed that they would be ready to be into action in a very short time.

Alderman Corish thought the daily consumption should not exceed 650,000 gallons per day with care.

HOUSING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Some members were under the impression that the County Manager's report on the housing situation was to be discussed on that night but it was eventually decided to have a special meeting on Thursday 13th March at nine o'clock p.m. for this purpose.

The meeting then terminated.

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John Cullimore

13th March, 1958.

A meeting of the Housing Consultative 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 John Cullimore, in the Chair

Aldermen Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris,

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

RENTS OF FAYTHE HOUSING SCHEME

An amended graded rent scheme for the 54 houses at the Faythe was submitted by the Manager. This Scheme proposed (a) for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £7.10.0d - 11/-d per week; (b) for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £10 - 16/6d per week; (c) for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £13 - 25/-d per week; and (d) for families whose total weekly income exceeds £13 - the economic rent.

In this connection it was pointed out that rents quoted above, which were exclusive of rates, for which approximately 7/-d per week could be added, were based on approximately $\frac{1}{5}$ th of the tenants income. It was also intimated to the meeting that having regard to the unit costs for work already completed at the Faythe it was considered that a lesser all-in cost might be taken and consequently the reduction of 1/-d per week in the lower and middle income groups was considered possible.

The Members considered the amended graded rent scheme was more in keeping with the incomes of the prospective tenants than the original and were agreeably surprised to learn that it would be possible to reduce the lower and middle income rents by 1/-d per week without adding to the rate burden and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation at next meeting to adopt the Manager's proposals as outlined above.

RENTS FOR FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES

As regards the rents for 10 houses at present in course of construction at Bishopswater, figures were submitted on the basis of an estimated all-in cost of £17,690. This showed that the annual loan charges would amount to £1,159, less subsidy of £655, leaving the nett loan charges £504 to which administrative expenses of £120 should be added making the total annual charges on the scheme £624.

A weekly rent of 20/-d would produce £520, leaving a loss of £104; a weekly rent of 17/6d would produce £455, leaving a loss of £169; and a weekly rent of 15/-d would produce £390, leaving a loss of £234.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, but with Alderman Byrne dissenting, it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to fix a weekly rent of 20/-d for each of the ten houses at Bishopswater, exclusive of rates.

13th March, 1958.

As regards the proposed erection of 17 houses at William Street the estimated all-in cost was £29,505 and the loan charges £1,933. The subsidy was estimated at £1,114, leaving the nett loan charges £819, to which administrative expenses of £204 had to be added making the total annual loan charges £1,023.

A weekly rent of 20/-d would produce £884, leaving a loss of £139; a weekly rent of 17/6d would produce £773, leaving a loss of £250; a weekly rent of 15/-d would produce £663, leaving a loss of £360.

It was agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to recommend the Corporation to fix rents of £1 per week in respect of the proposed 17 houses at William Street.

As regards the allocation of houses at the Faythe the following four persons were recommended for appointment as tenants to four of the houses at 25/-d per week, plus rates -

Oliver Foley, Menapia Avenue.
Patrick Hayes, William Street.
Lorcan Kiernan, Allen Street.
Thomas Pender, 103 The Faythe.

The following cases of urgency were recommended to the County Manager for consideration:-

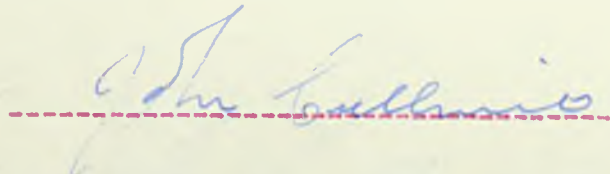
John Murphy, 176 The Faythe.
James Rogan, 16 Distillery Road.
James McGuire, Maudlintown.
Conrad Malone, 7 Bride Place.

As regards the persons in Fisher's Row, William Street and Back Lane who were to get first preference of the houses in the lower and middle income groups at the Faythe it was pointed out that these cases would have to be re-examined in view of the earlier decision to amend the graded rent schemes.

The following were also recommended for houses -

Michael Williams, 10 Roche's Terrace.
Eamon Hall, High Street.
Philip Mehan, 147 The Faythe.
Thomas Malone, c/o 49 Hantoon Road.
James Brennan, Monck Street.
William Devereux, Bishopswater.
Michael Leacy, Hantoon Road.
John Murphy, 59 Whiterock View.
William Byrne, 111 Bishopswater.

The meeting then terminated.



19th March, 1958.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.45 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair,
With Aldermen Byrne and Morris, Councillors Hall and O'Flaherty.

The meeting had been convened for a preliminary examination of the estimates of the County Manager for the year ending 31st March, 1959. These estimates showed that a rate of 43/-d in the £ would be needed for the coming year.

The Members examined the estimates very carefully and decided that they could not allow the extra £500 asked for for the repairs of Artizans Dwellings and reduced the sum to that allowed in the current year, namely £1,500.

After spending considerable time in examining the other items in the estimate they found themselves unable to make any further change and asked the Tpmn Clerk to re-examine the estimates with a view to pruning them as much as possible without imparing the various services.

The meeting then terminated.



24th March, 1958.

The Finance Committee met this day at 9 o'clock p.m. His Worship The Mayor presided and also present were Alderman Morris and Councillors O'Flaherty and Hall.

The Town Clerk reported that he had again pruned the estimates and suggested that the following deductions in expenditure might be made - Burial Grounds £25, Domestic Scavenging £100, Public Scavenging £25, Waterworks £240, Maintenance of Sewers £50, Maintenance of Corporate Property £50, Salaries and Superannuations £160, Telephones, Office Requisites, Postage, Receipts and Paying Orders, £50 and Rate Refunds £50. This brought the total expenditure reductions, together with the £500 from Artizan's Dwellings Repairs suggested at the last meeting of the Committee to £1,250.

In addition to the expenditure deductions suggested by the Town Clerk, he intimated that having discussed the matter with the Housing Engineer he hoped to have the 10 houses at Bishopswater ready by the end of the current year and suggested the addition of £150 to the receipts from artizans dwellings, this brought the total rate reductions suggested to £1,400 which would require a rate of approximately 42/2d in the pound.

The Town Clerk also suggested that 4 large houses at William Street rented at 12/6d each per week should be increased by 5/-d which would bring in a revenue of £52 per annum and that six large houses at Corish Park should also be increased by 10/-d per week which would bring in £156 per annum. The Members, however, would not agree to recommend the Corporation to increase the rents of either the houses at William Street or at Corish Park and after a further lengthy examination of the estimates adjourned until the 26th instant when they would be in a position to know the exact amount of the County Council Demand as that Body had not yet formally determined the rate.

The Meeting then terminated.

26th March, 1958.

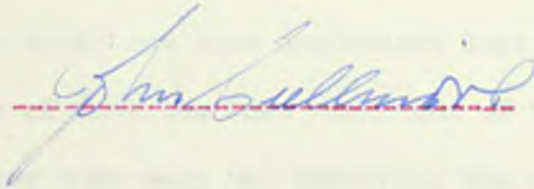
The Finance Committee again met on this day to further examine the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the coming Financial Year, the Members present being -

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair,
Alderman Morris, Councillors O'Flaherty and Hall.

The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the County Council Demand for the coming year and it was reduced by a further £270 which brought the total expenditure deductions to £1,520 to which could be added the increased receipts from Artizans Dwellings of £150, making the total rate deductions £1,670 and leaving a net sum to be raised by rates of £60,108 which would require a rate of 42/-d in the pound.

After a further lengthy examination of the estimates, particularly that relating to the Waterworks, the Members could not make any suggestions as to how they could be further reduced.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'John Cullimore', is written over a horizontal red dashed line.

31st March, 1958.

A meeting of the Corporation in Committee to consider the estimates for the year 1958/59 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 John Cullimore, in the Chair,
Aldermen - Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and Kevin C. Morris,
Councillors - Frank Cullimore, James Gaul, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Mr. T. O'Halloran, Deputy County Manager, The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

With the agenda for the present meeting the Members of the Corporation had been given a summary of the results of the deliberations of the Finance Committee in connection with the Estimates. This summary showed that the Committee suggested expenditure reductions amounting to £1,520 and Revenue Receipts increased by £150, making the total rate deductions £1,670 and leaving the net amount to be raised by rates £60,108, which would require a rate of 42/-d.

Councillor Hall, as a member of the Finance Committee, considered that no further reductions could be made. It had been suggested, he said, that a further £500 be taken from the allowance for the repairs to Artizan's Dwellings and the Finance Committee had asked the Town Clerk to examine the position and see if this were possible without affecting the subsidy payable by the State and he now asked the Town Clerk what his views were on this point.

The Town Clerk replied that he had examined the housing accounts and in his opinion if a further £500 was deducted from the sum allowed for the repairs to Artizans Dwellings the subsidy would be cut by a similar amount as the various housing schemes would not show sufficient loss to secure payment of full subsidy. As a matter of fact the Town Clerk was of the opinion that on some of their housing schemes they were not receiving the maximum subsidy and at the close of the current financial year he proposed to submit the individual accounts in respect of subsidised houses to the Finance Committee to see if subsidy was being lost by cutting the amount for repairs.

Alderman Byrne said, that while he would like to see the same rate as last year he could not see how the estimate could be curtailed without impairing the services.

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31st March, 1958.

Alderman Morris intimated that he would not agree to any increase in the rates. He did not think it was necessary to maintain for the entire summer period the electric pumps at Edenvale and he considered that the Corporation were not receiving full value for the money expended for repairs to Artizans Dwellings.

As regards the estimate for waterworks the Town Clerk pointed out that he had already agreed to a reduction of £240 in the amount for this service. If any further reduction took place it would, without any doubt, result in a rationing of water and no matter how short a period the rationing took place it would mean the plumber working at least 3 to 4 hours each night which at overtime rates would amount to approximately £10 to £12 per week and if this were taken over a twenty weeks summer period the estimate for wages would have to be increased if any reduction was made in the amount for pumping.

Councillor James Morris also intimated that while he would like to see the same rate as the current year he could not make any suggestion as to where savings could be made.

As regards the proposal made last year to transfer the stores from the Quay to the Municipal Buildings the Town Clerk intimated that the plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor last year were considered by the Finance Committee and the Corporation to be too elaborate. Revised plans had now been prepared at a cost of approximately £1,600 and as soon as these were finalized he would lay them before the Finance Committee.

At this stage Messrs Raymond Corish and Sean Scallan, representing the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting. The deputation intimated that while it had been impossible for them to go through the individual items as they only had the details since Saturday last to suggest any alterations which might make a reduction in the rate they appealed to the Corporation, if at all possible, to keep the rate level and if a reduction of even one penny in the pound could be achieved it would be a great help to the business people of the community. After some further discussion the deputation returned thanks for being received and withdrew.

The meeting then terminated.

31st March, 1958.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Aldermen - Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and Kevin C. Morris,

Councillors - Frank Cullimore, James Gaul, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Mr P. O'Halloran, Deputy County Manager, The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset Mr. O'Halloran apologised for the absence of the County Manager due to illness.

