

20th October, 1958.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

Councillors:- Michael Flusk, Ed. Hall, John Howlin and James Morris and John O'Flaherty.

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

TENDERS FOR 17 HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET AND 22 AT FISHER'S ROW

The Town Clerk made the following report on the above tenders:-

"Five tenders have been received for the erection of these dwellings. They are from:-

1. Direct Labour Housing Engineer - Lodged 13th instant.
2. M/s. Thompson & Sons, Carlow-Lodged 18th inst. at 11-45 a.m.
3. R.A. Dagg, Blackrock, Dublin-Lodged 18th inst. at 12-10 p.m.
4. M/s. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford - Delivered by Registered Post to Town Clerk's residence at 1-20 p.m., 18th instant. (This is a normal procedure with Registered Post).
5. M/s John Hearne & Sons, Ltd., Waterford - Delivered with second post at approximately 1.30 p.m., 18th instant.

As regards No. 3, it was explained to me that the ten minutes delay was due to a car breakdown. Nos. 4 and 5 were posted in Waterford on the 17th but the normal time for delivery of mail from Waterford is second post on the day following posting.

While strictly speaking Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were delivered after the latest advertised time for receipt of tenders, namely 12-00 noon on the 18th instant, it is considered that in the circumstances the three could be taken into consideration.

Before these tenders are opened it is considered advisable to read the following letter from the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland.

"Erection of 39 Houses at William Street,
Wexford, for Wexford Corporation.

Consideration of the terms of the Conditions of Contract upon which it is proposed to execute the above project are at the moment under consideration by the Federation's Contract Committee. Unfortunately, however, it would not be possible for the Committee to conclude its deliberations before the last day fixed for the receipt of tenders. In consequence it has been decided to advise you that the Organization proposes to reserve the right to make representations to your Council for the amendment of the document if such should be considered necessary as and when one of our Members tendering for the work may have been the successful tenderer."

As regards their suggestion that they might make representations for amendment of the Conditions of Contract as and when one of their members may be the successful tenderer, this, to say the least of it, is highly irregular at this stage. If the Federation wished to make representations regarding the Conditions of Contract they should have done so long ago. These Conditions were first available in May, last when tenders were invited for the erection of 17 of these houses but not a single member of the Federation even applied for the documents. You are all aware of the circumstances which led up to the re-issue of the advertise-

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ment inviting tenders for the 17 houses and the inclusion of a further 22. The issue of this second advertisement was deliberately delayed until the end of August so that it would not appear during the holiday period of the building trade. The advertisement appeared in the Dublin, Cork and Local Press on August 30th and in the current issue of the Irish Builder and Engineer. On the 12th September an application was received for the documents from one member of the Federation. On 23rd September a request was received from the Federation on behalf of four of their members who were interested in submitting tenders for an extension of the time in which to submit same and the Federation was informed the same day that the latest date for receipt of tenders would be extended to 18th instant. This extension was notified in the public press as well as to intending Contractors who applied for the documents. Three further applications were received for the documents on 24th and 25th September and 7th instant.

If the Federation were seriously interested in the Conditions of Contract they had from May last to examine them and to make representations to the Corporation to amend them but to suggest that the Corporation should consider representations with a view to amending the Conditions of Contract after one of their members had been declared the successful tenderer is not only considered irregular but a highly dangerous precedent to establish, and one which could further delay the erection of these dwellings.

In reply to the Federation's letter the following communication was addressed to them on Saturday -

"RE/Erection of 39 houses at Wexford.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and note your Contracts Committee are considering the terms of the Conditions of Contract herein. It appears rather late in the day to consider making representations on these conditions considering they were first available in May last when 17 houses were advertised for tender and in August last when 39 were advertised.

I propose submitting your letter to the Corporation on Monday next, 20th instant and advise them not to consider any representations to amend the Conditions of Contract at this stage."

You are accordingly recommended not to consider any representations to amend the Conditions of Contract at this or any further stage but to proceed to deal with the tenders before you as if no letter had been received from the Federation."

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided that the late tenders should be taken into consideration.

As regards the representations from the Federation of Builders, etc. it was unanimously decided that any representations to amend the Conditions of Contract at this stage would not be considered and the reply given by the Town Clerk to the Federation in this connection was unanimously approved.

The five tenders were thereupon opened when it was seen that the following prices were quoted for the twenty-two houses at Fisher's Row:-

Direct Labour Unit	£34,132.13. 6d
M/s Thos. Thompson & Sons, Ltd., Carlow	£38,186. 0. 0d
M/s Dagg & D'Toole, Dublin.	£39,432. 9. 0d
M/s H. & A. Hamilton, Ltd., Waterford	£37,297. 6. 6d
M/s John Hearno & Son, Ltd., Waterford	£39,553.12. 0d

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For the seventeen houses at William Street the prices quoted were:-

Direct Labour Unit	£26,711. 0. 9d
M/s Thos. Thompson & Sons Ltd., Carlow	£30,580. 0. 0d
M/s Dagg & O'Toole, Dublin	£30,780. 0. 0d
M/s H. & A. Hamilton, Ltd., Waterford	£30,046. 2. 9d
M/s John Hearne & Sons, Ltd., do.	£32,080. 4. 0d

It was seen that the prices quoted by the Direct Labour Unit were much lower than those submitted by any of the Contractors and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That subject to examination by the Borough Surveyor of all the prices submitted we recommend the County Manager to accept the prices submitted by the Direct Labour Unit and that the early sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the carrying out of the work by Direct Labour."

The Town Clerk was requested when transmitting the documents to the Minister for sanction to point out the plight of the building trade in Wexford as well as the fact that the first part of this scheme, namely the seventeen houses at William Street had first been submitted for approval just twelve months ago.

The meeting then terminated.

A meeting of the Corporation in Committee was held at the close of the above meeting to receive a deputation from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to discuss a proposed promenade and swimming pool at Ferrybank, Wexford. Before the deputation was received a discussion took place as to whether or not it should be heard in Committee or in public and after lengthy argument it was decided the deputation should be heard in Committee.

The Deputation from the Chamber of Commerce was then admitted to the Council Chamber and consisted of Messrs Raymond Corish, Sean Scallan and Albert Lennon, B.E. Mr. Corish explained at length the proposals of the Chamber of Commerce which were to turn the Town into a seaside resort by the erection of a promenade on the existing breakwater at Ferrybank and erect a swimming pool as well.

Mr. Lennon explained the technical details of the scheme which had already been discussed with the Borough Surveyor, and Mr. Scallan explained that subject to a local contribution Bord Failte were expected to contribute some £4,000 to £5,000 towards the project.

The Borough Surveyor's estimate was also before the meeting which showed that the first section of the work would cost approximately £5,617 with a labour content of £1,250. The idea was that the Corporation should allocate £1,250 from their Relief Grant Programme towards the cost of the first section and that Bord Failte would contribute the balance.

The second section of the work would cost approximately £3,410 of which the labour content amounted to £1,720. For this part of the work the Corporation would be expected to contribute the entire cost of £3,410 from the Relief Grants at their disposal.

The maintenance of the promenade would of course also be a matter for the Corporation.

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The Deputation then withdrew after thanking the Corporation for receiving them.

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The Members of the Council proceeded to examine this scheme in detail and unanimously decided that it would be a terrific amenity for the town as when the new bridge at present under construction was completed the people would have a seaside resort at their doorstep. It was eventually agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the Corporation approve the scheme as outlined and undertake to give the project their full and unqualified support.

After some further discussion it was agreed that as soon as anything definite was received from Bord Failte in connection with the project that the Mayor should convene a further meeting, with the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, it being left to his discretion whether it should be public or in committee.

It was also decided to request the Department of Local Government to give an early decision on the proposal to resurface St. Peter's Square and Talbot Street and if this was not sanctioned the first part of the Ferrybank Scheme should be put up for sanction immediately.

This meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. Morris

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

The first business was to examine the applications for the tenancy of the ten houses at Bishopswater. It was explained to the meeting that the applications had only closed on the previous Saturday and had not been submitted to the County Medical Officer for examination and report so the meeting confined itself to hearing the Town Clerk read the names of the applicants and it was then decided to adjourn consideration until the reports of the Medical Officer were received.

The next business for this Committee was to make a preliminary examination of the implications of Circular Letter No. H.15/58, of 11th instant from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the sale of Urban Houses and Review of Existing Rents. A copy of this circular, together with a further copy of Circular H.6/53 of 11th July, 1953, had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting.

The meeting considered that these circulars required very careful consideration and would involve minute examination of the finances of each housing scheme owned by the Corporation and it was unanimously decided to refer the circulars to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

The County Manager read the following report on the general financial position of the Corporation which was also referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and a copy to be furnished to each Member.

Kevin B. Morris

WEXFORD CORPORATION

FINANCIAL POSITION

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

The Local Government Auditor has in reports for the past few years been drawing attention to the continued deterioration of the finances of the Corporation. In the report of the Accounts for the two years ended 31st March, 1957, he reported (on Page 2 of his report) that "the debit balance on revenue account at 31st March, 1957, £20,744 represents an amount equal to the produce of a rate of 14/7d in the £1 on the valuation of the Borough. The annual interest (at current rates) payable on an overdraft of this amount is £1,193 which represents an additional burden equal to a rate of 10d in the £1. By reason of (a) recurring under estimation of expenditure, (b) provision not being made annually for deficits arising in each year and (c) delayed raising of loans for capital works, the rates levied for a number of years did not represent the full cost of the services being currently provided".

He pointed out that "except for the provision of £500 in each estimate since 1956/57 the Council has taken no practical steps to finance the accumulated deficit in the account resulting from recurring excess expenditure".

Copies of the Auditor's report were, I understand, circulated to the members of the Corporation. When read with previous reports they indicate a financial trend which makes a depressing picture of increasing deficits year after year. The Corporation have been made aware at their Estimates Meetings in the past few years of the necessity of striking a rate sufficient to maintain adequately the current services and at the same time reduce the deficits carried forward from previous years. What has, in effect, happened is that in an effort to meet the pressures against a rising rate, the Corporation has so reduced the Estimate for the subsequent year that the amount purported to be levied to reduce the debit balance has proved to be insufficient to meet over-expenditure on services throughout the year. The debit balance has, therefore, been greater instead of less at the end of the year.

I now find on examining the completed Abstract of Accounts that at the 31st March, 1958, the debit balance has increased from £20,463 at 31/3/57 to £24,759 at 31/3/58, a further increase of £4,296. Against this formidable figure the Corporation can count only on net estimated outstanding cash assets of £14,775, which includes a figure of £6,000 for Housing Subsidies. In fact the receipts on Housing Account during 1957/58 were £2,500 less than estimated for, the major portion of shortage being in respect of State Grants and other receipts.

The following are the debit balances on Revenue Account for the years since 1952, viz:-

31st March 1952	-	£14,668
" " 1953	-	£19,595
" " 1954	-	£14,891
" " 1955	-	£20,463
" " 1956	-	£13,685 X
" " 1957	-	£20,744
" " 1958	-	£24,759

(X Reduced by reason of realisation of sum of £6,174 from Capital Account)

The Corporation's financial position therefore requires serious

and urgent consideration, and this should be done well in advance of the Estimates for 1959/60 which will be coming up for consideration in a very few months time.

ACCOUNTS 1957/58

In an endeavour to ascertain the cause of the increase in debit balance at 31st March, 1958, a detailed comparison of expenditure has been made. The increased deficit was attributable to Housing Services and General Purposes Services Accounts.

In Housing the provision for loan charges proved to be £1,650 short, while actual receipts by way of rents and subsidies were less than the estimate by £2,210. These two items alone would account for £3,860 of the increased deficit of £4,015 during the years operations.

When considering the estimates for 1957/8, the Corporation reduced the net sum asked for by £2,260.

It is significant that the cost of servicing loans for housing indebtedness increased from £29,494 in 1955/6,
to £35,327 in 1956/7, and
to £39,651 in 1957/8.

The loss on housing account in
1955/6 was £2,993 or £2.16.0d per house.
1956/7 was £3,925 or £3. 7.0d per house.
1957/8 was £5,989 or £5.11.0d per house.

Housing Subsidy paid in the same years was £7,171, £11,747 and £11,828.

The total of outstanding loans increased from £511,723 at 31/3/54 to £518,426 at 31/3/55 to £647,217 at 31/3/56 to £689,231 at 31/3/57 and to £804,840 at 31/3/58. This last figure consisted of -

£717,616	for Housing
79,833	for Sanitary Services
6,417	for Small Dwellings Acquisition
974	for Vocational Education.
<u>£804,840</u>	

The balance against the Housing Account was -

£ 3,123	@	31st March, 1955.
£ 6,126	@	do. 1956.
£ 8,432	@	do. 1957.
£12,905	@	do. 1958.

T.F. BROE,

County Manager.

October, 1958.

3rd November, 1958.