The meeting again examined the estimates and after some discussion His Worship The Mayor proposed that a rate of 42/-d in the pound be adopted for the Financial Year 1958/59, Councillor Howlin seconded and paid tribute to the Members of the Finance Committee who had so carefully examined the estimates, and to the County Manager and Town Clerk for the manner in which they had been prepared and presented. Alderman Kevin Morris, however, proposed that a rate of 41/6d be agreed to, Councillor Cullimore seconded.

Alderman Corish supported the adoption of a rate of 42/-d in the pound and asked when it was proposed to provide the coats and boots for the members of the Fire Brigade. The Town Clerk informed the Alderman that with the allocation of money in the current financial year he had been unable to provide this equipment but it would be ordered early in the coming financial year. Alderman Byrne intimated that while he was reluctant to support an increase in the rates he felt that the Corporation were responsible for maintaining the service at a reasonable standard and he therefore felt he would have to support the proposition for a rate of 42/-d in the pound.

Councillor Hall, Councillor O'Flaherty and Councillor James Morris also intimated that while they were reluctant to increase the rates they could not see how the rates could be reduced without impairing essential services.

31st March, 1958.

On a show of hands being taken two voted for Alderman Morris's amendment of 41/6d and seven against. The amendment was declared lost.

The meeting then proceeded to adopt formal resolutions in connection with the rates and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Table A, providing for an expenditure of £128,774, was agreed to. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, Table B, providing for receipts of £68,666, was agreed to, and on the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a rate of 42/-d in the pound was determined for the financial year 1958/59, with Alderman Morris and Councillor Cullimore dissenting. ✓

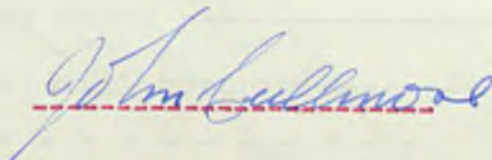
MORTGAGE DEED

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage to secure the payment of the sum of £17,690 to the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of ten houses at Bishops-water and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was 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 £17,690 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1956". The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, overdraft accommodation in the sum of £40,000 on Revenue Account and £80,000 on Capital Account was authorised up to the 30th June, 1958, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The Meeting then terminated.



Minutes

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

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
W E X F O R D.
27TH MARCH, 1958.

To each Member of
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

Further to the County Manager's letter of the 20th instant, forwarding you a copy of the Estimate of Expenses of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1959, and intimating that the Estimates Meeting would be held on 31st instant, you are reminded of, and requested to attend, this Meeting on Monday next, 31st March, 1958.

It is considered advisable for the Corporation to meet in Committee at 7-30 p. m. and as an Estimates Meeting at 8-15 p.m. on that date.

The Finance Committee of the Corporation have met on several occasions and have minutely examined the Estimates. As a result of their deliberations, they have suggested the following reductions in expenditure:-

ITEM NO.	S E R V I C E	AMOUNT £
6	Burial Grounds	25
7	Domestic Scavenging	100
8	Public Scavenging	25
9	Waterworks	240
10	Maintenance of Sowers	50
19	Maintenance of Houses	500
21	The County Council Demand has been further reduced by	270
24	Maintenance of Corporate Property	50
28	Salaries and superannuations	160
31	Telephones, Office Requisites, postage, receipts, and paying orders	50
40	Rate refunds	50

Total expenditure reductions----- £1,520

In addition to the above, a sum of £150 has been added to the receipts for anticipated rents from 10 houses at Bishopswater.

The net result of the deliberations of the Finance Committee may be summarised as follows:-

Amount to be raised by rate as per Estimate circulated	£ 61,778
Deduct adjustments as above -----	£1,520
	<u>150</u>
	1,670
Net amount to be raised by Rates -----	60,108
A Rate of 504 pence (42/-) will produce -----	60,102

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The Wexford Chamber of Commerce have requested the Corporation to meet two of their members (Messrs. Corish & Scallan) in connection with the Estimates and they have been asked to attend at 8-15 p.m. on Monday night.

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

March, 1958.

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

A Chairde,

As the Borough Council has not exercised the power given under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, of appointing an Estimates Committee to prepare Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, I have prepared such Estimates for financial year ending on 31st March, 1959. 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 each Member of the Council.

I now wish to report on these Estimates which will come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on 31st instant.

During the current year sums amounting to approximately £700 and not estimated for, were incurred in respect of increased wages, employees pensions and Harbour Guarantee. These extra items are not included in the estimates for the coming year as it is anticipated they will be met by savings in the current year.

The Rate of 41/6d in the £ levied for the current year was made up as follows:-

	Amount £.	Rate in the pound Pence
For services directly administered by the Council	30,237	252
For Services rendered by precepting Authorities:		
(a) Wexford County Council	26,410	220
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,160	18
(c) Department of Social Welfare	950	8
	<hr/> £59,757.	<hr/> 498.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts to £130,294 and is divided as follows:-

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1.	Repayment and Interest on Loans	£. 54,915.
2.	Statutory Precepts	28,668.
3.	Wages	14,920.
4.	Salaries, Superannuation and Pensions	11,701.
5.	Materials and Equipment	5,520.
6.	Cheap Fuel	4,500.
7.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances, etc..	4,510.
8.	Electricity and Public Lighting	2,850.
9.	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Receipts, Telephones, etc.	720.
10.	School Meals	500.
11.	Legal and Audit Expenses	200.
12.	Rate Refunds	200.
13.	Miscellaneous	370.
14.	Contingencies	220.
15.	Part of debit balance	500.
		<u>£130,294.</u>

The estimates receipts of £68,516 are broadly divided as follows:-

1.	Rents, Rates, Fees, Loan Repayments, etc.	35,225.
2.	Central Government Grants	28,490.
3.	Materials Expenses Account	2,800.
4.	Payments for Services Rendered	1,201.
5.	Superannuation Contributions	400.
6.	Miscellaneous Receipts	400.
	Total.....	£68,516.
	Balance to be raised by Rates.....	<u>£61,778.</u>
		<u>£130,294.</u>

The net sum of £61,778 now required to be raised by rates is composed as follows:-

	Amount £.	Rate in the £ (Pence)
For Services directly administered by the Council	32,382	270
For Services rendered by precepting Authorities		
(a) Wexford County Council	26,250	219
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,196.	18
(c) Department of Social Welfare	950.	8
	<u>£61,778.</u>	<u>516.</u>

The demands of the three precepting Authorities are Statutory and may not be altered by the Council.

The demand of Wexford County Council at £26,250 shows a decrease of £116 representing one penny in the pound.

The following table shows the sums allowed in the current year under the Statutory Headings; the actual expenditure to 28th February, 1958; the estimated expenditure for March; and the sums required for 1958/59.

Head of Estimate	Amount Allowed	Expenditure to 28/2/58	Estimated Expenditure for Mar. 58	Total 1957/8	Estimated Expenditure 1958/9
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
Ordinary Road Works	1,313	1,164	130	1,294	1,313
Special Grant Works	5,500	3,512	2,000	5,512	5,700
Sanitary Services	18,805	17,478	1,300	18,778	19,355
Housing Services	45,075	44,554	500	45,054	51,560
General Purposes	51,780	49,741	2,000	51,741	51,866
Reduction of Debit Bal.	500				500
	122,973	116,449	5,930	122,379	130,294

RATE COLLECTION

The following sets out the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1957.

Year ended 31st March	Total of Warrant	Amount Collected	Irrecoverable	Carried Forward	Percentage of possible Collection
	£.	£.	£.	£	
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
1956	45,009	44,086	588	335	99.26
1957	50,332	49,148	584	600	98.81

Although down by .45 per cent., the Rate Collection continues to be satisfactory.

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RENT COLLECTION

The Rent Collection for the past five years was as follows:-

Year ended 31st March	For Collection £.	Collected £.	Irrecover- able £.	Arrears £.	Percentage of Possible Collection
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
1956	31,260	30,550	244	466	98.51
1957	35,069	34,436	82	551	98.43

The Rent Collection must still be regarded as unsatisfactory while the arrears continue to fluctuate between the opening and closing of each Financial year. Due to general economic circumstances it is not anticipated that the arrears position will show any appreciable improvement at 31st instant. Constant vigilance is still necessary not only on the part of the Collectors but also by the office staff to maintain the collection at a reasonable standard. This vigilance is particularly necessary in the case of new houses let at comparatively high rents, where a few weeks rent missed amounts to a sum the tenants find it difficult to overtake. The Collectors are constantly being reminded of this and that a considerable percentage of the arrears is composed of small sums which should be collected by pressure on their part and a little co-operation on the part of the tenants.

ESTIMATES FOR 1958/59.

ROADS.

The estimate for roads work is the same as for the current year. The profit receipts from road openings etc. is unlikely to reach the estimated sum of £150. The sum of £400 allowed for maintenance will only permit of patching, but if savings can be made under any other sub-head during the year, the new road from Summerhill to Whitemill is badly in need of resurfacing and should be undertaken.

SPECIAL GRANT WORKS

In the current year the Corporation were allocated £5,000 from the Employment and Emergency Schemes. Under the subject to a Special Contribution of £720 and this total of £5,720 is being expended on Whitemill Road; St. John's Road,

Nygram Corner and Belvedere Road. Similar amounts are being included in these estimates.

Once again you are reminded that suggestions for works to be carried out with the aid of grants from this Vote should be submitted as early as possible so that they may be examined with a view to having proposals ready for submission to the Department when notification of the allocation for 1958/9 is received. Members will recall the difficulties met in the current year in having schemes sanctioned. Proposals will be considered by the Minister for road improvement works, or schemes with a high labour content such as the provision of public parks or playgrounds, clearance of derelict sites and other works of local amenity.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total estimated expenditure under this head is £19,355 as against £18,805, an increase of £550. The Receipts show an increase of £145.

The estimate for Burial Grounds is up by £60 due to increased wages. The estimated receipts from the Cemetery in the current year are £700 but it is not anticipated that these will reach £600 by 31st March, consequently the receipts for the coming year can only be taken at £600. The proposal mentioned in last year's report to remove the trees from the borders of St. Ibar's Cemetery is nearing completion. The available ground will provide a considerable number of grave-spaces without incurring the expense of acquiring further land.

Expenditure on Domestic Scavenging shows an increase of £100 due to increased wages.

Public Scavenging shows a reduction of £150 due to a re-arrangement of districts on the retirement of one of the Scavengers. The full saving is of course offset by wages increase.

The Waterworks Estimate shows an increase of £105 due to wages and rates. Apart from wages the heavy expenditure on this service continues to be the provision of electricity for pumping. Although an appeal was made last year for the co-operation of the public in preventing waste, the consumption of water increased rather than decreased. To meet this abnormal consumption constant pumping of water is essential and the electricity account for this service in the current year is over one thousand pounds.

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Although a series of tests in the past two months has revealed a

number of defective pipes which have been repaired, the consumption (averaging 900,000 gallons per day) is still abnormal, and until this is reduced by about 33 and 1/3rd per cent there is little hope of further savings on this estimate.

Miscellaneous Sanitary Services show an increase of £120 - Public Lighting £100 and Public Convenience £20.