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 K.C. 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, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meetings of the 6th, 13th and 20th 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

Acknowledgments were read from His Excellency the Papal Nuncio and His Lordship The Bishop of Ferns on the resolution of sympathy passed with the Sacred College of Cardinals on the death of Pope Pius XII.

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging the resolution adopted regarding Old Age Pensions.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JAMES GAUL

The Town Clerk read a letter from Councillor Gaul tendering his resignation as a member of the Council which he was compelled to do owing to ill-health. Councillor Gaul had been a member of the Corporation since 1925 and had continuously served for the past 33 years. He thanked the Members, County Manager and Officials for their help and co-operation during his long period of office.

Councillor Howlin regretted that Councillor Gaul was compelled through ill-health to resign his seat and proposed that on place on record our appreciation of the public services rendered by Councillor Gaul during the past 33 years. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

CONGRATULATIONS TO POPE JOHN XXIII

His Worship The Mayor moved the following resolution:-

"That we the Members of Wexford Borough Council on our own behalf and on behalf of the Citizens take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt joy at the knowledge that the Papal Throne has been worthily filled in the person of His Holiness Pope John XXIII and we pray that His Holiness may accept the homage of our loyalty and attachment to his throne and person."

This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by all the Members and Officials.

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PURCHASE OF CORPORATION HOUSE

Arising out of above Alderman Byrne asked what was the position regarding the sale of existing Corporation houses to tenants and the Town Clerk replied that some 19 houses had been sold to various Corporation tenants throughout the town, if any tenant of a Corporation house desired to purchase his dwelling and approached him he would prepare a scheme giving them some idea of what it would cost to purchase for cash or spread over a period of five, ten or fifteen years. If a scheme had not already been sanctioned for any particular block of houses he, (Town Clerk) would immediately put one before the Corporation and seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the purchase.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT HILL STREET

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the question of repairs to Martin's house at Hill Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to inspect as soon as possible what had been done there.

DAVITT ROAD HOUSES

The Surveyor also promised to immediately deal with the question of the Davitt Road houses.

TRAFFIC

A question was raised regarding the traffic in the Main Street and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated the Corporation themselves had no power to impose a speed limit but that the Minister for Local Government could impose one after a sworn inquiry and after some discussion it was decided to put the matter down for discussion at the next meeting in the form of a resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation authorising the imposition of a speed limit in built up areas.

RELIEF GRANTS

Alderman Byrne inquired if any sanction had yet been received for the Relief Grants and the Town Clerk replied no but that he had already written to the Department in connection with the proposal to resurface St. Peter's Square and Talbot Street asking that an immediate decision be given on whether or not this work was to be permitted as if it were not permitted he would like to be informed as soon as possible so that an alternative proposal might be submitted.

Alderman Byrne asked that the Minister be requested to sanction the Relief Grant proposals immediately.

CORISH PARK HOUSES

His Worship The Mayor complained on the condition of some of the electric switches in some of the Corish Park houses and asked to have a report made on them.

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BONUS FOR OFFICERS

The following recommendation was submitted from the Wexford County Manager - "That a bonus be paid to the Corporation Officers as from 1st April, 1958, as follows:-

10/-d per week for males and to females where the office is open to both sexes and 7/6d per week to other females"

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the County Manager's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF FOREMAN

The conditions of appointment of a new foreman in place of the late James Rossiter were submitted to the meeting. A copy of these conditions had been circulated to the Members with the agenda and on examination the Members felt that the wages offered, namely £10.8.0d per week were insufficient particularly having regard to the fact that no overtime would be paid except in exceptional circumstances. They felt that the differential between a tradesman's rate and the proposed rate for a foreman was too small and could easily be eliminated by a couple of hours overtime on the part of any of the tradesmen under his control. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the County Manager be recommended to fix a rate of £11 per week. The remaining conditions were unanimously approved.

HOUSING REPORT

The monthly report of the Housing Engineer on the erection of 10 Houses at Bishopswater was read for the meeting.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET AND FISHER'S ROW

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no written sanction yet to the acceptance of the tender of the Direct Labour Unit for the erection of 17 houses at William Street and 22 at Fisher's Row. That morning, however, having anticipated such a question, he had telephoned the Department of Local Government inquiring what the position was and at 4.30 this afternoon had received a telephone message to the effect that the Minister had sanctioned the erection of the houses by Direct Labour. There were a couple of points in the letter of approval which would need clarification but they did not upset the sanction.

Members expressed extreme pleasure at this news and unanimously urged the County Manager to have the Housing Engineer proceed with the erection of these houses with the least possible delay having regard to the serious state of unemployment in the building trade at the moment.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Attention was directed to a recent circular from the Minister for Local Government intimating that money could now be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund for advances to enable persons to purchase existing houses and to repair them. The Town Clerk asked the Corporation if they were prepared to operate the act so as to enable advances to be made for this purpose and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Act be operated to permit advances to be made for the purchase and repair of existing dwellings.

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Kevin B. Morris

17th November, 1958.

A Meeting of the Housing (Repairs) Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The Members present were:-

His Worship The Mayor Alderman K.C. Morris in the Chair;

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore.

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

RELIEF GRANTS

At the outset the meeting was informed that the sanction would not be forthcoming for the Corporation's proposal to resurface St. Peter's Square and Talbot Street as these schemes were considered unsuitable (due to the low unskilled labour content) for execution with the aid of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote and requesting that alternative proposals should be submitted for examination of public utility and having a sufficient labour content to comply with the regulations covering grants under the Vote. Alderman Byrne registered a protest against the delay in sanctioning the proposals of the Corporation in this respect. Councillor O'Flaherty objected to the meeting being held in Committee whereupon the Mayor explained that as a reply had only been received on the previous Friday and as it had already been decided to have a repairs Committee Meeting on this day it was thought advisable, after consulting with the Town Clerk, in order to avoid the delay of another week to have the matter of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote brought to the notice of the Members at this present meeting.

Councillor Hall then protested against the Department refusing to sanction these two schemes which had been submitted on a number of occasions. The Acting Town Clerk was directed to telephone the Department in the morning requesting speedy sanction for the Corish Park Scheme and at the same time to request the Department to reconsider its decision in the case of St. Peter's Square and Talbot Street Schemes.

In the event of these Schemes not being sanctioned it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor James Morris, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, to submit a Scheme for the raising of the breakwater, as already agreed on in consultation with the Chamber of Commerce, at a total cost of £1,250 from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote and the balance of £4,357 from An Bord Failte.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to prepare for the utilisation of the above £1,250 on footpaths in the Town in the event of above scheme being inoperable.

James C. Morris

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 K.C. Morris, in the Chair,

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore,

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the Secretary to the Papal Nuncio acknowledging with thanks the receipt of the resolution of felicitation on the occasion of the election of His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

A letter was also read from His Lordship The Bishop of Ferns acknowledging the receipt of a copy of this resolution and stating he was in entire agreement with the sentiment expressed "that the Papal Throne had been worthily filled" and that the election brought great joy to him also.

WILLIAM STREET & FISHER'S ROW HOUSES

With reference to the minutes of the 3rd ultimo when the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received verbal sanction from the Department of Local Government to the erection of seventeen houses at William Street and twenty-two at Fisher's Row by Direct Labour, a letter under date of 31st October from the Department of Local Government was now read. In this letter the Minister pointed out that the possibility of securing further economies should be investigated and intimated that special consideration should be given to the possibility of effecting savings by the use of readymade joinery. The Town Clerk intimated that a copy of this letter had been sent to the Housing Engineer with a request for his observations on the points raised by the Minister.

The Members thought that more unskilled labour should be employed on this work so that a genuine start could be made and that the derelict at Fisher's Row should be demolished as soon as possible as at the present time they were a danger to children.

PROMENADE AT FERRYBANK

Correspondence was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Bord Failte relating to proposed promenade at Ferrybank. Bord Failte had now agreed to make a grant of £4,500 towards the cost of providing a promenade at Ferrybank.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a telephone message from the Department of Local Government this afternoon enquiring which proposal for footpaths at a total cost of £1,200 or the proposed promenade that the Corporation wished to put forward to the Employment and Employment and Emergency Schemes Office. As the Corporation were meeting that night he informed the Department that he would not care to give a

decision on the matter himself but would 'phone them first thing on the morning of the 2nd instant.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, that £1,250 from the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote Grant for 1958/59 be allocated towards the cost of providing the promenade which was the labour content estimated in the job by the Borough Surveyor.

The Members also congratulated Messrs Corish, Scallan and Lennon of the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in securing the Bord Failte Grant towards this work.

MAYOR'S SALARY 1958/59

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Mayor for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1958, be fixed at £175.0.0d and for the half year ending 30th June, 1959 at £75.0.0d.

SPEED LIMIT

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that the Corporation call on the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation authorising the imposition of a speed limit in built-up areas for motor cars and motor cycles. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously agreed to.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCIES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that steps be taken to close the two Public Conveniences on the Quay. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and on a vote being taken four voted for the motion and three against.

It was accordingly decided to request the Harbour Commissioners, who erected these conveniences to have them closed.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

The next business was the motion in the name of Alderman Byrne that the Corporation request the Government to retain the system of Proportional Representation for election purposes.

When this item on the agenda was called the Mayor intimated that he proposed to rule it out of order under Standing Order No. 8 on the ground that it was not relevant to any question affecting the administration of the Borough.

FUEL VOUCHERS

Alderman Byrne moved that the regulations governing the issue of Cheap Fuel Vouchers be amended so as to permit:-

(a) single men or widowers without dependants in receipt of Unemployment Assistance who are householders; and

(b) persons in receipt of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances to become recipients.

Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was supported by the other members present and unanimously adopted.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY

On the motion of Aldermay Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the following declaration of vacancy of Membership of the Council was unanimously adopted and sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

"THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1898; AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS, 1926 TO 1955.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

WHEREAS on the 28th day of June, 1955, James Gaul was elected a member of the Wexford Borough Council,

AND WHEREAS the said James Gaul has resigned his membership of the said Wexford Borough Council.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Wexford Borough Council, 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 Gaul 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 Corporate Seal this 1st day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight.

Kevin C. Morris, Mayor.
Thomas F. Byrne
Nicholas P. Corish.

Countersigned John J. Byrne, Town Clerk."

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Morris, Councillor Edward Hall was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of James Gaul.

VACANCY ON HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, Councillor John Howlin was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Wexford Harbour Commissioners caused by the resignation of James Gaul.

The Mayor had proposed Councillor Hall but Councillor Hall withdrew in favour of Councillor Howlin.

LOANS

On the motion of Aldermay Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, approval was given to the raising of the following loans:-

For the erection of 17 Houses at William Street	£27,280.
For the erection of 22 Houses at Fisher's Row	£34,880.
For the completion of Cornish Park Housing Schemes	£28,000.
For the purchase of land at Newtown and its survey for housing purposes	£3,200.

For the following dormant balances on Capital Account -

Fire Brigade	£505.
Derelict Sites.....	£450.
Public Park.....	£270.
Air Raid Precautions	£1,020.
Roads	3,020.
Cemetery	£125.
Wiring Houses for Electricity	£450.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The monthly report of the Housing Engineer on the 10 houses at Bishopswater was submitted and was considered satisfactory.

His report was also submitted regarding the William Street Housing Scheme and the Members again expressed the wish that more labour be employed.

The Housing Engineer or Borough Surveyor were to be asked for an immediate report on faults that had developed in the electric switches in one of the Corish Park Housing Schemes.

RELIEF GRANTS

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that 26 men were at present employed on the Relief Grants with a Ganger and Carpenter making the total 28.

HOUSE AT HILL STREET

With reference to minutes of previous meetings Councillor O'Flaherty asked if the Borough Surveyor had inspected Martin's house at Hill Street and the Town Clerk informed him that the Borough Surveyor was absent through illness to-day and he would bring the matter to his attention when he returned to duty.

OLD GAS STANDARDS

Alderman Corish referred to the old gas standards at Wolfe Tone Villas which were dangerous and a nuisance there at the present time and suggested that these should be taken down and if possible used as lamp standards at the Commodore Barry Statue where the lights were continually failing due to the slender nature of the standards and it was unanimously decided that these should be removed as well as the old gas bracket outside Rössiter's at Dempsey's Terrace.

USE OF TOWN HALL

Alderman Corish referred to a recent report in the Local Press that an application from the Gaelic League for the use of the Town Hall for dancing had not been answered and the Mayor explained that the Gaelic League did not apply in time when the Hall was being let and he thought if they came to the Municipal Buildings and saw the Official in charge they would be given the opportunity of booking any available dates.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

Alderman Byrne raised the question of the obstructions at Clifford Street at the wall there and was informed that the Manager and Town Clerk were awaiting approval of the Minister for Local Government for the final

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account for John Street Sewer which included this particular wall. The Manager informed the meeting, however, that he would take the matter up immediately with the Consulting Engineer and the Department.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD POLE

The Mayor referred to the recent replacement of an Electricity Supply Board Pole at Roserock and asked that the surface of the street should be repaired forthwith.