Loan Charges for Sanitary Services are increased by £475, the principal increase being in respect of the John Street Sewer and scavenging lorry. On the receipts side the State Subvention to loan charges for Sanitary Services is increased by £220.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

As intimated to you at a recent meeting the Corporation are now reaching the position when sufficient new houses will have been provided to meet available demands. With the completion of the schemes at Faythe, Bishopswater and William Street serious consideration would need to be given to any proposal to erect further new dwellings in the light of existing financial commitments; all-in costs and the availability of qualified persons in a position to meet the rents which would be necessary.

The estimated expenditure for the current year is £51,560 as against £45,075, an increase of £6,485. Loan charges are up by £5,785, Rent and Rates, etc. by £100, maintenance by £500 and Commission by £100. On the other side receipts are up by £4,700 - Rents £2,000 and State Grants £2,700.

In connection with the allocation for repairs it is necessary to warn you that the sums being allowed are far from sufficient and if continued at such a low figure must in the long run lead to serious dilapidation of Corporation property and inevitably result in the raising of loans to put the property in a fit state.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The County Council Demand is reduced by £160. It is possible this will be further adjusted when the County Rate is finally agreed on. Vocational Education is up by £71; while salaries and superannuations are down by £270. Loan Charges are down by £285 while employees pensions are increased by £500. The remaining services in this account are the same as the current year.

RECEIPTS

The total receipts have increased by £15,300. The principal varia-

tions in these have been explained in the previous pages.

GENERAL

As stated at the outset, it is anticipated that the extra expenditure incurred in the current year will be met by savings without having to bring the sum into the estimates for 1958/59. This has only been achieved by constant watching and pruning of expenditure as well as close co-operation between the Council and Officials. Similar vigilance and co-operation will be needed, even to a greater extent, in the coming year and it is hoped that expenditure not now estimated for will not be proposed during the year.

During the year formal application was made to the Minister for Local Government for a Provisional Order extending the Borough Boundary to include your houses at Bishopswater and Corish Park. It is understood that this application is under examination by the various Government Departments concerned and an Inquiry is expected during the coming year.

In conclusion I again wish to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation given by the Members of the Borough Council in the administration of the affairs of the Borough during the year as well as the assistance given by the Officers of the Corporation in the preparation of the Estimates.

Misc, le meas,

T. F. Brugha,

Contas Bhainisteoir.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS
FOR YEARS 1957/58 AND 1958/59.

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1957/58		Service	Estimated 1958/59		<i>allowed By Council</i>
	£	£	<u>URBAN ROADS.</u>	£	£	
1.	400.		Ordinary Road Works	400.		400
2.	653.		Salaries	653.		653
3.	200.		Loan Charges	200.		200
4.	60.		Contingencies	60		60
5.	5,500.	6,813.	Special Grant Works	<u>5,700.</u>	7,013.	<u>5700</u> <u>7013</u>
			<u>SANITARY SERVICES.</u>			
6.	1,265.		Burial Grounds	1,325.		1300
7.	1,750.		Domestic Scavenging	1,850.		1750
8.	2,625.		Public Scavenging	2,475.		2450
9.	3,135.		Maintenance of Waterworks	3,240.		3000
10.	250.		Maintenance of Sewers	250.		200
11.	300.		Salaries	300.		300
12.	730.		Public Conveniences	750.		750
13.	1,700.		Public Lighting	1,800.		1800
14.	20.		Red Cross - Water Safety	20.		20
15.	6,810.		Loan Charges	7,285.		7285
16.	<u>60.</u>	18,645.	Contingencies	<u>60.</u>	19,355.	<u>60</u> <u>18915</u>
			<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>			
17.	38,550.		Loan Charges	44,335.		44335
18.	3,525.		Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances	3,625.		3625
19.	1,500.		Maintenance of Houses	2,000.		1500
20.	<u>1,500.</u>	45,075.	Salaries & Commission	<u>1,600.</u>	51,560.	<u>1600</u> <u>51060</u>
			<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>			
21.	26,410.		County Council Demand	26,250.		25980
22.	950.		Unemployment Assistance	950.		950
23.	20.		Public Health Department	20.		20

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1957/58		Service	Estimated 1958/59		Allowed By Council
	£	£	<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES(CONTD)</u>	£	£	
24.	200.		Maintenance of Corporate Property	200.		150
25.	2,880.		Vocational Education	2,951.		2951
26.	1,750.		Fire Brigade	1,750.		1750
27.	805.		Rents, Rates Taxes, Insurances	805.		805
23.	7,060.		Salaries and Superannuations	6,790.		6630
29.	100.		Food and Drugs	100.		100
30.	450.		Printing and Advertising	450.		450
31.	270.		Telephones, Office requisites, Postage, Receipts and Paying Orders.	270.		220
32.	100.		Fuel and Light	150.		150
33.	4,500.		Cheap Fuel Scheme	4,500.		4500
34.	200.		Legal and Audit	200.		200
35.	1,000.		Overdraft Interest	1,000.		1000
36.	30.		Travelling Expenses	30.		30
37.	20.		Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant.	20.		20
38.	40.		Subscriptions to Associations and Bands.	40.		40
39.	500.		School Meals	500.		500
40.	200.		Rate Refunds	200.		150
41.	1,075.		Loan Charges	790.		790
42.	800.		Employees Pensions	1,300.		1300
43.	2,500.		Materials Expenses	2,500.		2500
44.	100.		Contingencies	100.		100
45.	500.	52,440.	Debit Balance	500.	52,306.	500
				£130,294.		51786
						£128,774.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1957/58		Particulars	Estimated 1958/59		added By Council
	£	£		£	£	
1.	4,800.		Special Grant Works	5,000.		5000
2.	90.		Estate Duty	50.		50
3.	150.	5,040.	Road Openings	150.	5,200.	150 5200
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>						
4.	1,850.		Water Rents	1,850.		1850
5.	350.		Scavenging Main Roads	375.		375
6.	25.		cc. County Hospital	25.		25
7.	700.		Burial Ground Fees	600.		600
8.	200.		Public Sanitary Convenience	200.		200
9.	1,300.	4,426.	State Subvention to Loan Charges	1,520.	4,571.	1520 4571
<u>Housing of the Working Classes</u>						
10.	29,000.		Rents	31,000.		31,000
11.	13,040.		State Grants	15,740.		15,740
12.	550.	42,590.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	550.	47,290.	550 47440
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>						
13.	720.		Vocational Education	755.		755
14.	650.		Fire Brigade	650.		650
15.	4,500.		Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.		4500
16.	75.		Refund of Fees	75.		75
17.	675.		Government Rates	675.		675
18.	950.		Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market.	950.		950
19.	400.		Superannuation Deductions	400.		400
20.	250.		School Meals	250.		250
21.	440.		Miscellaneous	400.		400
22.	2,500.	11,160.	Materials Expenses.	2,800.	11,455.	2800
		63,216.	Total Estimated Receipts		68,516.	11455 68666

SUMMARY

Estimated Expenditure 1958/59	£128,774.0.0.
Estimated Receipts 1958/59	£68,666.0.0.
Estimated amount to be raised by rates	£60,108.0.0.
Which will require a rate of 45/6d in the £.	

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Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF

Service
(1)

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

URBAN
ROADS

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)							
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Special Grant Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL							...
Sanitary	Sanitary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL							...
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Local Assistance Schemes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL							...
General Urban Purposes								
County Council Services								
Main Roads	Main Roads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Health (County)	Health (County)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Public Libraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

SANITARY

HOUSING

GENERAL

URBAN

PURPOSES

TOTAL

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
State Grants (to be specified)				
<i>Estate Duty</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Employment & Emergency Schemes</i>	<i>5000</i>		<i>5000</i>	
Other Receipts	<i>150</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>.</i>
TOTAL ...	<i>5200</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>5200</i>	<i>.</i>
State Grants (to be specified)				
<i>Contributions to Loan Charges for Sanitary Services</i>	<i>1520</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>1520</i>	<i>.</i>
Other Receipts .. .	<i>3051</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>3051</i>	<i>.</i>
TOTAL ...	<i>4571</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4571</i>	<i>.</i>
Housing of the Working Classes				
Rents	<i>31,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>31,150</i>	<i>.</i>
State Grants	<i>15,740</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>15,740</i>	<i>.</i>
Other Receipts	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
Local Assistance Schemes	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	<i>550</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>.</i>
TOTAL ...	<i>47,290</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>47,440</i>	<i>.</i>
State Grants (to be specified) <i>Vocational Education</i> ...	<i>755</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>755</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Cheap Fuel Scheme</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Brumby in lieu of Rates</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>School ...</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>.</i>
Other Receipts	<i>2475</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>2475</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 (£.28.620..) (8)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS ...	7013	5200	1813			1813	15.20
SANITARY ...	18915	4571	14344			14344	120.20
HOUSING ...	51060	47440	3620			3620	30.37
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS ...	4617		4617			4617	38.73
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ...	1878		1878			1878	15.76
MENTAL HOSPITAL ...	3955		3955			3955	33.18
HEALTH (County) ...	12303		12303			12303	103.18
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	3161		3161			3161	26.52
SEPARATE CHARGES ...	66		66			66	0.57
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	950		950			950	7.98
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	24356	11455	12901		500	13401	112.31
	128274	58666	59608			60108 ✓	
							504.00
							TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 31st day of March 1958, 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, 1959...

Dated this 31st day of March 1958...

Signed J. M. Cullen Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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14th April, 1958.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, James Gaul,
Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris, John
O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, 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.

CONGRATULATION

His Worship The Mayor moved that the Corporation congratulate His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, on reaching the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood and hoped that he would continue for many years to grace the Primatial See of Armagh. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously agreed to.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from the President returning thanks to the Corporation for their message of congratulation on the recent honour conferred on him by the Holy Father.

The Rev. M.F. Clancy, C.C., returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his father.

Mr P.J. Clancy, Rowe Street, returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his sister.

A letter was read from the Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution regarding the procedure for the making of complaints to the Censorship of Publications Board and intimated that he proposed to consider amending the Regulations to simplify the manner in which complaints could be made to the Censorship Board. This letter was considered satisfactory.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that no objection would be raised to the sale of the Town Hall Site at Redmond Monument to Mr Patrick J. Meyler for the sum of £575 for development as a car park.

QUARTERLY MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to hold a Quarterly Meeting of the Council on Monday, 30th June, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR PAPAL NUNCIO

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A letter was read from His Excellency The Apostolic Nuncio intimating that he would be pleased to accept the Freedom of the Borough and agreeing to

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the suggestion that it be conferred on him on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on the 27th instant.

His Worship The Mayor thereupon moved the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to:-

"That in pursuance of the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Excellency, the Most Reverend Albert Levame, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, on his approaching visit to the Town, in recognition of the signal honour bestowed on His Excellency by the Holy See, and as a mark of the loyalty and attachment of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford to the Throne and Person of the Supreme Sovereign Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Pius XII."

GRADED RENT SCHEME - FAYTHE HOUSES

The Housing Consultative Committee recommended that the Graded Rent Scheme for 54 houses at the Faythe be amended to provide for the charging of rents of 11/-d per week for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £7.10s.; 16/6d per week for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £10; 25/-d per week for families whose total income does not exceed £13; and for families whose total weekly income exceeds £13, the economic rent. This recommendation was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

RENTS OF TEN HOUSES AT BISHOPSWATER

The Housing Consultative Committee recommended that rents of 20/-d per week, exclusive of rates, be charged for the ten houses in course of construction at Bishopswater and on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, this recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

RENTS OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET

The Housing Consultative Committee recommended that a weekly rent of 20/-d per week be charged for the proposed seventeen houses at William Street and this recommendation was also adopted on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

ERECTION OF SEVENTEEN HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET

With regard to the proposed erection of seventeen houses at William Street the Minister for Local Government, under date of the 5th April, 1958, by letter No. N.85/2/52, intimated that he was not satisfied the costs estimated were the lowest that could be obtained and considered that arrangements should be made to obtain tenders for the erection of these dwellings.

The Members of the Corporation were disagreeably surprised when this letter was read in view of the fact that following a conference between the Department and Corporation Officials on 27th November last it was reported that agreed figures had been arrived at for this and the proposed scheme at Fisher's Row and that the issue of official approval to the erection of the William Street houses by Direct Labour only awaited the submission in writing of the agreed revised estimate. As well, the Members considered that their previous decision to carry out the Bishopswater, William Street and Fisher's Row Schemes by Direct Labour and also to issue tenders for the John Street Scheme had been accepted by the Department.

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The Members pointed out that the present position in the Faythe was that the Scheme was rapidly drawing to a close and redundant building operatives were being laid off while the William Street Scheme could be commenced if sanction were issued and at least some of those redundant operatives absorbed.

Councillor Howlin thereupon proposed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to reconsider his decision and to sanction the erection of the William Street Houses by direct labour so as to provide for continuity of employment, Alderman Byrne seconded. Councillor Cullimore, however, proposed as an amendment that tenders be invited in accordance with the suggestion of the Minister and Councillor Flusk seconded. On a show of hands, five voted for the amendment to invite tenders and seven against. The amendment was accordingly declared lost and Councillor Howlin's motion to request the Minister to reconsider his decision was carried by the same voting.

CINEMA MATINEES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved "that the Corporation refuse to renew the licences to the Cinemas unless they agreed to show suitable films at Children's matinees". Councillor Hall seconded this motion.

At this stage Councillor Gaul intimated that he did not think the Corporation had any power to refuse to renew the licences and in reply to a query the Town Clerk quoted Section 2 of the Cinematograph Act 1909. After quoting the section the Town Clerk intimated that while Councils did exercise a form of censorship over films in the early years of the Statute and might possibly then have had a power to insert a clause in the licences determining the type of films to be shown on a particular occasion such censorship or power which might then have existed ceased with the enactment of the Censorship of Films Act 1923. In his (Town Clerk's) opinion any attempt by the Corporation to enforce such a resolution as was now proposed would be illegal and must inevitably lead to costly litigation. He (Town Clerk) therefore warned the Members that if this resolution were adopted and enforced any loss sustained by subsequent litigation as a result of the resolution would have to be borne by the Members voting for it and if the present proposal was put to the meeting a poll would be necessary.

After hearing the Town Clerk's opinion on the resolution Alderman Byrne amended his proposal, which was agreed to and seconded by Councillor Hall, as follows:-

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to sponsor necessary legislation to ensure that only suitable films be shown at Childrens' Matinees."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

BUILDING TRADES WAGES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a recommendation from the County Manager to increase the wages of building trades operatives in accordance with a recommendation of the Labour Court by 2d per hour as on and from 28th February, 1958, was unanimously approved.

COSTS - ST. JOHN'S ROAD

In reply to a query by Councillor O'Flaherty it was stated that the allocation for the widening of St. John's Road was £1,800, the actual expenditure up to the 9th instant £1,298; outstanding accounts - E.S.B. (estimated) £150 and others £100, total £250, bringing the total actual expenditure and estimated outstanding accounts to £1,548. It was also stated that the amount paid by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the removal of telegraph poles was £34. Councillor O'Flaherty stated he was well satisfied

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with the figures given and merely asked him to dispose of rumours that the Relief Grant was being spent for the benefit of the Electricity Supply Board and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Councillor Flusk, however, did not think the job was worth the money expended.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following matters were raised by Members. Complaint was made regarding the dangerous condition of a telegraph pole at Rose Rock. Councillor Flusk complained of litter in John Street and was informed that arrangements had already been made to have these streets cleaned before the Centenary Celebrations on Sunday Morning.

Complaints were also made regarding lights at the Barry Memorial and in other parts of the town. It was suggested that the light at the corner of King Street and Paul Quay should be converted into a pilot light and the light at the junction of Rowe Street and Main Street also converted into a pilot light.

The Town Clerk promised Councillor Flusk that as soon as possible he would go into the question of the liability of the Corporation regarding the fencing of Mr. O'Leary's property at John Street.

The Meeting then terminated.



THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE ACT, IRELAND, 1876.
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ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY
OF APRIL, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT, THE
HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS CONFERRED ON HIS
EXCELLENCY. THE MOST REVEREND ALBERT LEVAME, APOSTOLIC
NUNCIO TO IRELAND ON THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL,
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT.

Albert Levame
.....SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

John Bullamore
.....MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

John Bullamore
.....TOWN CLERK.

5th May, 1958.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair.
Aldermen - Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors - James Gaul, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James J. Morris, John O'Flaherty and Patrick Kehoe.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meeting of the 14th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from His Eminence, John Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, returning sincere thanks to the Members of the Corporation for the message of congratulation and good wishes on the golden jubilee of his Priesthood.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Morris proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Ryan family of Tomcoole on the death of Miss Elizabeth Ryan. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Councillor Hall proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. T. Murphy, R.C.A., on the recent bereavements he had sustained through the deaths of his mother and aunt. Councillor Howlin seconded.

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. David O'Neill, an ex-member of the Corporation, on the death of his wife. Alderman Byrne seconded.

The three motions were supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

MUNICIPAL RATE 1958/59

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 42/-d in the pound for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1959, as agreed to on 31st March last. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 42/-d in the pound be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1959, as agreed to on 31st March last. The Rate Book containing the rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

THE WEXFORD (DISTILLERY ROAD) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 1957.

There was laid before the meeting an Order made by the Minister for Local Government, under date of the 10th ultimo, refusing to confirm the Wexford (Distillery Road) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1957, made by the Corporation on the 10th October, 1957. This Order was noted.

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HOUSING

Councillor Howlin referred to the erection of ten houses at Distillery Road. He pointed out that since these houses commenced, although the foundations were in, only one mason and an apprentice was employed and asked if the Corporation were sincere in their desire to build houses as quickly and as cheaply as possible as he could see no reason for ten houses being erected with only one mason and an apprentice employed thereon.

Alderman Byrne referred to the dismissal on Saturday last of seven carpenters from the Faythe Housing Site. In this connection members pointed out that a number of houses only required trimming for completion and thought that if the dismissed carpenters had been put on this work the Corporation would have the houses let and be receiving rents therefrom much sooner than they will be under the present arrangement. Members also pointed out that while the number of employees was being reduced the supervisory staff was still the same with consequent high overhead costs on the scheme.

Alderman Corish inquired if eight houses at the Faythe had been completed and no keys received in the office.

At the request of the Members the Town Clerk read the report of the Housing Engineer for the month of April which showed that the following works were necessary to complete the houses on the Faythe Scheme - 44 doors to be made, 11 houses to be trimmed, 25 houses to be painted, 5 houses to be plumbed and 27 houses with electric lighting installation to be completed.

Arising out of this report Members held that the Faythe Housing Scheme was being dragged out and saw no reason why twenty-seven houses should be idle while awaiting the installation of electric lighting.

With reference to minutes of the 14th ultimo when a resolution had been adopted requesting the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision that tenders should be invited for ten houses at William Street, the Town Clerk intimated that the resolution of the Corporation had been transmitted to the Minister that week in an explanatory letter. As he had received no reply he had taken the liberty of 'phoning the Department on Wednesday last to enquire if a decision had been arrived at as it was his intention, if the Department insisted on obtaining tenders, to advertise the Scheme in last week's local and Dublin press. He had been informed, however, that no decision had been arrived at and up to the present he had not received any communication from the Department.

After lengthy discussion the following decisions were arrived at -

1. The County Manager was asked to look into the matter of the employment of only one mason and an apprentice on the building of ten houses at Bishopswater.
2. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Hall, it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation immediately to discuss the erection of 17 houses at William Street and the following deputation was appointed -
His Worship The Mayor with Councillors Howlin and Hall, the County Manager and Town Clerk.

The following matters were also raised by Members -

Alderman Kevin Morris raised the question of the allocation to a man named King of No. 54 Corish Park and stated that up to Saturday last this house had not been occupied and he wished to know if this man was paying rent for his dwelling. The Alderman was informed by the Town Clerk that the rent of any Corporation house became due on the Monday following the allocation thereof.

Arising out of a list of recent allocations of houses given to the Members, Councillor O'Flaherty thought that the system obtaining sometime ago of asking for the observations of the Members on lettings before they were made

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was much more satisfactory.

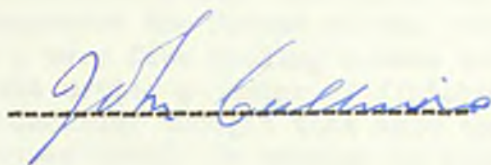
Alderman Morris complained about the inferior type of electric switches in certain of the Corish Park houses and it was pointed out that these houses were wired and fittings installed by the Electricity Supply Board. The fittings were of Irish Manufacture and the best that could be obtained at the time.

CONGRATULATIONS ON CENTENARY

Councillor Hall said he thought the meeting should not terminate without the Corporation congratulating the people of Wexford on the splendid manner in which they had decorated the Town during the recent Centenary Week. Councillor Howlin agreed with Councillor Hall and also congratulated the Rev. M.J. O'Neill on the enormous amount of work done by him in organizing the Centenary Week in a very quiet and efficient manner.

All the other Members present joined in the congratulations to the people of Wexford and the Administrator on the enormous success of the Centenary Week of the Twin Churches.

The meeting then terminated.



27th May, 1958.

A Meeting of the Housing (Consultative) 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 John Cullimore, in the Chair

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne and Nicholas P. Corish;

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Howlin and John O'Flaherty.

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

Councillor O'Flaherty stated that his reason for requesting this meeting was to ascertain what the delay was in letting the Faythe Houses. He had inspected the Scheme on the previous day and said that in his opinion it was a very fine housing scheme and a credit to all concerned, but he did notice a number of finished houses which were not occupied. The Councillor thought that some considerable time ago it had been agreed that houses should be erected in blocks, completely finished and handed over for letting. The Housing Engineer explained in detail the delay he had had with the Electrical Contractor. The firm whose tender was the lowest and had been accepted had not been very satisfactory from the commencement and had recently gone into liquidation. The Liquidator had sent an Electrician to complete the work and at the present moment sixteen houses were ready and awaiting inspection by the Electricity Supply Board.

In reply to a further query by Councillor O'Flaherty the Housing Engineer stated that the final date for completion of all the houses would be five to six weeks.

Councillor Hall thought that the Housing Scheme should have been completed some six months ago.