DUMPING AT GIBSON STREET

Councillor Hall referred to dumping in the two lanes off Gibson Street and asked that warning notices be erected there.

HOUSE ADJOINING MANN'S LANE

Alderman Byrne complained that water was seeping into the house at South Main Street adjoining Mann's Lane and asked that the Borough Surveyor be requested to examine and report on this matter.

DERELICT SITES

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the Derelict Site at John Street and asked that something be done immediately to have these made safe.

Reference was also made to the condition of the derelict house at Abbey Street formerly occupied by Byrne and owned by the Corporation, as well as a derelict house at Monk Street and Cornmarket and the dangerous condition of a house at Mary Street formerly occupied by Laceys.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER

Reference was also made to the condition of the Stonebridge River near the Ropewalk Yard.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. Morris

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Byrne and Corish.

Councillors:- Edward Hall and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meeting of 1st December, 1958, 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.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

The following resolutions of sympathy were unanimously adopted; the Members standing in respectful silence.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, with Fireman James Goodison on the death of his child.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, with the Rev. Thomas Roche, D.D., former Member of the Corporation and at present a member of the Vocational Education Committee on the death of his sister.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, with ex-Councillor James Gaul on the death of his sister.

All the Members present associated themselves with the votes as did the County Manager and Town Clerk.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE QUAY

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to request the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to close the two public conveniences on the Quays a letter was read from the Commissioners pointing out that these were previously closed by them and at the request of the Corporation re-opened. The Commissioners now considered that if the Corporation required the conveniences again closed they should undertake the work themselves as the economics of the Board would not permit the work to be undertaken by them.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hall, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should do this work, but Councillor O'Flaherty asked that the convenience at the North end of the Quays, which was at present being used by the workmen on the Wexford Bridge should be left open until that work was completed when it would of necessity have to be removed altogether. Councillor O'Flaherty's suggestion was accepted and it was agreed that only the convenience adjoining the Crescent Quay should be closed for the present.

FUEL SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a resolution was adopted requesting an extension of the Free Fuel Scheme to persons in receipt of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance and certain classes of Unemployment Assistance Recipients, the Minister for Social Welfare pointed

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out that the amount available for the purposes of the Scheme was strictly limited and regretted it was not possible to extend its scope.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty it was agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to reconsider his decision.

SPEED LIMITS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a resolution was adopted requesting the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation which would authorise the imposition of a speed limit on motor vehicles and motor cycles in built-up areas, the Minister for Local Government intimated that a revision of the law relating to road traffic, including that relating to speed limits, was at present under consideration. This was considered satisfactory.

WEXFORD BRIDGE LOAN

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 £5,000 proposed to be advanced to enable the Corporation to make a contribution of that amount towards the Capital Costs of Wexford Bridge.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to a 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 £5,000 (five thousand pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government Act, 1946."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and the seal was also affixed to an undertaking that the instalments and repayment of the loan now proposed as well as any existing loans will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, namely 1st May and 1st November in each year.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that sale prices as follows be agreed to for Corporation dwellings subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government:-

1.	Six Houses at Davitt Road North	£280 each
2.	Eight houses at Carrigeen	- £150 each
3.	Twenty-two Houses at Distillery Rd	- £150 each
4.	Fourteen at St. Magdalen's Terrace	- £200 each
5.	Thirty-nine at Devereux Villas	- £325 each
6.	Fourteen houses at Columba's Villas	- £250 each
7.	Sixty-two houses at Whitereck View	
	Four room houses	- £250 each
	Three do.	- £200 each

A recommendation that six houses at Davitt Road (no frango) be sold at £175 each was referred to the Finance Committee for further examination.

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Recommendations from the Finance Committee regarding a premium for the sale of houses to tenants with less than five years tenancy was deferred

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for further consideration as was also a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding rents to be charged for houses on change of tenancy.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

Reports of the Housing Engineer on progress of the 10 House Scheme at Bishopswater and 17 House Scheme at William Street were read.

Arising out of these reports a question was raised regarding the joinery for the 17-houses at William Street and the 22-houses at Fisher's Row when it was pointed out to the meeting that the intentions in this connection had been circulated to the Members before Christmas. Broadly these were that tenders would be invited for the supply of -

- (a) Timber for the manufacture of joinery on the site;
- (b) For joinery manufactured to the Corporation Engineer's specification; and
- (b) For standard joinery.

When these tenders were received the Housing Engineer would be in a position to report as to whether or not any substantial savings on the Scheme could be effected by the use of manufactured joinery.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £50,000 was authorised up to 31st March next.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Alderman Corish raised the question of the provision of a lavatory door for the house at Roche's Terrace occupied by William Lewis and this matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor. The Alderman also referred to the necessity for repairs to a room in a house occupied by Mrs. Reynolds at O'Connell Avenue and this was also referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of compensation for Mr. Patrick Murphy in respect of a workshop acquired by the Corporation under the Compulsory Purchase Order (The Faythe) and was informed that nothing could be done in this case until the award of the Arbitrator was issued.

Councillor O'Flaherty also intimated that sometime before Christmas the Corporation Workmen had commenced to repair a roof on one of the Nofango houses at Davitt Road North and had left the ladder there and asked that it be removed as it was potential danger.

Instructions were given that the new Housing Scheme at Bernadette Place should be regularly scavenged.

In reply to a query the County Manager intimated that he would be in a position to appoint a Foreman to the Corporation within the next two to three weeks.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kenneth B. Morris

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A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and Frank Cullimore

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Meeting had been convened to deal with business arising out of an examination of circular letters from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the sale of Urban Houses and Review of Existing Rents. Copies of these circulars were circulated to the Members and considered at a meeting on the 20th October last.

As a result of this examination the County Manager had -

1. Prepared proposals for the revision of the basic weekly rents of all pre-1945 houses as set out in a schedule attached to these minutes. The increases were not to apply to tenants who decided to purchase their houses in accordance with Schemes prepared and sanctioned.
2. Directed that Differential and /or Graded Rant Schemes be prepared for all Council houses, such Schemes to be applied to all future lettings.
3. On the instructions of the Finance Committee directed that Purchase Schemes be prepared for houses at Laudlin-town, Wolfe Tone Villas and Croke Avenue.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mrs. Francis Bates (formerly Miss Mary Browne of the Town Clerk's Office) on the death of her father. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The County Manager then made a statement outlining the general position of the Corporation Housing Schemes. During the course of his statement he intimated that the basic rents of the houses were not able to meet the outgoings having regard to the increased cost of repairs, insurances, collections etc., during recent years and it was to meet some of the loss which was incurred on the various Schemes that the proposed increase of rents was suggested. As an alternative the occupiers would be given the opportunity of purchasing their houses for very reasonable sums either for cash or on tenant-purchase spread over periods of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. While not exactly pertaining to the business of the present meeting he pointed out that the debit balance on the Council's general Revenue Account was largely contributed to by the annual deficit over some years past on the housing portion thereof.

Councillor Howlin strenuously opposed any increase in the rents of Corporation houses particularly at the present time when unemployment was rife in the Town and there seemed little prospect of any improvement. Alderman Byrne thought that it was unjust to ask one section of the community to contribute more to the Municipal Services than others. He, Alderman Byrne, believed that a number of tenants would purchase their houses but they were

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

PROPOSED REVISION OF RENTS OF PRE-1946 ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

No. of houses		Location	Present (1958-9) Basic weekly rents.	Proposed new Basic weekly rents.
		<u>Pre-1932 Houses</u>	s. d.	s. d.
21	at	Carrigeen & Roche's Rd.	3. 6.	7. 6.
3		do.	3. 8.	7. 6.
18		Hill Street North Side	3. 3.	7. 6.
13		Emmet Place	3. 3.	6. 6.
1		do.	3. 0.	6. 6.
1.		do.	3. 11.	6. 6.
2		Monument Place	4. 8.	10. 0.
9		William Street	3. 5.	7. 8.
8		Carrigeen (West Side)	3. 9.	7. 6.
2		do. do.	5. 2.	10. 0.
22		Distillery Road	3. 9.	7. 6.
4		Grattan Terrace	5. 0.	10. 0.
12		Hill Street South Side	4. 11.	8. 6.
4		Westgate	9. 0.	12. 0.
6		Menapia Avenue	6. 6.	10. 0.
13		O'Connell Avenue	6. 8.	10. 0.
11		Davitt Road South	6. 8.	10. 0.
14		Magdalen's Terrace	6. 8.	10. 0.

State-Subsidised Houses

6		Davitt Road North	5. 8.	10. 0.
6		do. (nofrango)	6. 8.	7. 6.
8		do. Firemen	5. 11.	8. 6.
28		Wolfe Tone Villas	2. 11.	5. 0.
26		do.	1. 9.	4. 0.
14		Croke Avenue	3. 3.	5. 0.
8		do.	1. 11.	4. 0.
14		St. Columba's Villas	4. 9.	10. 0.
100		Maudlintown	4. 0.	5. 0.
54		Maudlintown	2. 11.	4. 0.
12		Whiterock View	6. 0.	8. 6.
26		do.	4. 2.	7. 6.
24		do.	3. 0.	5. 0.
39		Devereux Villas	6. 3.	10. 0.
4		William Street	12. 6.	17. 6.

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not aware of the terms on which this could be done. Alderman Corish, Alderman Cullimore and Councillor Hall also expressed themselves as being opposed to any increase of rent. Councillor Flusk, however, thought that some people with large incomes and small rents could afford an increase. Councillor O'Flaherty was opposed to enforcing increases as very many of their tenants would not be able to meet them. He asked the Town Clerk to circularise details of Tenant-Purchase Schemes to all Corporation tenants and suggested that the matter be adjourned to a special meeting on the 7th February when they would have some idea of the number of tenants who were willing to purchase on the terms already agreed to. Councillor James Morris also opposed increases.

His Worship The Mayor protested against the details of the circular being made public before being discussed by the Corporation. He had visited most of the areas and agreed that rents generally should not be increased, in his opinion 25% of the people were able to pay the increase, 25% would be willing to purchase and 50% would be unable to afford any increase.

The Manager pointed out that provision had been made for the adoption of differential or graded rent schemes and cases of hardship could be met through the operation of these Schemes.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk said that they would be willing to collect the rates and ground rent with the rent-charge for the purchase of the houses weekly until the purchase period expired in order to avoid hardship on the tenants in having to pay the rates half-yearly.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the suggestion made by Councillor O'Flaherty, that the meeting be adjourned until the 7th proximo was adopted.

James B. Morris
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2nd February, 1959.

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 Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. 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 Alderman Corish, the minutes of the January Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the Members with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rossiter family on the death of John Rossiter a former employee of the Corporation for a number of years. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

Alderman Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Billington, The Faythe, a former Member of the Council, on the death of his wife, this motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and 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.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

The County Manager attended at this stage.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Wexford Branch of the Irish Red Cross Association congratulating the Corporation on their efforts to establish a swimming pool in Wexford.

A letter was also read from Bord Failte Eireann inviting the Corporation to enter for the "Tidy Towns" Competition sponsored by the Board and it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should enter this competition.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL

The next business was to fill the vacant seat on the Council caused by the resignation of James Gaul. This seat was declared vacant on 1st December, 1958.

Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that the seat be filled by Mr. John Bierney, Whitemill. Mr. Bierney had been a candidate for Membership of the Corporation at the last Local Election and had fought for the last seat, he therefore was not alone the choice of his party to which Councillor Gaul belonged but also the choice of the people. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Corish, Councillor O'Flaherty and His Worship The Mayor.

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There being no other proposition the Mayor declared Mr. Bierney selected to fill the vacant seat on the Corporation and expressed the hope that for the future vacant seats on the Council would go to the party to which they belonged.

DEMAND OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was submitted to the meeting the annual demand of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee amounting to £1,583 for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960. In reply to a query by His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Byrne, Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, intimated that the increase of £115 in the Demand was due to increased wages and salaries and for the provision of new equipment.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF STORES DEPOT

With reference to minutes of 6th October last when an estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the transfer of the Stores Depot from Custom House Quay to the Municipal Buildings was considered and the Manager requested to submit a report on the financial implications of the proposal, the Manager now reported that the Stores cost the Corporation a minimum of £187 per annum, made up of rent £100, rates £87. The cost of servicing the loan of £1,900 for the provision of new Stores at Municipal Buildings over a period of 20 years would amount to £185, reducing annually. The Manager further intimated that the Corporation's interest (34 years unexpired lease) should be valuable and for every £100 received therefor (and paid off the loan) would reduce the annual charges by approximately £10. Even if the Corporation had to surrender the existing lease without compensation they would be at no loss; rather they would have a potential gain in as much as the present Stores Depot would require a large maintenance outlay in the near future.

As well having the Stores adjacent to the Municipal Buildings should lead to -

1. More efficient administration;
2. Greater control of employees; and
3. Some economies in the future.

Finally the Corporation, for the same annual out-lay, would have created a valuable asset.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to authorise the necessary alterations at the Municipal Buildings in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's estimate and it was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a loan of £1,900 from the Treasurer for the purpose of providing a Stores Depot at the Municipal Buildings to be repaid over a period of 20 years at the usual rate of interest.