Councillor Howlin asked that when Carpenters were recently laid off was there not work to absorb them, according to the Housing Engineer's last report seventeen houses remained to be trimmed and he thought that the Carpenters who had been laid off should have been kept employed until all the carpentry work was done. The Housing Engineer stated that in his opinion it would not be economical to keep the Carpenters employed on trimming the houses as there would not be sufficient work to keep them all employed.

After a general discussion on the Faythe and Bishopswater Scheme the meeting terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Cullimore', is written over a red dashed line.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair;
Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne and Kevin C. Morris;
Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk, Mr. Henry F. Doyle, were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the minutes of meeting of the 5th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from the Ryan Family of Tomcoole acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Corporation on the death of the late Miss Elizabeth Ryan.

A letter was also read from Mr. David O'Neill of Thomas Street, acknowledging the Corporation's vote of sympathy on the death of his wife.

SYMPATHY

His Worship The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the County Medical Officer on the death of her sister the late Mrs. Hannigan. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion. The other Members, together with the County Manager and Acting Town Clerk associated themselves with the motion & it was passed in respectful silence.

WAGE INCREASE

A recommendation from the County Manager that the wages of the Caretakers of the Cemetery and the Waterworks be increased by 6/-d per week as from the 1st April, 1958, was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris; and the authorised expenditure for 1958/9 increased by £50 (fifty pounds) to cover the increases.

DERELICT SITE AT CORNMARKE

A recommendation from the County Manager, after complying with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, that a site at Cornmarket, acquired under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Acts, 1940, be demised to Mr. Dermot Hall for the sum of £40 (forty pounds), was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne; subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

TRANSFER OF STORES TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

The plan and estimate of the Borough Surveyor in connection with the proposed transfer of the Stores Department to the Municipal Buildings was the next item on the agenda and after a short discussion it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to adjourn consideration of this matter to a future meeting and in the meantime to furnish the Members with copies of the Borough Surveyor's estimate of same.

PROPOSED FACTORY AT HOLLYVILLE

An application was received from Messrs Poelstra Timber Co., for permission to erect a factory at Hollyville for the manufacture of joinery, furniture, etc. The Members considered the site satisfactory and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, approved in principle of the proposal. The application to be further considered on receipt of detailed plans.

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CONSULTATIONS WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce requesting periodic consultations between two of their representatives and the Corporation during the coming year. A lengthy discussion took place on this letter and a variety of opinions were expressed. Eventually it was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and agreed "that the Corporation are and will be prepared to consult the Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Estimates Meeting and only otherwise when the Chamber have some specific item to discuss after due notice has been given".

ALTERATIONS TO LIGHTS

An estimate was received from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the proposed alteration of public lights at Rowe Street/Main Street and King Street/Paul Quay. It was seen that the alteration charge was £26, together with an annual charge of £7.13.0d each in respect of the change over from "Midnight" lamps to "Pilot" lamps. During the discussion which followed, Councillor O'Flaherty was in favour of adjourning consideration until the estimates meeting but his proposition was not seconded. Eventually it was agreed, on the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the work should be done at the cost stated, and the authorised expenditure for 1958/9 increased by £30 to cover the cost.

MISCELLANEOUS

This terminated the business on the agenda and a general discussion took place concerning the lettings of houses during which Councillor Hall intimated he would give notice that the Members of the Corporation would let the houses in future. A lively discussion followed from which it appeared that the Members generally favoured the County Manager retaining his powers of letting in consultation with the Members.

ILLNESS OF COUNCILLOR GAUL

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to convey the best wishes of the Corporation to Councillor James Gaul for his speedy recovery from his recent illness.

The meeting then terminated.



John L. Sullivan

A special meeting of the Corporation was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the Chair

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris;

Councillor:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SEVENTEEN HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET

The first business was to receive and consider tenders for the erection of seventeen houses at William Street. The Town Clerk reported that only one tender had been received and handed it to the Mayor to open.

Before the tender was opened Councillor Howlin asked if they had a price for the erection of these dwellings by Direct Labour and would the Town Clerk state the amount. In reply the Town Clerk intimated that the Housing Engineer's estimate for the erection of these houses by Direct Labour was with the Minister for Local Government who had asked the Corporation to invite tenders for the work. As there was only one tender and as he (Town Clerk) could not say at this stage if this tender was in order he considered it inadvisable to publish the estimate of the Housing Engineer for the erection of the dwellings by Direct Labour as it was quite possible the Minister might ask the Corporation to readvertise the work.

The tender was then opened and was found to be from a Mr. Patrick Wright, Killiniok, who quoted the sum of £28,763 for the erection of the 17 houses.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated he could not say how long it would take to finalize this matter. Mr. Wright did not enclose a letter from an Insurance Company intimating that they were prepared to enter into a Contract Guarantee Bond but he did enclose a letter from a firm of Insurance Brokers stating they were negotiating with the Yorkshire Insurance Company for the issue of such a Bond. In his (Town Clerk's) opinion the absence of a firm intimation that a Contract Bond would be issued would not prevent consideration of the tender by the Minister for Local Government but even if the Minister sanctioned the acceptance of the tender it would not be possible to proceed with the work until the Contractor had entered into the necessary contract and was covered by a Guarantee Bond.

Councillor Howlin thereupon proposed that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought immediately to the erection of these dwellings either by Contract or Direct Labour and asked that the Minister be made aware of the serious unemployment position in the building trade in Wexford and requested to make a decision in the shortest possible time. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

REPAIRS - TRINITY STREET HOUSES

The next business was to receive tenders for the carrying out of repairs to houses at Trinity Street.

Two tenders were received from Mr. Patrick Wright of Killiniok, who quoted £4,912.15.0d and Mr. John Grace of John's Gate Street who quoted £2,358.10.6d. In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that his estimate prepared sometime ago for the repair of these houses was £2,350. It was unanimously decided to request the County Engineer to deal with these tenders as soon as possible but the Town Clerk pointed out that there was no

possibility of this matter being dealt with in the near future as a number of points had to be considered such as (1) what subsidy if any would be received in respect of the repairs, and (2) whether a loan would be sanctioned at all and if sanctioned, would the Corporation be permitted to borrow from the Local Loans Fund or the Treasurer.

SIXTEEN HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

The Town Clerk submitted the following report on sixteen houses at Corish Park. He recalled to the Members that when these sixteen better-class houses were nearing completion they had decided to dispose of them on the Tenant-Purchase System at a rent charge of 38/6d per week. This rent charge was based on an all-in cost of £1,900 per house and a loan for 35 years repayable at 4½%. Since then the final figures had been ascertained at £1,873 but the loan charges had increased to 5% so that to enable the dwellings to be disposed of on the original tenant-purchase arrangement it would be necessary for the Corporation to make a Capital Grant of £200 per house. He also recalled to the Members that when they tried to dispose of these dwellings on the tenant-purchase system only six persons agreed and it was necessary to let the remainder at a rent of 27/6d. This rent was based on the assumption of a 50 year loan at 4½% but subsequently the Minister for Local Government decided that the loan for these houses should be only for a period of 35 years, that no subsidy would be payable but that a block grant of £275 per house would be made available. He further reminded the Members that this matter had been the subject of lengthy correspondence with the Minister who had refused to change his mind and that figures had been submitted to previous meetings indicating the loss the Corporation would have to meet by letting these houses at 27/6d per week.

A rigid policy had been adopted as these houses became vacant to dispose of them only on the tenant-purchase system and as a result the position had now changed so that ten houses were tenant-purchase and six let to weekly tenants.

The Finance Committee had this matter under consideration when considering the estimates for the current year and they had examined the incomes of the persons who remained as weekly tenants. In their opinion to increase the rents of the houses would cause considerable hardship and they were not prepared to recommend the Corporation to do this.

The Members of the Finance Committee now present agreed with the resume given by the Town Clerk and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, to make available a Capital Grant of £200 per house to enable those dwellings to be let on the tenant-purchase system and pending such disposal that the houses be let at a weekly rent of 27/6d.

LEASE OF LAND AT HILL STREET

A recommendation was submitted by the County Manager that a lease of land at Hill Street be renewed to Mr Patrick Meyler of Springfield for a period of thirty-one years at a revised rent of £8 per annum. The present rent received out of the property was £6.7.6d but as the land had no frontage on to the public road it was thought that an increase of approximately 25% would be reasonable.

The necessary notice to each Member under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 had been issued on the 29th ultimo and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to renew Mr. Meyler's lease of this property for a further period of 31 years at a rent of £8 per annum.

TRAIN SERVICE

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 advertising a train from Kilkenny to Wexford on Sunday 29th instant at a return

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fare of 11/3d. He pointed out that some short time ago a similar train had been sent from Wexford to Kilkenny and the fare charged was 14/6d. He therefore proposed that C.I.E. be asked to give an explanation as to why a fare of 14/6d was charged from Wexford to Kilkenny while a train over a similar route could be run from Kilkenny to Wexford at a fare of 11/3d, .. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

FOREMAN

Councillor Hall referred to the former foreman Mr. James Rossiter who had retired at the end of last year. He pointed out that for some time prior to his retirement Mr. Rossiter had not received any payment in respect of sick leave and requested the County Manager to review Mr. Rossiter's position at his early convenience. The Members approved of Councillor Hall's suggestion.

FAYTHE HOUSES

Councillor O'Flaherty complained that one or two persons whose names appeared on a list of those to whom it was proposed to grant houses in the Faythe Housing Scheme did not appear on the original list. The Members suggested that the following persons should be considered for rehousing in the Faythe, namely, a man named McGuire of the Faythe and Roche of Swan View.

LETTING OF HOUSES

Arising out of this discussion Councillor Hall gave notice that he would move "that the Corporation take over the letting of houses".

In this connection the Town Clerk stated that in reply to a query that at this stage he would not say that the motion as outlined by Councillor Hall would be in order but he would examine the position and consult with Councillor Hall if he considered that the motion as phrased would not achieve the desired object.

HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN

Alderman Morris referred to the position of the house at Maudlintown formerly occupied by Thomas Potts and allocated to a man named Malone and felt that this house had not been properly inspected before being relet.

JULY MEETING

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed to dispose of any business pertaining to the July Statutory Meeting at the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on Monday 30th instant.

It was unanimously agreed at the request of the Rosslare Tostal Council to support an application by them to the American Ambassador to have an American Destroyer visit Rosslare Harbour during the month of September on a date when the second anniversary of the erection of the Commodore Barry Memorial would be held.

The meeting then terminated.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the chair;

Aldermen - Thomas Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris;

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

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

A letter was read from Councillor James Gaul intimating that owing to illness he would be unable to attend the meeting of the Corporation this evening and intimated that it was the first time in thirty-three years that he was not present at the election of Mayor.

When this letter was read Alderman Byrne proposed that the Corporation extend to Councillor Gaul their very best wishes for his speedy recovery. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1959, and until his successor was appointed and had made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Flusk thereupon proposed that Alderman Kevin C. Morris be elected Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Cullimore seconded.

Councillor Howlin proposed that Alderman Byrne be elected and Alderman Corish seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted -

For Alderman Morris - Councillors Cullimore, Flusk, Hall, James Morris and O'Flaherty, Aldermen Cullimore and Morris7

For Alderman Byrne - Councillor Howlin, Aldermen Corish and Byrne.....3

Alderman Morris was thereupon declared elected Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing twelve months and made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840. In declaring Alderman Morris elected the outgoing Mayor thanked the Members and Officials of the Corporation who had so loyally supported him during his period of office.

The newly elected Mayor was congratulated by all the Members.

The Mayor, Alderman Morris, then took the Chair and thanked all those who had supported him at the election, he also paid tribute to the manner in which the outgoing Mayor had discharged his duties during the past twelve months.

The Mayor stated he thought he would be failing in his duty if he did not take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Philomena Garvey on the great step she had taken in refusing to wear the Union Jack as a Member of the Golf Team of the British Isles selected to play in the Curtis Cup. By her action in withdrawing from the team on this ground Miss Garvey had focused world wide attention on the unnatural border created in this Country.

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He (Mayor) hoped that the Rosslare Golf Club would follow the lead of the Corporation in this matter and congratulate Miss Garvey on the step she had taken.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed, on the Motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that Quarterly Meetings of the Council be held on 6th October, 1958, at 7.30 p.m., 5th January, 1959, at 7.30 p.m., and ~~6th~~ April, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

CINEMA LICENCES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were issued in respect of the Abbey and Capitol Cinemas.

CLERICAL OFFICERS SALARY SCALE

The following recommendation was submitted from the Wexford County Manager - that Clerical Officers employed by the Corporation be paid the following revised salary scale as from 1st January, 1958 - £265 x £15 to £385 x £20 to £425 x £25 to £600 x £35 to £635 plus 1955 temporary allowance. In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that it would apply to two Clerical Officers employed by the Corporation and to the Storekeeper whose salary scale was related to that of Clerical Officers.

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

MAYOR'S SALARY 1957/58

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that the salary of the outgoing Mayor be increased from £150 to £200 in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1958.

LETTING OF HOUSES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when Councillor Hall gave notice that he would move a resolution "that the Corporation take over the letting of houses" the Councillor intimated that he had received a letter from the Town Clerk informing him that he did not think the phraseology of the motion would achieve the desired object and pointed out that the Minister for Local Government would have to make an order under the County Management Act, 1940 transferring from the Manager to the Council the function of letting houses.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that if the Council wished to adopt a general resolution taking over the functions of the Manager in respect of the letting of houses the order would have to be made by the Minister as set out above. They could, however, exercise their powers under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in individual cases without the consent of the Minister.

In view of the statement made by the Town Clerk Councillor Hall withdrew his notice.

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At the request of Councillor Howlin, the Mayor undertook to use his

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office to urge the Minister for Local Government to expedite approval to the erection of the William Street Houses.

OVERDRAFT SANCTION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrno, overdraft accommodation in the sum of £40,000 on Revenue Account and £50,000 on Capital Account was authorised up to 30th September, 1958, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting then terminated.

Geni. C. Morris,

7th July, 1958.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair,

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne and John Cullimore,

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

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

The meeting had been convened to consider a letter under date of the 1st instant, No. N.85/2/22, from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the proposed erection of seventeen houses at William Street. The Minister considered that the one tender which had been received and the estimate for carrying out the scheme by direct labour were abnormally high and he awaited fresh proposals from the Corporation for the provision of the houses at a more reasonable cost.

This letter was considered at length during which the entire position regarding the erection of the seventeen houses was reviewed by several members and the employment position in the building trade made very clear. At the conclusion of the debate Councillor Hall proposed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to receive a deputation immediately to discuss this matter. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion and pointed out there was a demand for the houses and a statutory obligation on the Corporation to provide them.

This proposal was unanimously agreed to and the following were appointed to comprise the deputation - His Worship The Mayor with Councillors Howlin and Hall, The Deputy County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk. If for any reason any of the three members of the Council appointed could not attend when the Minister was receiving the deputation it was decided Alderman Byrne should act as substitute.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting terminated His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow of James Malone, Acting Foreman. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Deputy County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk.

Alderman Cullimore proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Lady Esmonde on the death of Sir John Esmonde, S.C. and former T.D. for the County Wexford. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Deputy County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

James C. Morris,

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5th August, 1958.

A Special 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, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair,

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore.

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, John Howlin, and James Morris.

Mr Thomas J. Millar, Housing Engineer and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened to consider the following letter, under date of 29th ultimo, from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the proposed erection of seventeen houses at William Street -

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence in regard to the proposed housing scheme at William Street, Wexford, and to the representations made to him by members of the deputation from the Borough Council received at the Custom House on the 23rd instant. The Minister has given careful consideration to the views expressed by members of the deputation and he has had before him, in addition, a revised estimate of the cost of erecting the houses by direct labour following consultations between officials of the Corporation and the Department which took place subsequent to the reception of the deputation.

While the Minister fully appreciates the anxiety of the local representatives to have work commenced as soon as possible, he wishes to emphasise again that the rejection of the Corporation's proposals was due entirely to the fact that the estimate prepared by the direct labour unit and the contract tender subsequently received were both considered to be unduly high having regard to prevailing current costs in adjacent counties. As he explained to the members of the deputation, the excess arising by reason of the high building costs must ultimately be reflected by increased rents or an excessive loss to the rates.

Having carefully considered all the aspects of the matter, the Minister still remains of opinion that the revised estimate of the direct labour unit is excessive, and he, accordingly, recommends that the most prudent course at this stage would be to seek further tenders for the work by contract."

A copy of this letter had been embodied in the agenda for the present meeting.

At the outset the Mayor reported that on the 23rd ultimo a deputation consisting of Councillors Hall, Howlin, himself, the Acting County Manager, the Housing Engineer and Town Clerk had been received by the Minister at the Custom House, Dublin, when this question of the costings of the seventeen houses had been discussed at length. The question had also been discussed later in the day between officials of the Department and the Corporation. The net result of all these deliberations was that the Minister now considered that the most prudent course would be to seek further tenders for the work by contract.

Councillor Howlin reviewed at length the report made by the County Manager on the 2nd December, 1957, when he intimated that following interviews with Departmental Officials the estimates for houses at Bishopswater, William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street had been carefully considered and revised. As a result of these discussions the Departmental Officials had agreed to the estimates for the housing schemes with the exception of John Street which had

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been deferred with a view to securing more houses on the site and thus spreading the overhead and development costs over a greater number. Councillor Hall suggested that to reduce the cost of the houses that they could be carried out by a Foreman without the Housing Engineer. Councillor Flusk asked if written sanction had been received and was informed no sanction had been received other than the verbal sanction referred to in the County Manager's report of 2nd December last.

Alderman Byrne said it was not unusual for Public Bodies to commence schemes on verbal sanction and in reply to a further query by Councillor Flusk the Town Clerk intimated that while the Faythe or other recent housing schemes had not been started without written sanction it was quite customary to start such schemes as relief grant works by verbal sanction over the 'phone.

After lengthy discussion Councillor Howlin moved "in view of the delay which would be caused by seeking new tenders that the Minister for Local Government be again requested to sanction the erection of the dwellings by direct labour at the estimate submitted". Alderman Byrne seconded.

His Worship The Mayor moved as an amendment "that fresh tenders be sought for the work but before the advertisement is issued that the Minister for Local Government be requested to permit the inclusion therein of 21 houses at Fisher's Row". Councillor Frank Cullimore seconded the amendment.

On the amendment being put to the meeting five voted for and four against.

The amendment was declared carried and on being put to the meeting as the substantive motion was also carried by five votes for to four against.

MISCELLANEOUS

On the motion of Councillor Frank Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to authorise the making of Preliminary Orders under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 in respect of derelict sites at Allen Street and Upper William Street.

At the request of Councillor Howlin the attention of the Electricity Supply Board was to be drawn to defective electric poles at Bride Street, Loreto Convent and Rose Rook.

At the request of Councillor Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he would have a further interview with the local Sergeant of the Garda with the object of having more "Stop" signs painted on the roadway at dangerous crossings. The Councillor suggested that the following crossings might be dealt with amongst others - Slaney Street/Temperance Row, George Street/Abbey Street, Hill Street/Spawell Road.

Alderman Corish and His Worship The Mayor drew attention to the fact that children were playing and actually bathing in the John Street Reservoir. Both felt that this was a very dangerous practice and that some steps should be taken to stop it.

Before the meeting terminated Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Robert Brennan former Irish Ambassador to Washington and a native of the town on the death of his wife. His Worship The Mayor seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Housing Engineer and Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager who was absent, and on his own behalf.

Councillor Hall moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James Rossiter, former foreman of the Corporation, Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the Members, by the Housing Engineer and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

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Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

John G Morris

11th August, 1958.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8 o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore;

Councillors:- Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, 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 Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the minutes of meetings of 30th June, 7th July and 5th August, 1958, 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

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Dr. H. Aughney, Chief Medical Officer; the wife and relatives of the late James Malone; and the wife and family of the late James Rossiter.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1958/59

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that the Corporation's allocation from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1958/59 was: Grant £4,500, Local Contribution £650, making a total available for Relief Works of £5,150. The Minister requested the submission of proposals to absorb this amount by the 21st instant.

Under date of 28th July notification of this grant had been forwarded to each Member of the Council and they were requested to submit suggestions for consideration by this meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor,

- (1) that the surface of St. Peter's Square be replaced either in concrete or tarmacadam;
- (2) that the three derelict sites referred to on the agenda for the present meeting, at Allen Street, William Street and Wygram Place, be included.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to examine the possibility of resurfacing Talbot Street and the small "V" junction outside Murphy's Shop at Wolfe Tone Villas.

His Worship The Mayor called attention to the vacant space at Corish Park and intimated that he had been in conversation with a member of the Wexford Park Committee and they were willing to cart away any surplus materials that the Corporation might excavate. It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should also submit an estimate for dealing with this site.

Councillor Flusk thought that the Corporation should deal with the derelict sites in the Town in a comprehensive way but the Town Clerk pointed out that whilst the Corporation could deal with individual sites, if dealt with he thought that any proposals to deal with derelict sites in a comprehensive way should be deferred pending legislation proposed by the Minister for Local

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Government in recent public announcements to amend the Derelict Sites Act, 1940 with the object of making the acquisition of such sites by Local Authorities a more simple matter. At the present time, he pointed out, a separate Preliminary Order was necessary in respect of each derelict site and each Preliminary Order had to be published in the local press. If the Corporation proceeded to deal with derelict sites in a comprehensive manner the cost of advertising these various sites would be considerable and in his opinion would not be payable out of the Grant but would have to be met from the local rates.

Councillor Flusk also referred to the footpaths in various parts of the town and the Borough Surveyor pointed out that the only footpaths under the jurisdiction of the Corporation which needed attention in a big way were the footpaths on the Main Street but he did not consider it possible to concrete these footpaths and thought they would have to be relaid by means of precast slabs.

Reference was also made to the building sites at Davitt Road extension and the Town Clerk promised to see if it was possible to get some of the people who had applied for sites there to commence building.

It was further agreed to hold a special meeting on the 18th instant to consider the Borough Surveyor's estimates on the foregoing proposals and to select the schemes which would be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for consideration and approval.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he was prepared to recommend the issue from the Local Loans Fund of loans to enable Housing Authorities to make grants for repair and improvement works under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954.