RENT BISHOPSWATER HOUSES

With reference to minutes of 14th April, 1958, when the Manager was recommended to fix a weekly rent, exclusive of rates, of £1 per week in respect of 10 Houses in course of construction at Bishopswater, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he did not consider a basic rent of £1 per week for the 10 Houses an equitable charge having regard to the disparity of the incomes of the prospective tenants. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Minister required the Corporation to agree to a Graded Rent Scheme for the houses so that a person who was in a position to pay an economic rent for a house could secure a Corporation dwelling at a subsidised rent, or that a person in the lower income group would be debarred

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from securing such a house by reason of the fact that he was unable to pay the fixed rent.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, it was unanimously agreed, on the suggestion of the Manager, that the following rents be charged for the 10 houses at Bishopswater; such rents to be embodied in a Graded Rents Scheme on the lines of those already in operation for houses at Corish Park and The Faythe:-

15/-d per week for persons whose total income does not exceed £7.10. 0.

20/-d per week for persons whose total income does not exceed £10. 0. 0.

25/-d per week for persons whose total income does not exceed £13. 0. 0.

35/-d per week for persons whose total income does not exceed £15. 0. 0.

For persons whose income exceeds £15 per week, the Economic Rent.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Borough of Wexford (Alteration of Boundary) Order, 1959, made by the Minister for Local Government. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that the Order required confirmation by the Oireachtas and that a Bill to confirm it would be submitted to the Oireachtas in due course. It was anticipated that the Bill would become Law and the Order come into operation by the 1st April next.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved "that we call on the Government to amend that the means of Claimants or Pensioners as set out in Section 77 of the Social Welfare Act, 1952, so as to permit Claimants or Pensioners to be in receipt of £130 per annum before the full pension is reduced". The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously agreed to.

LOAN FOR LAND, ETC., AT NEWTOWN & SLIPPERY GREEN

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the borrowing of the sum of £4,000 from the Local Loans Fund to meet the cost of purchasing land at Newtown and Slippery Green; the survey of same and the preparation of lay-out and house plans for 237 buildings there.

Arising out of this matter the Members thought that this land should not be built on as it was too far from the business centre of the Town and pointed out that the drift of population to that area had already had an adverse effect on business and employment in the shopping centre.

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that a report on the exact quantity of land available be submitted to the next meeting when the Corporation would consider whether or not they should try to dispose of this property.

ACCOUNTS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was submitted to the meeting 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, 1958.

When this report was read Alderman Byrne, Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, said that the report reflected great credit on the Chief

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Executive Officer and his Staff.

Arising out of this report it was agreed on the suggestion of the Mayor that the last report of the Local Government Auditor on the Accounts of the Corporation should be put down for discussion at next meeting.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

A Licence under the Cinematograph Act 1909 was sealed and signed in respect of the premises known as "The Abbey Cinema" for the year ended 20th January, 1960.

U.N.O.

With reference to minutes of 6th October last when a resolution was before the Corporation regarding the action of the Minister for External Affairs at U.N.O. on the hearing of a case for the admission of Communist China, Councillor Howlin referred to recent remarks at a Public Function by His Worship The Mayor at which the Minister for External Affairs was present when the Mayor stated he had been approached by some of the Members who voted for this resolution and informed that they were under a misapprehension and did not know what they were voting for, Councillor Howlin on behalf of himself, Alderman Corish and Alderman Byrne, intimated they were perfectly aware of what they were voting for and Councillor Hall and Alderman Cullimore, who also voted in favour of the motion, further intimated that they knew what it was about at the time.

Councillor O'Flaherty intimated that he did not vote on the occasion in question.

Councillor Howlin felt that as none of the Members who had actually voted in favour of the resolution had in fact approached the Mayor on the matter that the Mayor owed an apology to the Corporation.

The Mayor stated that in his opinion the way the resolution had been framed at the time misled the Members as in actual fact the Minister had not voted for the admission of Red China to the United Nations Organisation. The matter dropped.

PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY FACTORY

Councillor Hall stated he understood that the Government proposed to give financial support to a new factory in Dundalk for the Manufacture of Agricultural Machinery, he thought that this was unfair as the Wexford Factories were in a position to supply all agricultural machinery necessary in the Country and the Mayor intimated that as far as he knew the proposed factory in Dundalk would only manufacture machinery which was not being manufactured in Wexford. This matter was deferred to enable the Town Clerk to inquire from the authorities what the factory in Dundalk was going to manufacture.

SCHOOL SIGNS

Reference was made to the provision of School Warning Signs near the Faythe and Summerhill Road Schools and this gave rise to a discussion on Danger Signs at various crossings. It was eventually decided that the Borough Surveyor should be asked to give an estimate for the provision of these signs as soon as possible.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

In reply to a query by Councillor Flusk, the Town Clerk intimated that he would have a discussion during the week with the Corporation Solicitor on the legal position regarding the wall at Clifford Street.

GRATING AT HILL STREET

Councillor O'Flaherty asked the Borough Surveyor to take steps to have a defective grating and an open drain at Hill St. which was infested with rats, repaired as soon as possible.

At the request of Councillor O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor read a report on No. 35 Hill Street occupied by Martin in which he recommended that the matter be left until April next when the condition of the internal plaster of the gable wall could be further examined.

The Meeting then terminated.

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9th February, 1959.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

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

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

NEW MEMBER

At the outset His Worship The Mayor and other Members extended a hearty welcome to Councillor John Bierney, who had been co-opted at the last meeting to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor James Gaul. Councillor Bierney suitably replied.

The business of the meeting, which was that adjourned from the 19th ultimo, was then taken up. The first matter was the proposals prepared by the County Manager for the revision of the basic rents of all pre-1945 houses as set out in a schedule which had been supplied to the members at the previous meeting. The proposed increases were not to apply to tenants who decided to purchase their houses in accordance with Schemes prepared and sanctioned.

The meeting on the 19th January had been adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to forward to each tenant of the Corporation, affected by the proposed revision of basic rents, a Scheme setting out the cost of purchasing their dwellings over periods of 10, 15 or 20 years and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that up to the time of the present meeting he had received thirty offers from Corporation tenants to purchase their dwellings.

In reply to a query he informed the meeting that the Scheme in relation to the houses at Wolfe Tone Villas had only been sent out during the week and that he had extended the time for these people to reply. In his opinion, however, this would be the area from which the least numbers of offers to purchase might be expected.

Councillor O'Flaherty, however, thought that the Members of the Corporation should take steps to organize their areas and hold meetings of the tenants with a view to explaining to them the proposed purchase Scheme, and after a lengthy discussion the County Manager agreed to accept a proposal by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that consideration of the revision of the basic rents be further adjourned until the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 2nd proximo.

The next item was a statement by the County Manager that he had directed the preparation of Differential or Graded Rent Schemes for all Council houses, such Schemes to be applied to all future lettings.

Consideration of this was also adjourned until the 2nd March on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

The third item, the Purchase Schemes for Maudlintown, Wolfe Tone Villas and Croke Avenue, was also adjourned to the March meeting to enable the Town Clerk to re-examine the Croke Avenue proposals with a view to a reduction of the purchase price having regard to the type of building they were. He was also to re-examine the no-lease houses at Davitt Road North with a similar object.

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TENDERS FOR TIMBER AND JOINERY

Eighteen tenders were submitted for the supply of timber and joinery for the Seventeen Houses at William Street and Twenty-two at Fisher's Row. Before these tenders were opened Councillor Howlin asked for an assurance that no positive action would be taken on the tenders until a report was submitted to the Corporation and the County Manager gave this assurance to the Meeting.

Reference was made to the clearance of a Derelict Site at Allen Street when some Members stated that the clearance of the site had left the backs of a few lock-up shops on the Main Street open to the public and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the Borough Surveyor to see what steps he was taking to protect the property of these people.

The meeting then terminated.

Kenn. C. Morris.

2nd March, 1959.

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 K.C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

Councillors:- Patrick Bierney, Edward Hall, John Howlin & John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and family of the late James Gaul. Mr Gaul had been a Member of the Council since 1925 until he had resigned a short time ago owing to ill health, during the period of 1952/53 had filled the Office of Mayor. The Mayor stated that in the death of Councillor Gaul the people he represented had lost a loyal and hardworking friend.

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

The meeting then adjourned until Monday next the 9th instant, as a mark of respect.

Ken. C. Morris.

9th March, 1959.

An adjourned 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 K.C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and John Cullimore.

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

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meetings of February 2nd and 9th, and March 2nd, 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 AND CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Rev. T. Roche, St. John's Road; the relatives of the late Mrs. Margaret Billington and the relatives of the late John Rossiter.

A letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation regarding Old Age Pensions.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Social Welfare referring to the resolution of the Corporation requesting the Minister to reconsider his decision regarding the application of the Cheap Fuel Scheme to persons in receipt of disabled persons maintenance allowances and certain classes of unemployment assistance recipients. The Minister's letter stated it was regretted it was not possible to vary the decision conveyed in the Departments letter of December 1958.

DUNDALK FACTORY

With reference to minutes of February 2nd when the Town Clerk was asked to enquire from the Department of Industry and Commerce if the new Factory established in Dundalk with State assistance was to manufacture agricultural machinery, the Town Clerk read a letter under date of the 6th ult. which he had addressed to the Department of Industry and Commerce on the subject. The Department, under date of the 21st idem, intimated that the Town Clerk's inquiry in this matter should be addressed to the Secretary, Industrial Engineering Company, Dundalk.

The Members expressed surprise at this vague reply to their query and held that as Taxpayers they were entitled to this information in respect of any State-aided Company. It was felt that this Factory would manufacture machinery which would eventually affect employment in the two agricultural machinery firms in Wexford and it was decided to again take up this matter with the Minister and to request him to let the Corporation have details of the types of Agricultural Machinery proposed to be manufactured by the new Company at Dundalk.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

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A letter was read from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Corporation and Officials to attend the 11 o'clock Mass to the Church of

the Immaculate Conception on Easter Sunday morning, which would be offered for the repose of the souls of all those who died for Ireland.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to attend this Mass in State.

RENTS OF ARTIZANS DWELLINGS

The next business was to consider the question of future rents of Artizans Dwellings. This matter had been adjourned from Special Meetings on the 19th January and 9th February last and arose out of circular letters from the Department of Local Government on the subject of the Sale of Urban Houses and Review of Existing Rents. Prior to the meeting on 19th January last the County Manager had forwarded a schedule to each Member of the Council intimating the increases he proposed to make on existing houses of the Corporation. When this matter came before the Corporation it was agreed to adjourn it pending the circulation by the Town Clerk to each tenant of the details of Purchase Schemes.

The County Manager now briefly reviewed the entire position and intimated he proposed to proceed with a Review of the Existing Rents on the lines already given to the Members. He informed the meeting that up to the time of the meeting only 49 tenants had intimated their willingness to purchase their houses.

Counoillor Howlin intimated that he would oppose any increase in rents at the present time. He pointed out that in 1952 an increase of £2,500 had been placed on the tenants of artizans dwellings and if the proposals now made by the Manager were fully implemented a further £3,500 would be placed upon these tenants. He thought this was a most unfair burden at any time but even more so at present in view of the serious unemployment in the Town and hardship amongst Corporation tenants.

Aldermen Byrne, Corish and Cullimore, Councillors Hall, James Morris, Bierney, O'Flaherty and His Worship The Mayor also intimated that they would oppose any increase in rents at the present time.

At this stage, as there was unanimous opposition to the Manager's intention to review the rents of the Corporation houses the Town Clerk pointed out to the Members that their only course would be to proceed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, by giving a direction to the Manager not to implement his proposal to review the existing rents. To do this a notice of intention to move such a resolution should be signed by three Members and given to the Manager and the meeting to consider it could not be held prior to seven days after the Manager had received such a notice.

A notice was accordingly drawn up and signed by His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Byrne and Cullimore of the intention of one of them to move, at a Special Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 18th March, the following resolution -

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of the Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, not to proceed with his proposal to increase the basic weekly rents of the Council's houses as set out in the schedule to the agenda for a special meeting of the Council on the 19th January, 1959, at which meeting the proposal was considered and adjourned."

JOINERY FOR HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET & FISHER'S ROW

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The next business was to consider proposals for the provision of joinery for 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, Wexford.

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The County Manager quoted from the letter of sanction issued by the Minister for Local Government to the erection of these houses by Direct Labour. In his letter the Minister suggested that the possibility of further savings by the provision of ready-made joinery should be examined. In order to examine this suggestion it was necessary to invite tenders for -

- (a) Standard Ready-made joinery;
- (b) Joinery manufactured in accordance with the specification of the Housing Engineer; and
- (c) Tenders for timber for the manufacture of the joinery by the Direct Labour Unit on the Housing Sites.