After it was explained to the meeting that the Corporation would have to meet the cost of any such loans (to enable them to make grants) from the local rates it was decided to take no action on this letter.

DERELICT SITES

On the motion of Councillor John Howlin, seconded by Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:- being of opinion that sites at William Street, Faythe, Allen Street and Wygram Place are derelict sites within the meaning of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 (No. 29 of 1940) it is hereby resolved that Preliminary Orders under Section 3 of the said Act be made proposing to acquire the said sites.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed that his Worship The Mayor and Alderman Byrne be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held in Waterford on the 16th, 17th and 18th proximo.

RAILWAY FARES

A letter was read from C.I.E. regarding a recent complaint by the Corporation of a discrepancy between excursion fares from Kilkenny to Wexford and Wexford to Kilkenny. The letter explained in detail the reason for the discrepancy and agreed that similar fares should be charged for the future. This letter was considered satisfactory.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR SAILING

His Worship The Mayor mentioned that a large number of intending passengers were left at Rosslare Harbour on Saturday night last although some of them stated they were in possession of sailing tickets and requested the Town Clerk to enquire from British Railways the reason for this which was the first recorded occasion of intending passengers not being accommodated there.

The meeting then terminated.

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Kevin B. Morris

18th August, 1958.

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

Councillor James J. Morris, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair;

Aldermen- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore;

Councillors- Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, John Howlin and John O'Flaherty.

The Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. T.J. Millar; and the Town Clerk, were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced The Deputy Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. T.J. Walsh, Director of the Wexford Festival, on the death of his wife. Mrs. Walsh was a member of an old Wexford family whose contribution to the industrial, social and cultural life of the Town would long be remembered. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Acting Borough Surveyor and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who was unavoidably absent, and on his own behalf.

Councillor Howlin proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James Murphy, Spafiel Avenue, on the death of his wife who was a cousin of the Town Clerk. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members and both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

The Town Clerk returned thanks for the expressions of sympathy.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR SAILING

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the Mayor had asked the Town Clerk to enquire as to the true facts which led to some 120 people not being accommodated on the mid-night sailing from Rosslare Harbour to Fishguard on the 9th instant, the Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. F. Ardern, the Irish Representative of the British Transport Commission. In his letter Mr. Ardern pointed out that it was correct to state that some 120 people could not be accommodated on the 11.55 p.m. sailing on August the 9th. There was, however, a widely advertised 1 p.m. sailing on the same day and although 966 sailing tickets were issued only 721 people availed of the service. He set out the details of both steamers carryings and sailing tickets issued. The 1 p.m. Steamer "St. David" passenger capacity 1278, sailing tickets issued 966, passengers travelled 721; the 11.55 p.m. Steamer "St. Andrew" passenger capacity 1300, passengers boarding steamer with valid sailing tickets 1120, passengers allowed on board without valid sailing tickets 180, passengers not holding valid sailing tickets and left behind 120.

He stressed the fact that none of those outshipped were in possession of sailing tickets for the 11.55 p.m. Steamer. No children and no women, except three girls who elected to remain with friends, were amongst those stranded. When informed of the position he was able to have space allocated on the special steamer leaving Dun Laoghaire at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 10th, and an appreciable number availed of the offer.

When this letter was read satisfaction was expressed by the Members of the Council with the explanation given and many expressed the opinion that any inconveniences caused to intending passengers was occasioned by their own negligence in not availing of the services for which sailing tickets had been issued to them. The Members also expressed appreciation of the prompt action of the British Transport Commission's Agents in having space allocated to those outshipped on a special steamer on the 10th.

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Some Members also expressed the opinion that people making complaints were not always telling the truth and that Members should be more careful about voicing such complaints at a public meeting until the facts were definitely established and such adverse publicity would be likely to harm the passenger traffic at Rosslare Harbour, the handling of which had always been a source of pride to the people of Wexford.

The Town Clerk was instructed to convey the thanks of the Members of the Corporation for the prompt reply to their question and to thank the British Transport Commission for the excellent service they had always provided at Rosslare Harbour.

RELIEF GRANTS 1958/59

A report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor on suggestions made at the last meeting to absorb the total amount of the Grant and Local Contribution, namely £5,150. A copy of this report had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting and is attached to these minutes.

It was unanimously agreed that the proposal for the clearance of derelict sites, amounting in all to £920, with a total labour content of £561, be adopted and submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval. As regards the proposal to resurface St. Peter's Square, the Members could not understand why the Borough Surveyor would not do this work with the Corporation machinery having the chippings spread by hand, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the matter be referred back to the Acting Borough Surveyor to consult with Mr McNally and submit an estimate for having the work carried out with the Corporation plant and labourers to mix the tar and chips by hand.

As regards No. 3, this estimate was also referred back for revision after consultation with the Borough Surveyor.

Reference was made to the footpath from St. Enda's Terrace to John of God Convent, John Street from Stoffords to the Friary and the sea side of School Street, but it was pointed out that these footpaths were all on main roads and consequently under the jurisdiction of the Wexford County Council.

It was finally agreed that the meeting would adjourn until the 25th instant when the revised proposals would be considered.

The meeting then terminated.

-----*Seamus C. Morris*-----
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Borough Surveyor's Report.

A Chara,

I have examined the various proposals suggested by the Corporation & I wish to submit the following report on same:-

- (1) Derelict Sites:- The work involved in clearing the three sites mentioned gives a high labour content and is admirably suited for relief schemes. In the case of Allen Street I suggest that this site be converted into an open space which would be suitable as a car park. Total cost of work £920. Total labour content £561.
- (2) Road Works viz. St. Peter's Square, Talbot Street and junction of White-mill Road and road to Bishopswater at Murphy's shop. I discussed the question of cost of road plant and materials to be supplied by the County Council to enable resurfacing work in Tarmacadam for above proposals. I find that approximately 95% of the cost would be involved in road plant and materials which would leave the actual labour costs approximately 5% or say three pence per sq. yard of surfacing carried out. It would cost approximately £610 (labour content £30) to resurface St. Peter's and part of road junction, Carrigeen and Roche's Road, £350 (labour content £18), to resurface Talbot Street and £30 (labour content £2) to resurface road junction at Murphy's shop. That is out of an expenditure of £990 only £50 would be spent on local labour. It is unlikely that such proposals would be sanctioned, we have therefore a balance of £4,230 which could be expended as set out hereunder.
- (3) A. Corish Park open spaces: The area of the open spaces totals 18,500 sq. yds. approximately 2/3rds of this area, or say 12,000 sq. yds., rises from 3 to 9 feet over the surrounding road surfaces. To give a proper graded surface which could be used as a playground, it will be necessary to excavate 18,000 cubic yards of earth, fill same into vehicles and cart away and deposit. In order to give a satisfactory labour content it will be necessary to exoavate, grade and fill by hand. As this is mostly stiff clay, the labour mostly inexperienced, and the work is to be carried out under winter conditions, the cost of exoavating and filling one cubic yard of materials will be 6/0d. To this must be added the cost of insurance, tools and supervision, or say another 1/0d per cubic yard. It will be seen therefore that the balance of £4,230 will not be sufficient to excavate and grade the ground with regard to 2/3rds of the area. Before tackling this work one must consider what form of surfacing one will have for the finished open space.

My estimate therefore for the excavation and filling will be as follows (assuming of course that all materials will be carted away and dumped free of cost to us).

12,000 c.yds. excavate in stiff clay fill into vehicles	£
and grade ground under @ 6/0d	3600.
Item Add for supervision, tools, insurances, etc.	630.
	<u>£4230.</u>

Unskilled labour	-	£3600.
Ganger	-	100.
Total labour content	-	<u>£3700.</u>

- (3) B. Whilst discussing the question of tarmacadam costs with some members of the County Engineering Staff, it was suggested to me that proper concrete footpaths on the main roads approaching the Town are very necessary, with particular reference to the Rosslare Road and the Newtown Road. The Official concerned with road maintenance expressed his willingness to carry out the work with Town labour as a relief scheme. This would apply to the balance of £4,230 left after the cost of clearing the three derelict sites outlined above.

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P.K. McNally, Borough Surveyor.

John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk, Wexford.

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Aldermen - Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore,
Councillors - Edward Hall, John O'Flaherty and James Morris.

The Acting Borough Surveyor Mr. T.J. Millar and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to John Kehoe, one of their employees, on the death of his mother. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was 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.

Councillor Hall moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Rossiter, a former employee of the Corporation and the Rossiter family on the death of their sister in law. Alderman Byrne 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 by the Acting Borough Surveyor.

Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

RELIEF GRANTS

The meeting had been convened to consider a report from the Borough Surveyor on the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote allocation for 1958/9. A copy of the Surveyor's report is attached to these minutes. The Members were not at all satisfied with the Surveyor's report in so far as the proposed resurfacing of St. Peter's Square in tarmacadam was concerned and after lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the resurfacing of St. Peter's Square in tarmacadam as suggested by the Corporation, that is to have the tar and chippings mixed by hand, without any machinery except the roller so that a reasonable labour content could be assured.

It was also unanimously agreed, on the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that after the allocation for the Derelict Sites and the allocation for St. Peter's Square had been taken from the total available the balance should be expended on the levelling of the vacant ground at Corish Park. In this connection it was decided that whatever work was done in the current year should be completed out and out and that the Borough

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

23rd August, 1958.

John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

Re: E.S.V. 1958/59.

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Having disoussed the matters raised with yourself
Press
and Mr. Millar and also having read/the report of the disoussion at the Meet-
ing of the Corporation, I wish to make the following comments:-

The tarmacadam scheme visualised by me is as
follows:- Scarify and grade where necessary existing road surface, roll to
shape and finish with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick carpet of tarmacadam. As all materials will
be supplied by the County Council and the mixing of the tarmacadam must
necessarily take place at the nearest available County Council Quarry there
will be no labour content in the scheme apart from 2 or 3 men who will attend
the scarifying and rolling plant on the site. We have no tarmacadam plant.
Members refer to a boiler at the Store, this is only a small patching boiler
capable of boiling about 40 gallons of tar or bitumen.

The Corporation should therefore determine
whether the Corish Park Scheme be proceeded with or the provision of proper
concrete footpaths on the approach roads to the town. With regard to the work
at Corish Park this will give a large labour content, but at the later stages
when some form of surfacing has to be carried out on the site the labour content
will be comparatively small. In my opinion some form of stabilised surface
will have to be laid and this will mean machinery and materials with very
little labour content. It is well to remember that there are almost 4 acres
of open space at Corish Park. It is also well to realise that subsoil is
very subject to erosion by weather action and in such a large area a heavy
rainfall would create a serious mess, long drought on the other hand followed
by wind would create dusty conditions which would be very unpleasant for the
inhabitants of the surrounding houses.

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Surveyor should only lay out sufficient work that he would be able to complete with the money at his disposal.

CORKE AVENUE HOUSES

Alderman Corish requested the Acting Borough Surveyor to examine and report on the condition of the annexes to the Corporation houses at Croke Avenue.