These tenders had been received and opened at the February Meeting and referred to the Housing Engineer for report. The Manager now intimated that having considered this report he proposed, after consultation with the Housing Engineer to accept the tender for the supply of manufactured joinery at an estimated saving of £23 per house.

At the request of the Members the Town Clerk read the following report from the Housing Engineer.

"The following tenders were received for the above work. I have examined same and submit herewith my observations.

	17 Houses			22 Houses			<u>Observations</u>
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
(1) James Rossiter, New Ross	2040.	6.	0.	2639.	8.	0.	
(2) John Hearne & Co., Waterford	1973.	6.	6.	2554.	0.	0.	
(3) Direct Labour Unit	1955.	0.	0.	2530.	0.	0.	
(4) T. & C. Martin, Dublin	1894.	3.	6.	2450.	1.	0.	
(5) Brooks Thomas & Co., Dublin	1853.	2.	0.	2396.	8.	0.	
(6) McCormack & Hegarty, Wexford	1722.	11.	11.	2229.	4.	10.	
(7) M.J. Dowling & Sons, Kilkenny	1656.	19.	5.	2142.	1.	10.	
(8) G.W.I. Co., Sligo	1609.	11.	3.	2165.	10.	6.	
(9) J. Barry & Sons, Fermoy	1559.	12.	1.	2016.	5.	8.	I rang M/s Barry's Manager with ref. to this tender and he informed me the goods would not be manufd. by his Firm. That it would be sub-let to sub-Contractor.
(10) T. Keegan & Sons, Dublin	1521.	10.	0.	1969.	0.	0.	Quoted to supply White Deal in out office doors instead of Red Deal and to use Plywood panels to front doors instead of oil bound Bowater Board.
(11) W.K. Cleere & Sons, Kilkenny	1379.	13.	3.	1800.	13.	1.	Tendered to supply sashes in 2" x 2" instead of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and internal doors in White Deal instead of Red Deal.

After examining the above tenders I recommend the consideration of the following:-

- No. 1. James Rossiter, New Ross
- 2. M/s J. Hearne & Sons, Waterford
- 3. Direct Labour Group
- 4. M/s T. & C. Martin, Dublin
- 5. M/s Brooks Thomas & Co., Dublin
- 6. M/s McCormack & Hegarty, Wexford

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- No. 7. M. J. Dowling, Kilkenny
8. G. W. I. Co., Sligo
9. Messrs J. Barry & Co., Fermoy

The cost of the materials for the joinery work as taken from the lowest tender received for the timber will be £944 for the 17 Houses and £1,221 for the 22 Houses (I give those figures for the purpose of comparing the cost of materials against the cost of labour which can be taken from any of the above tenders).

Taking Barry's tender (which is the lowest) £1,559.12.1d for the 17 Houses against the Direct Labour figure of £1,955.0.0d, you will see there is a difference of £395 or £23 per house. Barry's figure for the 22 Houses is £2016.5.8d against the Direct Labour figure of £2,530 from which you will see there is a difference of £513 or £23 per house. I have already pointed out Messrs Barry will not manufacture the Joinery in their works. With reference to the figure of £23 per house over the Direct Labour price this compares very favourably with the figure of £21 submitted to an Inspector of the Department of Local Government in January, 1956, at that time he discussed with me the cost of factory made joinery as against joinery made on the site for the Faythe Housing Scheme; this discussion took place on the 18th January, 1956. As a result of which I went into the question of the cost and submitted those to him on the 25th January, 1956, my estimate at that date was £21 per houses higher than manufactured joinery. As I heard nothing from him with reference to the extra cost, I assumed that he was satisfied they were getting full value for the extra £21 the Joinery was costing.

I should like to point out that all the Contractors tendering for this work are fully mechanised whilst all our joinery will be manufactured by hand. At this stage I should like to point out that up to the present all our joinery work has been very well made and the greatest care has been taken in the selection of the materials used in the manufacture of same. Assuming the lowest tender is accepted for the manufacture of the joinery required, I have no guarantee that when it is delivered to the site that it will be accepted en bloc, as goods showing any of the defects mentioned in my specification will be definitely rejected. Should this happen it may hold up the work and retard progress generally.

I cannot deal with the estimates for the timber for the Schemes until a decision is given on the joinery".

Councillor Howlin intimated that he proposed to invoke Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, directing the Manager not to accept the tender for manufactured joinery but to have the joinery manufactured by the Direct Labour Unit on the site as in previous Direct Labour Schemes. The Councillor pointed out that the specification prepared for these houses, examined and approved by the Minister for Local Government provided that all labour should be Urban Trade Union Labour, if the joinery was to be manufactured outside the Town this clause in the specification would have to be waived and he held that it was entirely irregular at this stage to vary the specification on which tenders had been invited from both the Direct Labour Unit and outsiders.

Alderman Gorish also intimated that he would oppose the use of manufactured joinery and pointed out that in his opinion the manufacture of joinery on the site for which extra carpenters would be employed for approximately twelve months would mean a wages bill of £3,000, most of which would be spent in the town of Wexford. If the joinery were purchased outside the Town the entire cost of it would leave Wexford to the detriment of the local rate payers.

Aldermen Byrne and Cullimore, Councillors O'Flaherty, Hall, Morris & Bierney also opposed the purchase of manufactured joinery. His Worship The Mayor said he would not like to see manufactured joinery coming to the town but suggested that some machinery should be made available to the Direct Labour Unit to enable them to compete on more favourable terms with highly mechanised firms who were quoting for manufactured joinery. Alderman Byrne also supported the purchase of machinery.

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The Town Clerk again explained the procedure to be followed by the Members to give a direction to the Manager in this matter.

Notice of intention to move the following resolution at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 18th instant, was given by Alderman Corish, Councillors Howlin and O'Flaherty -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of the Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, to have the joinery for 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, which are at present being erected for the Borough Council by Direct Labour made on the sites by the Direct Labour Unit in accordance with the practice which has heretofore obtained in the erection of houses for the Council."

REPAIRS TO TRINITY STREET HOUSES

There was submitted to the meeting for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank Limited for the repayment of a loan of £2,380 to be borrowed to finance the repair of 16 Houses at Trinity Street, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was resolved -

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction, dated 21st January 1959, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £2380 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of financing the cost of repair of Sixteen Houses at Trinity Street to be repaid within twenty years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in the 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."

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

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Councillor Howlin was unanimously appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

LAND AT NEWTOWN AND SLIPPER GREEN

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the Borough Surveyor was requested to report on the quantity of land available at Newtown and Slippery Green the Town Clerk stated that when he had examined the position the Surveyor reported that approximately 20½ acres of land was available.

This comprised land acquired from Mr. Frank Cullimore, Mr. B. Hickey, Mr. L. Kirwan and Mr. J. Malone. It was agreed to adjourn further consideration of this matter until next meeting when a map of the land available would be submitted to the meeting.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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The following report from the Borough Surveyor regarding dangerous buildings was submitted and deferred until the Estimates were being prepared for

the coming financial year -

"I have examined the alleged dangerous buildings as requested in your letter of the 3rd instant. I wish to report as follows:-

1. Boyle Property: This consists of five ruinous buildings which are the property of the Corporation. They are not dangerous to either passers by or the occupants of adjoining houses. There is however, the potential danger to trespassers such as children or other irresponsible persons who enter the ruins and by some act of theirs cause a partial collapse of materials. My advise is demolish the buildings to such an extent that such possible danger is removed. Cost say £100.
2. Ruins at John Street Lower: These are not dangerous in the accepted sense of the word. However there is always the danger to trespassers of the youthful type. This is not Corporation property. Cost say £40 to make safe.
3. Ruinous house at Abbey Street: This is Corporation property, fairly well secured against trespass and is not a source of danger to persons or property at present. Its removal would constitute a serious problem of considerable expense - say £150.
4. Ruinous Buildings at Cornmarket: These are not a danger to persons or property at present, but their deterioration will be progressive. The lowering of the front wall would be advisable. They are privately owned. Cost say £50 to leave safe.
5. Vacant house at Monk Street: This building is definitely in a critical state and it is difficult to say when it may collapse. I am of the opinion, however, that it is dangerous and should be taken down. The great risk, however, in taking down this structure is that the building occupied by Mr. B. McGuinness, which adjoins same, is also in an unstable condition, particularly the roof. The vacant house is Corporation property to all intents and purposes, as same has been declared a Derelict Site. It would therefore be the duty of the Corporation to take down this building. Would we therefore, be liable for ensuing damage to the adjoining building. I estimate that the cost involved is £200, which includes restoration of the exposed face of the party wall, but no liability for structural failure of Mr. McGuinness's premises is taken into account.
6. Ruinous House at Mary Street: This does not at present constitute a dangerous building within the meaning of the Act. Again deterioration will be progressive and it would cost approximately £40 to make the ruins safe without admission of liability for party walls adjoining.

Costs given above are approximate and are solely taken out as remedial. That is, my intention would be to render the premises safe rather than sightly and there is no attempt being made to clear and level the sites involved."

SCHOOL AND ROAD SIGNS

An estimate from the Borough Surveyor for four school signs at Summerhill and Faythe Schools and one "Major Road Ahead" sign at Folly at a cost of £37 was deferred for inclusion in the Estimates for 1959/60.

PLANTING OF DUMPING GROUND

An estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the planting of the dumping ground at a cost of £40 was submitted. It was explained that when this work was completed a grant of £15 would be made by the Department of Lands and a

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further grant of £15 in five years so that the net cost to the Corporation at the outset would be £25 and the final cost £10, but this matter was deferred until the Estimates were being prepared.

BISHOPSWATER HOUSES

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the 10 new houses at Bishopswater should be named "Arden Casement".

BORD FAILTE COMPETITION

With reference to the decision to enter the Bord Failte Town and Village Competition it was decided to ask for a report on the condition of the property owned by the Corporation and consider it at next meeting.

RESURFACING OF TALBOT STREET

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hierney moved that the portion of Talbot Street unconcreted be surfaced in a proper manner immediately, Councillor Howlin seconded the motion, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would be submitting to the Corporation for inclusion in the coming years estimates a price for the resurfacing of Talbot Street and St. Peter's Square.

SOCIAL INSURANCE AGENT

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to fill the post of Social Insurance Agent formerly held by the late James Gaul. He pointed out the inconvenience to applicants for Social Welfare Benefits which the abolition of this post would cause and in support of this referred to the number of callers he and other Public Representatives had had for the past few weeks to fill up forms in connection with claims for insurance benefits. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion and most of the Members agreed with Councillor Howlin that they also had been requested to complete insurance forms which work was formerly done by the Agent. The motion was unanimously adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Consideration of the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1957, was deferred as the time was 10.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin L. Morris

16th March, 1959.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair

Aldermen:- John Cullimore and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors:- Edward Hall and John 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 financial year 1959/60. A copy of the Estimates had been furnished to the Members by the Manager on the 12th instant.

The Members examined at length each item of receipts and expenditure and suggested that the sum of £1,000 be taken from the estimate of £2,500 for the maintenance of Artizans Dwellings and that a further £1,000 be taken off the sum of £2,000 provided in the Estimates for the reduction of the Debit Balance.

It was also agreed that for the next meeting of the Committee the Town Clerk should have available the revenue from the Town Hall, Corporate Estate and other properties.

The meeting then terminated.

Henri. C. Morris

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Municipal Buildings at 8.45 p.m. to consider two resolutions of which Statutory Notices of intention to move had been received by the Wexford County Manager.

The Members present were -

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair,

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

Councillors: John Bierney, Edward Hall, John Howlin and John O'Flaherty.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were in attendance.

The resolutions (of which notices had been given) were as follows:-

1. His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Byrne and Cullimore:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of the Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, not to proceed with his proposal to increase the basic weekly rents of the Council's houses as set out in the schedule to the agenda for a Special Meeting of the Council on 19th January, 1959, at which meeting the proposal was considered and adjourned."

2. Alderman Corish, Councillors Howlin and O'Flaherty:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, to have the joinery for 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, Wexford, which are at present being erected for the Borough Council by Direct Labour, made on the sites by the Direct Labour Unit in accordance with the practice which has heretofore obtained in the erection of houses for the Council."

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4(4) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, copies of the foregoing two resolutions were forwarded to each Member of the Council by the Manager under date of 10th instant.

RENTS OF HOUSES

The first resolution taken was that dealing with the rents of Corporation houses. This matter had been discussed at length at several previous meetings and it was now stated that the total number of potential purchasers was fifty.

Before the resolution was formally moved the Manager reviewed the position regarding the rents of the Corporation houses as outlined in two circulars (copies of which had been furnished to the Members) from the Minister for Local Government. The Manager, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, objected to the adoption of the resolution now before the meeting on the grounds that such a direction taken in conjunction with the refusal of the Council year after year to make suitable provision in the Estimates to enable their property to be maintained in a reasonable state of repair would cause the Minister for Local Government to review the subsidy payable on some of their housing Schemes. If

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such review resulted in a loss of Funds of the Council those Members voting in favour of the present proposal could be held responsible for such loss by the Local Government Auditor.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved the resolution standing in his name - "that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of the Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, not to proceed with his proposal to increase the basic weekly rents of the Council's houses as set out in the schedule to the agenda for a Special Meeting of the Council on 19th January, 1959, at which meeting the proposal was considered and adjourned".

The motion was seconded by His Worship The Mayor, supported by Aldermen Corish and Cullimore, Councillors Bierney, Hall, Howlin and O'Flaherty, and was unanimously adopted.

JOINERY FOR HOUSES

As regards the making of joinery for the 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, the Manager again reviewed the position here and pointed out that if a tender for the supply of manufactured joinery were accepted a saving of approximately £23 per house could be effected on the construction of the dwellings. He (Manager) now objected to the adopted of the resolution at present before the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, on the grounds that the implementation of the resolution could result in a loss to the funds of the Council and he warned the Members that those voting in favour of the resolution would be liable to be charged by the Auditor if it were found that a loss or deficiency had in fact resulted in the Funds of the Council.

Councillor Howlin thereupon moved "that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the Members of Wexford Borough Council hereby require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Borough Council, to have the joinery for 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, Wexford, which are at present being erected for the Borough Council by Direct Labour, made on the sites by the Direct Labour Unit in accordance with the practice which has heretofore obtained in the erection of houses for the Council".

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by Aldermen Byrne, Corish and Councillor Bierney.

On a poll being taken there voted -

For the resolution	- Aldermen Byrne and Corish, Councillors Bierney, Hall, Howlin and O'Flaherty.....	6.
Against the resolution	- Alderman John Cullimore.....	1.
Declined to vote	- Alderman Kevin Morris, Mayor.....	1.

As the number voting in favour of the resolution exceeded one-third of the total number of members of the Council, as required by Section 4 (6) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the resolution was declared carried.

At this stage the Manager was urged by all the Members to request the Housing Engineer to expedite work on these houses so that much needed employment would be given to tradesmen and others.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Kevin L. Morris

20th March, 1959.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Alderman John Cullimore and Councillor John O'Flaherty.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

Once again the Members examined in detail the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure and after lengthy discussion decided to recommend the Council, at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 23rd instant, that the Manager's estimate be amended as follows:-

- (1) By the deduction of £1,000 from the sum provided for the maintenance of Artizan's Dwellings;
- (2) By the deduction of a sum of £1,000 from the amount provided for the reduction of the debit balance; and
- (3) By increasing the sum of £50 the rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties.

These adjustments (if agreed to by the Council) would reduce the estimated expenditure to £134,496 and the estimated receipts would be increased to £64,481, leaving the net sum to be raised by rates at £69,715, which would require a rate of 44/8d in the pound.

The meeting also examined the revenue of water sold by meter and reached the conclusion that the Corporation charge for water sold outside the Borough was much too high as it would appear they had now reached the stage of diminishing returns and unanimously recommended that the maximum rate for water sold outside the Borough should be reduced from seven shillings to five shillings per thousand gallons.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin. C. Morris

23rd March, 1959.

The Estimates Meeting of the Borough Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. His Worship The Mayor, presided and the other Members present were:-

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore and Thomas F. Byrne.

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

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

The Meeting had before them the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960, which had been forwarded to them by the County Manager on the 12th instant. They had also before them the report of the County Manager on the Estimates as well as the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The meeting commenced with the recommendations of the Finance Committee the first of which was that the provision for the maintenance of houses be reduced by the sum of £1,000.

Alderman Corish strongly opposed any reduction in the amount provided for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings and pointed out that even the sum of £2,500 estimated by the Manager would be insufficient to maintain over a thousand houses and pressed the Corporation not to reduce this estimate. Alderman Byrne, whilst he agreed with Alderman Corish on the necessity of spending considerably more on artisans dwellings, felt that due to present trade depression in the Country the Corporation could not afford any more than £1,500 for repairs in the coming year. Other Members also felt that this item should not be reduced but in view of the fact that the Manager was asking for a rate of 46/-d in the pound they felt that the suggested reduction of £1,000 by the Finance Committee would have to be agreed to in the coming year. Before the Committee's recommendation was put to the Meeting the Town Clerk reminded the Members that at their meeting on the 18th instant a warning had been issued in connection with the proposal that the rents of certain houses should be increased that the Minister for Local Government had given instructions to his Inspectors to inspect the houses of Local Authorities with a view to ascertaining if they were being maintained in a reasonable state of repair. If the Minister's Inspector reported that the Corporation houses were not being maintained in a reasonable state the Minister might review the subsidy payable in respect of certain schemes. If as a result of such review a loss was occasioned in the Funds of the Council the Members voting for the reduced allocation for the repairs to artisans Dwellings would be held responsible by the Local Government Auditor.

On a poll being taken there voted:-

For an allocation of £2,500:- Alderman Corish and Councillor Bierney..... 2.

For an allocation of £1,500:- Aldermen Byrne, Cullimore and The Mayor,
Councillors Hall, Morris and O'Flaherty..... 6.

Accordingly the reduced sum of £1,500 as recommended by the Finance Committee, was included in the Estimate.

The next recommendation was that the provision for part liquidation of the Debit Balance be reduced by the sum of £1,000.

All the Members appeared to be in favour of this reduction on the grounds that the present estimate contained approximately £1,350 of non-recurring expenditure occasioned by the granting of gratuities and lump sums in respect of pensions and the provision of a cost of living bonus for the current year. As these items would not have to be provided for in future years the Members felt that for the coming year at least £1,000 could be taken off the provision for liquidating the debit balance and on a poll being taken all the Members present voted in favour of reducing the allocation by £1,000. The third recommendation from the Finance Committee that the receipts from the Town Hall,

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Corporate Estate and Market be increased by the sum of £50 was also unanimously agreed to.

The position was now reached where the estimated expenditure of the Corporation had been reduced to £134,196 and the estimated receipts increased to £64,481, leaving the net sum to be raised by rates at £69,715 which would require a rate of 44/8d in the pound.

At this stage when a proposal was asked for to agree to a rate of 44/8d in the pound no member could be found to make such a proposal.

Various suggestions were made regarding adjournments but it was felt that no possible advantage would be gained by adjourning to a later date unless any member had a concrete suggestion whereby the expenditure could be reduced or receipts increased by a considerable amount.

After a period of stalemate during which the County Manager again reviewed the general financial position of the Corporation and pointed out that the sum of £2,000 included by him in the Estimates would take approximately twelve years to liquidate the Debit Balance provided no further factors interfered, he also pointed out that the position regarding the maintenance of houses would not be satisfactory and the amount provided was not sufficient for the purpose.

Eventually His Worship The Mayor proposed a rate of 44/-d but this was not seconded. Alderman Byrne, after further discussion, proposed a rate of 44/6d and suggested an adjournment to enable the Finance Committee to have a further discussion with the County Manager and Town Clerk to see if it were possible to reduce the estimate by a further two pence. This proposal was not seconded either.

As it was now 9.15 p.m. and the Standing Orders of the Council provided that the meeting should rise at 9.30 p.m., Alderman Corish asked the Town Clerk what was the position regarding an adjournment until say 9.45 p.m.

The Town Clerk said that in view of the importance of the discussion there was no objection to moving the suspension of Standing Orders to enable the Council to sit later than 9.30 p.m.

Councillor O'Flaherty thereupon moved the suspension of Standing Orders to enable the Council to sit later than 9.30 p.m. and that the present meeting stand adjourned until 9.45 p.m. so that the Members of the Finance Committee could consult with the County Manager and Town Clerk as to the possibility of reducing the estimate to 44/6d. Alderman Cullimore seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to and the meeting adjourned until 9.45 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Members of the Finance Committee, consisting of His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Cullimore and Byrne, Councillors D'Flaherty and Hall, met the County Manager and Town Clerk in the Office of the latter, when a discussion took place on the possibility of further reducing the estimate.

During this discussion the Manager again pointed out to the Members the seriousness of their financial position. The present increasing debit balance could not be permitted to continue nor was it likely that the continued reduction of the amount allocated for repairs to artisans dwellings could be permitted. He saw no way of substantially reducing the estimate without impairing the public services and if an estimate was adopted which impaired the public services he would be obliged to inform the Minister for Local Government that he was not satisfied that the sums provided were sufficient to maintain the services which the Corporation were required by law to provide.

After further examination of the Estimates the Manager agreed to accept a rate of 44/6d in the pound. This was to be arrived at by -

- (1) Increasing the State subvention to sanitary loan charges by £50.
- (2) The Rents of Artizan's Dwellings by £100.
- (3) Government Rates by £20.

- (4) Rents from the Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market by a further £50.

As well the provision for loan charges on houses was to be reduced by £100 due to only half-years loan charges having to be met in the current year in respect of repairs to Trinity Street dwellings. After providing an additional £20 on foot of the County Council Demand the estimates would be as follows:-

Expenditure	-	£134,116.
Receipts	-	£64,701.
Balance to be raised by rates	£69,415.,	which would require a rate of 44/6d in the pound.

ESTIMATES MEETING CONTINUED

The Council as an Estimates Meeting re-assembled at ten o'clock p.m., when the same Members were present.

The Mayor intimated to the meeting that the Finance Committee had met the Manager and Town Clerk and they had reluctantly agreed on a rate of 44/6d in the pound for the year 1959/60.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved the following three resolutions:-

1. That Table 'A' of the Estimates, providing for an expenditure of £133,116 for the year ending 31st March, 1960, be adopted.
2. That Table 'B' of the Estimates, adopting receipts of £64,701 for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960, be agreed; and
3. That Table 'C' of the Estimates, providing for a sum to be raised by rates of £69,415, which included £1,000 on foot of the Debit Balance and requiring a rate of 44/6d in the pound, be agreed to for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960.

Councillor O'Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by all the other Members and unanimously adopted.

The Mayor thanked the Members of the Finance Committee, the County Manager and Officials for the help they had given in arriving at this figure, which although a very high rate, was 1/6d less than that estimated by the Manager.

He also pointed out that of the increase of 2/6d over the current years rates 2/-d of that was accounted for by Statutory Demands and expenditure over which the Corporation had no direct control and that the portion over which the Corporation had control was only increased by sixpence.

A further recommendation from the Finance Committee that the charges for water sold by meter outside the Borough be reduced from 7/-d to 5/-d per thousand gallons was unanimously agreed to, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

PRIZE BONDS

The meeting also agreed (with Councillor John O'Flaherty dissenting) to purchase four Prize Bonds in the sum of £20 (twenty pounds) any prize received to be applied to a reduction of the debit balance.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £50,000 was authorised for the Quarter ending on 30th June, 1959.

The meeting then terminated.

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Kevin L. Morris

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 .
21ST MARCH, 1959.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

I attach hereto copy of the report of the Wexford County Manager on the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1960, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on Monday next, 23rd instant, at 7-30 P. M. Formal notice of this meeting and a copy of the Estimates have already been furnished you.

The Finance Committee have carefully considered the Estimates as circulated and make the following recommendations:-

EXPENDITURE

1. That the provision for the maintenance of houses (item no. 19) be reduced by the sum of ----- £1,000
2. That the provision for part liquidation of debit balance (item no. 45) be reduced by the sum of ----- 1,000

RECEIPTS

3. That the receipts from the Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market (item no. 18) be increased by the sum of ----- 50

These adjustments (if agreed) would reduce the estimated expenditure to £134,196; increase the estimated receipts to £64,481; and leave the net sum to be raised by rates at £69,715, which would require a rate of 44/8 in the pound.

The Finance Committee further recommend that the charge for water supplied outside the Borough be reduced to 5/- per thousand gallons.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Byrne,

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

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.
Marta, 1959.

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

A Chairde,

In accordance with the provisions of the County Management Acts - Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of Wexford Corporation for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1960, have been prepared and circulated to you. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 23rd instant.

During the current year the following expenditure was incurred for which provision must be made in these Estimates:-

Marriage gratuity and grants to the representatives of deceased employees.....£1,057.

Cost of living bonus for 1958-9..... 300. £1,357.

The Rate of 42/- in the £. levied for the current year was made up as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u> £.	<u>Rate in</u> <u>the £</u> (Pence)
For services directly administered by the Borough Council:	30,982.	259
For services rendered by Precepting Authorities: (a) Wexford Co. Council:	25,980	219
(b) Vocational Education Committee:	2,196.	18
(c) Department of Social Welfare:	<u>950</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>60,108.</u>	<u>504</u>

The estimated expenditure for the coming year amounts to £136,196. and is divided as follows:-

	£.
1. Repayment and Interest on Loans:	60,200.
2. Statutory Precepts:	29,558.
3. Wages:	14,400.
4. Salaries, Superannuation & Pensions:	13,023.
5. Materials and Equipment:	5,760.
6. Cheap Fuel:	4,500.