TRINITY STREET HOUSES

In reply to a query His Worship The Mayor informed the meeting that he had interviewed the Minister for Local Government in connection with the proposed repairs to the Trinity Street Houses and was informed that an Inspector would be sent down immediately to examine the Corporation's proposal and in this connection the Town Clerk informed the meeting that one of the Minister's Inspector's had made an appointment with him sometime ago to be in Wexford on Wednesday the 27th instant.

WILLIAM STREET AND FISHER'S ROW HOUSES

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that an advertisement would issue in the week-end press inviting tenders for the erection of Seventeen houses at William Street and twenty-two at Fisher's Row.

The Meeting then terminated.


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His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of the 11th, 18th and 25th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

An acknowledgment was read from Elenor Lady Esmonde thanking the Members of the Corporation for their message of sympathy on the recent death of Sir John Esmonde.

MARRIAGE & DEATH GRATUITIES

The business of the meeting was to authorise, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, the grant of gratuities to:-

- (a) Mrs. Patrick Lalor (nee Phillips) former Clerical Officer, on her marriage;
- (b) The legal personal representative of the late James Rossiter, former foreman; and
- (c) The legal personal representative of the late James Malone.

The Town Clerk reported that in the case of Mrs. Lalor, (nee Phillips) she was entitled to a marriage gratuity of one year's salary which in her case would amount to a sum of £553 and on the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, authority was given for the grant of a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Lalor of a sum not exceeding £553.

In the case of James Rossiter, retired foreman, it was reported that Mr. Rossiter, who retired in November last, had received less than his pensionable remuneration multiplied by 52 and consequently his legal personal representatives were entitled to the difference between his pensionable remuneration multiplied by 52 less the sums paid to him on foot of his pension. This would amount to approximately £353, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that a gratuity not exceeding £353 should be authorised to be paid to the representatives of the late James Rossiter.

In the case of James Malone it was stated that he had only two years pensionable service and in his case his representative was entitled to his pensionable remuneration multiplied by 4 and 1/3rd, multiplied by the number of years service which would amount to approximately £58, and on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the making of a grant not exceeding £58 to the legal representative of the late James Malone.

As the grant of the three foregoing gratuities was not provided

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for in the estimates for the current financial year overexpenditure of £964 was approved on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, and it was further agreed that this sum should be included in the rate estimate for the year 1959/60.

Arising further out of the foregoing grants it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that authority should be sought for the creation of a fund into which yearly payments should be made by the Corporation to meet such charges as they arise so that heavy payments would not have to be borne periodically in one years rates. It was also agreed to refer this matter to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

ST. BERNADETTE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

A letter was read on behalf of the residents of St. Bernadette Place intimating that at a recent meeting of the tenants it was decided to clear the plot of ground in the middle of the Scheme and erect thereon a statue of St. Bernadette. It was intended to have the space suitably laid out with grass, flowers and a gravel walk; the work was being done voluntarily; & any unavoidable expense would be borne by the tenants. It was presumed the Corporation would not have any objection to the project. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had already verbally informed some of the tenants that such a project would receive every support from the Corporation and the present meeting congratulated the tenants on the initiation of such a worthy project.

REPAIRS

A report was read from the Acting Borough Surveyor to the effect that he had examined defective chimney shafts of the bungalows of Davitt Road North and found a number of them badly cracked. He also reported that he had examined the houses at Croke Avenue and found in all the houses cracks in the external walls. In some cases the annex roofs and walls have separated from the main building and are letting in water, those cracks could be sealed off with mastio and made waterproof. There was also a number of minor repairs necessary to these houses & he recommended that the roofs and walls be made watertight.

It was unanimously decided to request the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate for the carrying out of these works as soon as he returned from annual leave.

HOUSING REPORTS

The progress report on 54 houses at The Faythe showed this scheme was practically completed.

When the progress report on the Bishopswater Housing Scheme was read Councillor Howlin asked if it was a fact that the masons would soon be finished there and was informed that the masons' work would be completed within the next week or ten days and that plasterers would shortly be engaged.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

At the request of Alderman Corish it was decided to request the Electricity Supply Board to examine all their standards in the town as members considered that a number of them were defective.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the Clifford Street wall and the Members were informed that this matter was under consideration between the Consulting Engineer, the Department Inspector and Corporation Officials and that a decision would shortly be arrived at.

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The County Manager was asked to review the rents paid by Mr. John Grant, Mr. John Doyle and the Misses Browne at Corish Park and to also consider the revision of the rents generally at Corish Park under the Graded Rent Scheme.

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager to give favourable consideration to the application of John Pitt to be rehoused in view of the fact that he had made a good effort to pay off the arrears of rent due by him when he was evicted from his former dwelling.

The Mayor referred to the general conditions of the streets due to grass and weeds and it was decided to put men on the work of weeding immediately.

Councillor Morris referred to the proposed fixture of the Wexford/New York Hurling Match in Croke Park and thought it should be held in Wexford. After some discussion, however, it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to request the G.A.A. to reconsider the decision to hold this match in Croke Park and to have it fixed for Wexford as generally speaking Wexford people were the principal ones interested in this game. If this were not possible it was decided to ask the G.A.A. to have a further match between Wexford and New York in Wexford on Sunday September 21st on which date the Unveiling of the Statue of Commodore John Barry would be commemorated. The Town Clerk was requested to have the lights on the Barry Statue seen to.

Complaint was made regarding dumping on a derelict site at South Main Street and the Town Clerk was requested to serve notice on the person dumping to have the site cleaned up.

The Acting Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the condition of the house at Abbey Street formerly occupied by Byrne and owned by the Corporation.

No action was taken on a request by the Mayor that gas cookers should be installed in the Marian Row houses as the Corporation were not in a position to finance same.

On the request of Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk promised to replace the gloves used by the Domestic Scavenging Staff.

It was stated that the Caretakers of the Public Conveniences had enquired if they were entitled to extra pay by looking after the Public Conveniences on the Quays and no action was taken on the matter.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had conversations with Officers of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the provision of telephone kiosk at the end of St. John's Road. The Members would recall that some couple of years ago they had requested the provision of such a kiosk at the junction of Wygram Place and John Street but the Department of Post and Telegraphs at the time could not agree owing to financial stringencies. The Officers of the Department were now satisfied that such a kiosk would be better situated and would serve a greater area if installed at the end of St. John's Road and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to approve the erection of a telephone kiosk as suggested by the Department Officers.

The meeting then terminated.

Henry L. Morris

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore;

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, Frank Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of the 10th September, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments were read from Messrs James Murphy, Robert Brennan and Dr. Walsh thanking the Members of the Corporation for their messages of sympathy in recent bereavements.

A letter was read from the General Secretary of the G.A.A. in connection with the request of the Corporation to have the New York -v- Wexford game played in Wexford Park, intimating that it had been the intention of the Central Council to play this game in Wexford Park but that this decision had to be altered because of representations by New York G.A.A. and for other reasons. This letter was noted.

REPAIRS TO SIXTEEN HOUSES AT TRINITY STREET

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that no objection would be raised to the acceptance of the tender of Mr John Grace in the sum of £2,359.10.6d for the carrying out of the repairs to the sixteen houses at Trinity Street and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £2,380 from the Treasurer for a period of twenty years at the usual rate of interest to finance this work.

It was also unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the existing rents of the sixteen houses be reviewed in the light of this expenditure.

It was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to request the sanction of the Minister for overdraft accommodation in this case pending the raising of the loan.

VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The resignation of the Rev. Brother R.S. McDunphy from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was received and on the proposition of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, it was unanimously decided to appoint Rev. Brother Kellegher to the Committee.

DECORATION OF THE TOWN

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On the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to authorise an expenditure not exceeding

£120 (one hundred and twenty pounds) on the decoration of the Town during the financial year ending on 31st March, 1959.

STATUE AT ST. BERNADETTE PLACE

After a short discussion it was agreed to adjourn consideration of a motion in the name of Alderman Corish that a grant of money be made available towards the procuring and erection of a statue of St. Bernadette at St. Bernadette Place in conjunction with the tenants of this Housing Scheme.

NUMBERING CARRIGEEN STREET

On the motion of His Worship The Mayor it was agreed to have Carrigeen Street renumbered and also to have suitable trees planted in St. John's Road where same had been removed for road widening purposes.

TRANSFER OF STORES

The next business on the agenda was consideration of the Borough Surveyor's estimate for proposed new stores depot at Municipal Buildings, copies of which had been circulated to the Members, showing an estimated cost of £1,855.10s. It was pointed out to the meeting that the Corporation already had a lease on the present Stores Depot at Custom House Quay and after some discussion it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending clarification of our legal position in respect of this lease.

INCREASE OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be requested to increase old age pensions to £2 per week. The Alderman spoke at length on the inability of pensioners to live on the present pension of 25/-d. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin and agreed to unanimously.

U.N.O. VOTING

Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation express its condemnation of the recent voting by the Minister for External Affairs at U.N.O. regarding the hearing of a case for the admission of Communist China. Councillor Howlin seconded this proposal and after all the Members had spoken to the motion it was put to the meeting and on a show of hands carried by five votes to two, with two Members not voting.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Housing Progress Report submitted by the Housing Engineer in respect of the Bishopswater Scheme of 10 houses was read to the Members.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following items were mentioned by Members and referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

- (a) Grass St. Peter's Square and Patrick's Square.
- (b) A dirty corner in Bride Street opposite Clifford Street.
- (c) Danger signals at Summerhill Cross Road.
- (d) Repairs to house at Hill Street occupied by Mrs. Martin.
- (e) Dangerous building at Abbey Street (formerly occupied by Byrne).

6th October, 1958.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 on the Revenue Account and £50,000 on the Capital Account was authorised up to 31st December, 1958, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. Morris

13th October, 1958.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Municipal Buildings at 9 o'clock p.m. to place on record the sincere sympathy of the Corporation at the passing of Pope Pius XII. The Members present were:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair;
Aldermen: Thomas Byrne and Nicholas Corish.
Councillors: Edward Hall, John Howlin, James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

At the outset the Mayor stated he had convened the meeting to enable the Corporation to place on record their deep sorrow on the death of the Holy Father Pope Pius XII and as their elected representatives, to express the sorrow of the Citizens of the Borough on this sad occasion. After paying tribute to the many virtues of the late Pontiff the Mayor formally moved -

"That we the Members of Wexford Borough Council, on our own behalf, and on behalf of the Citizens we represent, tender to the Sacred College of Cardinals our deep sorrow on the death of The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, and that this meeting adjourn as a mark of respect."

The resolution was seconded by Alderman Corish, who also paid tribute to the many outstanding characteristics of the Holy Father. The resolution was also spoken to and supported by Alderman Byrne, Councillors James Morris, John O'Flaherty, Edward Hall and John Howlin; and the Mayor intimated on behalf of Alderman John Cullimore, Councillors Michael Flusk, Frank Cullimore and James Gaul, who were unable to be present, that he had been asked to associate these members with the expression of sympathy of the Corporation.

The Town Clerk on his own behalf, on behalf of the County Manager who was unavoidably absent, and on behalf of the Officers and Employees of the Corporation, also paid tribute to the late Pontiff and associated himself with the expression of sympathy.

The meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris

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