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		£.
7.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurance, etc.	1,725.
8.	Electricity, Public Lighting & Decoration:	2,810.
9.	Printing, Stationery, Advertis- ing, Postage, Receipts, Tele- phones, etc.:	720.
10.	School Meals :	700.
11.	Legal & Audit Expenses:	200.
12.	Rate Refunds:	150.
13.	Miscellaneous:	230.
14.	Contingencies:	220.
15.	Part of debit balance:	<u>2,000.</u>
		<u>£136.196.</u>

The estimated receipts of £64,431. are broadly divided as follows:-

		£.
1.	Rents, Rates, Fees, Loan Repayments, etc. :	31,325.
2.	Central Government Grants:	28,305.
3.	Materials Expenses Account:	2,800.
4.	Payments for Services rendered:	1,201.
5.	Superannuation contributions:	400.
6.	Miscellaneous Receipts:	<u>400.</u>
	Total:	<u>£64.431.</u>
	Balance to be raised by rates:	<u>£71.765.</u>
		<u>£136.196.</u>

The net sum of £71,765. now required to be raised by rates is composed as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u> £.	<u>Rate in the</u> £. (pence)
For Services directly administered by the Council:	41,479.	319.0
For Services rendered by Precepting Authorities:		
(a) Wexford Co. Coun- cil:	27,000.	207.7
(b) Vocational Educa- tion Committee:	2,311.	17.8
(c) Department of Social Welfare:	<u>975.</u>	<u>7.5.</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 £27,000. shows an increase of £1,020. : The Vocational Education Committee £115. : and Unemployment Assistance £25:

The following table shows the sums allowed in the current year under the Statutory Headings: the actual expenditure to 28th February, 1959: the estimated expenditure for March: and the sums required for 1959-60.

Head of Estimate	Amount Allowed	Expenditure to 28-2-59	Estimated Expenditure for Mar.59.	Total 1958-1959.	Estd. Expenditure 1959-60
	£	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Road Works:	1,113.	1,152.	----	1,152.	1,235.
Special Grant Works:	5,700.	3,080.	2,800	5,880.	5,350.
Sanitary Services:	19,115.	18,006.	890.	18,806.	19,270.
Housing Services:	51,060.	50,221.	1,000.	51,221.	54,405.
General Purposes:	51,286.	41,465.	11,000.	52,465.	53,936.
Reduction of Debit Balance:	500.	---	500.	500.	2,000.
	128,774.	113,924.	16,100.	130,024.	136,196.

RATE COLLECTION

The following sets out the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1958:

Year ended 31st March	Total of Warrant	Amount Collected	Irrecoverable	Carried forward.	Percentage of possible collection:
	£.	£.	£.	£.	
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.
1958	52,766	51,111	800	855	98.40

Although down by .41 per cent the Rate Collection continues to be satisfactory.

RENT COLLECTION

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

Year ended 31st March	For Collection	Collected	Irrecover- able	Arrears	Percent- age of Possible Collect- ion.
	£	£	£		
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
1958	37,993	37,172	111	599	98.40

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 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 1959-60

ROADS

The Estimate for Road Works shows a net decrease of £228. Salaries are increased by £22. and a provision of £100. (Covered by Contra; is made for road openings. The provision for Employment Schemes is reduced by £350. to the amount received in the current year. A saving of approximately £1,150 was effected on the work at Corish Park this year and proposals to concrete certain footpaths (already approved by the Council) have been submitted for sanction in order to avail of the full amount of Grant. Immediately this sanction is received work will commence.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total estimated expenditure is £19,270. , an increase of £155. Wages for Domestic Scavenging are up by £50. due to underestimation in current year; extra provision of £75. is made for the supply of oilcoats in the coming year, electricity for scavenging cart and equipment. Sanitary salaries are up by £25. and loan charges by £5. The remaining items are the same amounts as in the current year.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

In the current year ten houses were completed at Bishopswater and a commencement made on the erection of 17 at William Street and 22 at Fisher's Row. When these are completed the Corporation will have provided 1,170 dwellings. In addition 51 had been acquired and repaired - making a total of 1,221. These have been dealt with as follows:-

Outright sale - 60

Sold on Tenant-Purchase

System 69

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Let to tenants	1,054.	1.182.
In course of construction			
or proposed at William St. and Fisher's Row.....			39.
			<u>1,221.</u>

The allowance of £1,500. allowed each year for repairs represents less than 30/- per house which is inadequate to maintain this property in a reasonable state of repair. In the estimates for the coming year a sum of £2,500. has been included or just 45/- per house which is not over generous. In this connection the warning issued on the 18th instant must be repeated that failure to maintain your houses in a reasonable state of repair could be the cause of a review of the subsidy payable by the Minister for Local Government. If as a result of such review there is a loss to the Funds of the Council the members may be held accountable therefor by the Auditor. Consequently you are urged not to reduce the provision made for the maintenance of your house property.

Loan charges are up by £5,145. due to full annuities having to be met for Faythe Scheme and provision for compensation in respect of land, etc. acquired for this Scheme: The completion of Corish Park, Bishopswater, William Street, Fisher's Row and Trinity Street repairs.

Collectors' Commission is increased by £200. while rents and rates are down by £3,000 due to rates no longer having to be paid direct to the County Council in respect of houses at present outside the Borough but which will be included in the Borough area on 1st April next.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The County Council Demand is increased by £1,020.; Unemployment Assistance Contribution by £25. and Vocational Education by £115. These are three Statutory Demands and must be met. Repairs to Corporate property is increased by £50. Repairs are urgently needed to the roof of the market and some painting will have to be carried out at the Municipal Buildings, the minimum required for preservation purposes. Salaries and Superannuations are increased by £885. The salaries estimate for the current year is £6,630. to which must be added gratuity £590., cost of living bonus for 2 years £553. and normal increments £50. which would make a total of £7,823. As a result of Staff adjustments, made with a view to economy, the estimate for 1959-60 is down to £7,515. which is a saving of £308.

The allowance for School Meals is increased by £200., of which £100. will be recouped from Central Funds. The allowance for this service has been inadequate for the past two years since the price of bread was increased. Furthermore, extra demands have been, and continue to be, made on the service.

Loan charges are increased by £105. due to provision for repayment of loan of £5,000 towards Capital cost of Wexford Bridge.

Pensions to employees are increased by £200. The sum allowed in the current year is £1,300. Grants to representatives of deceased employees amounting to £467. were made during the year making a total of £1,767. while savings in the coming year are estimated at £260.

In previous years the Corporation were made aware of the continuing deficits and on 20th October last the attention of the Council was directed to the continued deterioration in the finances of the Corporation and the details submitted on that occasion were subsequently circulated to the members. Particular attention was called to the debit balance on the Revenue Account which had increased from £14,668. at 31st March, 1952 to £24,759. at 31st March, 1958, despite the fact that a sum of £6,172. had been repaid from the Capital Account in 1955-6. Thus the actual deterioration in these years would be represented by a figure of £16,263. or an average of £2,710. per annum. There has, therefore, been failure to levy adequate rates or other revenue to provide for the standard of services being given. This applies, with special force, to the Housing Service.

This deterioration of Corporation finances cannot be allowed to continue, and with a view to making a start towards placing the said finances on a sounder footing, provision has been made in the 1959-60 Estimates to reduce the debit balance by £2,000. If this amount were to be levied annually it would still (if no other factors occurred to affect the issue) require twelve financial years to liquidate the balance. This provision must therefore be regarded as the absolute and reasonable minimum required for the purpose.

It should not be forgotten that the ratepayers in the Borough in addition to providing sufficient funds to meet the ordinary service and demands, must in addition provide large sums annually to pay Overdraft interest on this balance throughout the whole of every Financial year.

RECEIPTS

ROADS

Road receipts are reduced by £300. being reduction in Grant from Employment and Emergency Scheme Vote. The expenditure under this grant is reduced by £350.

SANITARY SERVICES

Burial Ground fees are reduced by £50.: Sale of Water by £100.; and Public Convenience by £50. Contribution to loan charges are increased by £50.

HOUSING

Rents are reduced by £3,900. The estimated rents in 1958/59 amounted to £31,150.

This figure included:

County Rates.....	£3,000.	
Difference between Co. & Urban Rates and Discount	£1,350.	4,350.
Net Rents 1958/59		£26,800.
Add for 10 houses at Bishopswater		450.

Rents Estimate for 1959-60 £27,250.

The sum formerly appearing in this account as Rent (Including County Rates) is eliminated in the coming year but is reflected in the increased product of a penny in the £. which is up by £11.

State Subsidies are down by £40. due to the abolition of the Irish Housing Fund by Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958. Loan repayments in respect of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts are increased by £100.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Bounty in lieu of rates is increased by £25. and School Meals Grant by £100. while rents from Corporation property are down by £50.

G E N E R A L

During the year an Inquiry was held into the application of the Corporation for a Provisional Order to alter the Borough Boundary. This application was granted by the Minister for Local Government and the Provisional Order confirmed by an Act of the Oireachtas. The new area will be added to the Borough as from 1st April, 1959.

In conclusion - I 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.

Mise, le meas,

THOMAS F. BROE,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

PATRICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR
YEARS 1958/59 AND 1959/60.

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1958/59	Service	Estimated 1959/60
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	£.	<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	£	£
1.	400.	Ordinary Road Works	400.	
2.	653.	Salaries	675.	
3.	--	Road Openings	100.	
4.	60.	Contingencies	60.	
5.	5,700.	Special Grant Works	<u>5,350.</u>	6,585.

SANITARY SERVICES

6.	1,300.	Burial Grounds	1,300.	
7.	1,750.	Domestic Scavenging	1,850.	
8.	2,450.	Public Scavenging	2,475.	
9.	3,000.	Maintenance of Waterworks	2,990.	
10.	200.	Maintenance of Sewers	200.	
11.	300.	Salaries	325.	
12.	750.	Public Conveniences	750.	
13.	1,800.	Public Lighting, etc.	1,800.	
14.	20.	Red Cross - Water Safety	20.	
15.	7,485.	Loan Charges	7,500.	
16.	60.	Contingencies	<u>60.</u>	19,270.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

17.	44,335.	Loan Charges	49,480. - £100	
18.	3,625.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances	625.	
19.	1,500.	Maintenance of Houses	2,500. - £1,000	
20.	1,000.	Salaries and Commission	1,800.	54,405.

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1958/59	Service	Estimated 1959/60
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	£.	<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	£	£
21.	25,980.	County Council Demand	27,000.	+ 25,000?
22.	950.	Unemployment Assistance	975.	
23.	20.	Tourist Development	20.	
24.	150.	Maintenance Corporate Property	200.	
25.	2,951.	Vocational Education	3,066.	
26.	1,750.	Fire Brigade	1,750.	
27.	805.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances	805.	
28.	6,630.	Salaries and Superannuations	7,515.	
29.	100.	Food and Drugs	100.	
30.	450.	Printing and Advertising	450.	
31.	270.	Telephones, Office requisites, Postage, Receipts and Paying Orders.	270.	
32.	150.	Fuel and Light	150.	
33.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Scheme	4,500.	
34.	200.	Legal and Audit	200.	
35.	1,000.	Overdraft Interest	1,000.	
36.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.	
37.	20.	Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant.	20.	
38.	40.	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands.	40.	
39.	500.	School Meals	790.	
40.	150.	Rate Refunds	150.	
41.	790.	Loan Charges	895.	
42.	1,300.	Employees Pensions	1,500.	
43.	2,500.	Materials Expenses	2,500.	
44.	100.	Contingencies	100.	
45.	<u>500.</u>	Debit Balance	<u>2,000.</u>	53956
	£128,774.			100055,936.
				6136,196.
				<u>134,116</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1958/59	Particulars	Estimated 1959/60
1.	£ 5,000.	Special Grant Works	£ 4,700.
2.	50.	Estate Duty	50.
3.	150.	Road Openings	<u>150.</u> 4,900.
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>			
4.	1,850.	Water Rents	1,750.
5.	375.	Scavenging Main Roads	375.
6.	26.	Scavenging County Hospital	26.
7.	600.	Burial Ground Fees	550.
8.	200.	Public Sanitary Conveniences	150.
9.	1,520.	State Subvention to Loan Charges	<u>1,550. + 50</u> 4,401.
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>			
10.	31,150.	Rents	27,250. + £100
11.	15,740.	State Grants	15,700.
12.	550.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	<u>650.</u> 43,600.
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>			
13.	755.	Vocational Education	755.
14.	650.	Fire Brigade	650.
15.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.
16.	75.	Refund of Fees	75.
17.	675.	Government Rates	700. + £20
18.	950.	Town Hall, Corporate Estate and Market	900. + £100
19.	400.	Superannuation Deductions	400.
20.	250.	School Meals	350.
21.	400.	Miscellaneous	400.
22.	<u>2,800.</u>	Materials Expenses	<u>2,800.</u> 11,530.
	<u>£68,666.</u>	TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS -	<u>64,701</u> <u>64,431.</u>

SUMMARY

Estimated Expenditure 1959/60	<u>£136,196. 0. 0.</u>
Estimated Receipts 1959/60	<u>64,701</u> <u>64,431. 0. 0.</u>
Estimated amount to be raised by rates	<u>£71,765. 0. 0.</u>
WHICH WILL REQUIRE A RATE OF 46/6 in the £.	<u>69,415</u>

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

- WEXFORD CORPORATION -

Estimate of expenses and determination of the rates in the Pound
for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1960.

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE.

Service (1)	Purpose of Expenditure (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council (4)
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	£ 1,235.	£ 1235
	Special Grant Works	5,350.	5350
TOTAL		6,585.	6585.
SANITARY	Sanitary	19,270.	19270
TOTAL		19,270.	19270
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes	53,785.	52,685
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	620.	620
TOTAL		54,405.	53,305
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
Co. Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads)		
Public Assistance	Public Assistance)		
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital)		
Health (County)	Health (County))	27,000.	27,020
General Purposes	General Purposes (County))		
(County))		
Separate Charges	Separate Charges)		
Unemployment Assist.	Unemployment Assistance	975.	975
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES:			
	Tourist Development	20.	20
	Vocational Education	3,066.	3066
	Other purposes	20,375.	20375
	Materials, Machinery and Stores	2,500.	2500
TOTAL		53,936.	53,956

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TABLE B.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts (2)	Amount Estimated by Manager (3)	Estimated Adopted by Council (4)
		£	£
URBAN ROADS	State Grants	4,750.	4750
	Other Receipts	150.	150
TOTAL		4,900.	4900
SANITARY	State Grants	1,550.	1600
	Other Sanitary Receipts	2,851.	2851
TOTAL		4,401	4451
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents	27,250.	27,350
	State Grants	15,700.	15,700
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	650.	650
TOTAL		43,600.	43,700
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:	State Grants	6,305.	6325
	Other Receipts	2,425.	2525
	Materials Expenses (balance)	2,800.	2800
	Machinery Expenses (balance)		
TOTAL		11,530.	11650

TABLE C.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Service	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Estimated Receipts (Table B)	Net Estimated Expenditure	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND ON THE VALUATION OF THE AREA (£31,200) Pence.
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any)	Amount Leviable	
1.	2. £.	3. £.	4. £.	5. £.	6. £.	7. £.	8.
URBAN ROADS	6,585.	4,900.	1,685.)			1,685.	12.96
SANITARY SERVICES	19,270.	4,461.	14,809.)			14,809.	114.00
HOUSING	52,205.	43,700.	8,505.)			8,505.	73.89
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES)				
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:))				
ROADS))				
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE))				
MENTAL HOSPITAL)	27,020.		27,020.)	NIL		27,020.	207.85
HEALTH (COUNTY)))				
GENERAL PURPOSES))				
SEPARATE CHARGES))				
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	975.		975.)			975.	7.50
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	25,961.	11,620.	14,341.)		1,000. 2,000.	15,341.	117.80
TOTAL GENERAL RATE -							534.00 652.00

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at ~~(an adjournment)~~ of the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 23rd day of March, 1959, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B & C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the Rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1960.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1959.

Countersigned: _____

JOHN J. BYRNE

(Town Clerk)

Signed: _____

KEVIN C. MORRIS

(Mayor of Wexford).

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Wexford

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 19.60.

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	1,235	.	1,235	.
	Special Grant Works	5,350	.	5,350	.
	TOTAL ...	6,585	.	6,585	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	19,270	.	19,270	.
	TOTAL ...	19,270	.	19,270	.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	53,785	.	52,685	.
	Local Assistance Schemes	-	-	-	-
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	620	.	620	.
	TOTAL ...	54,405	.	53,305	.
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	2,700	.	2,700	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	1,946	.	1,946	.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	5,006	.	5,006	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	14,406	.	14,406	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	2,937	.	2,937	.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	25	.	25	.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	975	.	975	.
	Public Libraries	-	-	-	-
Other Urban Purposes	Tourist Development	20	.	20	.
	Town and Regional Planning	-	-	-	-
	Vocational Education	3,066	.	3,066	.
	Other Purposes	20,375	.	20,375	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	2,500	.	2,500	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL ...	53,956	.	53,956	.
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)	
	State Grants (to be specified) ...				
URBAN	<i>Employment & Emergency Schemes</i>	4,700	.	4,700	.
ROADS	<i>Estate Duty</i>	50	.	50	.
	Other Receipts ...	150	.	150	.
	TOTAL ...	4,900		4,900	
	State Grants (to be specified) ...				
SANITARY	<i>State subsidy towards Loan charges for Sanitary Services</i>	1,550	.	1,500	.
	Other Receipts ...	2,851	.	2,851	.
	TOTAL ...	4,401	.	4,451	.
	Housing of the Working Classes ...				
	Rents ...	27,250	.	27,250	.
HOUSING	State Grants ...	15,400	.	15,700	.
	Other Receipts ...	—	—	—	—
	Local Assistance Schemes ...	—	—	—	—
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	650	.	650	.
	TOTAL ...	43,600	.	43,700	.
	State Grants (to be specified) <i>Cheap Fuel Schemes</i> ...	4,500	.	4,500	.
GENERAL	<i>Vocational Education</i>	755	.	755	.
URBAN	<i>Government Rates</i>	700	.	720	.
PURPOSES	<i>Education (Provision of Meals) Acts</i>	350	.	350	.
	Other Receipts ...	2,425	.	2,525	.
	Materials Expense (Balance) ...	2,800	.	2,800	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance) ...	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL ...	11,530	.	11,650	.

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 (£ 31,200.00...) (8) (Pence)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS	6,585 . .	4,900 . .	1,685 . .			1,685 . .	12.96
SANITARY	19,270 . .	4,451 . .	14,819 . .			14,819 . .	114.00
HOUSING	53,305 . .	43,700 . .	9,605 . .			9,605 . .	73.89
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS	2,700 . .		2,700 . .			2,700 . .	20.76
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	1,946 . .		1,946 . .			1,946 . .	15.00
MENTAL HOSPITAL	5,006 . .		5,006 . .			5,006 . .	38.50
HEALTH (County)	14,406 . .	13,952	14,406 . .			14,406 . .	110.81
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	2,937 . .		2,937 . .			2,937 . .	22.59
SEPARATE CHARGES	25 . .		25 . .			25 . .	.19
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	975 . .		975 . .			975 . .	7.50
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	25,961 . .	11,650 . .	14,311 . .		1,000 . . 2,000	15,311 . .	117.80
	133,112	64,701				69,415	534.00
TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...							

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at ~~(an additional meeting)~~ the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 23rd day of March 1959, 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, 1960...

Dated this 23rd day of March 1959

Signed Kevin B. Morris Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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6th April, 1959.

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 Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Alderman:- Nicholas P. Corish, Thomas F. Byrne, and John Cullimore.

Councillors:- John Bierney, Edward Hall, John O'Flaherty & John Cullimore.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 - minutes of Corporation of 9th ultimo, Finance Committee on 16th, 18th & 20th ultimo, and Estimates Meeting on the 23rd ultimo.

PRESENTATION

Before the business of the meeting commenced His Worship The Mayor, on behalf of Comhairle na Mire Gaile presented a Certificate to Mr. Frederick Beaver, 18, Skeffington Street, Wexford.

The citation issued with the Certificate was as follows:-

"At about 6 p.m. on Saturday, 16th August, 1958, a five-year-old boy who was fishing on the jetty at Wexford Quay fell into the water and was carried away from the jetty by the tide. The boy's sister (aged nine years) who was playing with a number of other small children at the jetty, raised the alarm.

Frederick Beaver was passing by at the time and heard the cries for help. He dived into the water fully clothed and swam to the child who was going under for the third time. He taught the boy and swam with him to the shore whence he was brought home none the worse for his experience. Frederick Beaver changed his clothes and went back to work. He had exposed himself to no little risk in jumping into the tide fully clothed to effect the rescue and his prompt and brave action undoubtedly saved the life of the child.

In making the presentation to Master Beaver the Mayor warmly congratulated him on his brave action, Aldermen Byrne, Corish and Cullimore, Councillors O'Flaherty, Bierney, Hall and Cullimore, also congratulated Master Beaver on receiving this certificate for outstanding bravery.

On behalf of the boy his father returned thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for presenting him with the Certificate.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Stephen Mahoney of Bride Street on the death of his wife. Mr. Mahoney, as well as his father before him had been a member of the Corporation for a considerable time and the deceased family had given outstanding service to the

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town of Wexford. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

CIVIL RECEPTION

His Worship The Mayor moved that the Corporation extend a civic reception to the Delegates attending the Technical Congress to be held in the Town commencing on Tuesday June 9th. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

SOCIAL WELFARE AGENT

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the decision of the Department of Social Welfare not to appoint a local agent in lieu of the late James Gaul, a letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare stating that the forms to which reference was made were designed to facilitate easy completion and should present no difficulty to claimants of benefit and it was not proposed to alter the arrangements at present.

Some members held that the insured contributors were not in a position to complete the forms properly as a result of which they were sent back for amendment and alteration with a consequent hold up in the payments of benefits, but His Worship The Mayor intimated that from inquiries he had made a special man had been delegated at the Social Welfare Office in Wexford to deal with these cases and he would answer any queries.

The matter dropped in view of the Mayor's statement.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

A further letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce explaining that the Minister was not in a position to state the precise type of goods manufactured at the Durdalk Factory of the Industrial Engineering Company Limited and again suggested that the request for the information required by the Corporation should be addressed to the Company.

Councillor Hall, who had raised this matter, again considered the answer very vague and could not understand any Government Department or person giving money to a firm without knowing what they proposed to manufacture.

After some discussion Alderman Corish suggested that the Town Clerk should write to the Company and ask for the information as suggested by the Minister.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

A letter addressed to His Worship The Mayor from the President of St. Peter's College was read returning thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for the recent vote of congratulation on the College victory in the hurling field.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The next business was to fix the day and hour of a quarterly meeting to be held not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1959, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927. The Town Clerk suggested Monday, 29th June, at 7.30 p.m. for this meeting.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to hold a quarterly meeting of the Council on Monday 29th June, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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CINEMA LICENCE

The next business was to issue a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Capital Cinema. Before executing this licence Councillor Hall asked if a clause could be inserted that adults be not permitted into childrens matinees except they were accompanying their own children. In reply the Town Clerk stated he did not think that such a clause would be legal as in his opinion it would constitute interference with the liberty of the subject and would be ultra vires but on the proposal of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that the Town Clerk seek legal advice on this point and in the meantime defer the execution of the licence.

LAND AT NEWTOWN AND SLIPPERY GREEN

As decided at last meeting a map was laid before the present meeting showing the exact position of approximately 20 acres of land at Slippery Green and Newtown which had been originally acquired for housing purposes. It had been suggested at previous meetings that this land should be offered for sale as the Corporation had no intention of building any further houses in this area, but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to defer any action on selling the land for the present.

A question was raised by Councillor Cullimore regarding the state of the fences on this land and pointed out that as a result of the neglect of the fences on the Corporation property other land adjoining had become a commons and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of fencing the Corporation lands.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

Alderman Byrne raised the question of temporary dwellings in the Town and wandering animals.

As regards temporary dwellings the Town Clerk pointed out that at a meeting of the Corporation last year this matter had been discussed and as a result the Manager and himself had examined the law relating to the prohibition of temporary dwellings and found that one large local authority had made an Order under the Housing Services Act prohibiting temporary dwellings which had been upset in the Courts, consequently grave consideration had to be given to the actual form of an Order which it was intended to bring before the Corporation in the near future. They also had to take into consideration the fact that such an Order if made prior to the 31st March would require amendment now to take in the area which was added to the Town on the 1st April, consequently they had not proceeded with the drafting of an Order until the extension of the Borough Boundary had come into operation. The Town Clerk continued that the drafting of an Order would now be proceeded with and if possible submitted to the next meeting of the Corporation for approval.

The question of the provision of a Pound had been advocated for a long time but owing to the difficulty of securing suitable premises nothing had been done.

HOUSE AT TRINITY STREET

Councillor Hall raised a question regarding the condition of a house at Trinity Street occupied by a man named Hickey who it was understood kept a large number of cats, and it was decided to request the Health Inspector to submit a report on the dwelling and if any nuisance found was not abated that notice be served on Hickey to vacate the premises.

HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN
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In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty the Town Clerk stated that certain

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repairs to a house at Maudlintown recently occupied by a man named Nolan had been authorised that day.

WILLIAM STREET & FISHER'S ROW SCHEMES

Alderman Corish raised the question regarding the supplies of timber for the houses at William Street and Fisher's Row and the Town Clerk informed them he understood from the Housing Engineer that the carcasing timber had been ordered some short time ago.

WALL AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

Councillor Bierney raised the question of a defective wall at St. Aidan's Crescent but the Borough Surveyor replied that the wall had been damaged by the children there and it was no use their parents complaining when they permitted their children to undermine the wall.

OLD GAS STANDARDS

The Borough Surveyor undertook to have the gas lamp standards at Wolfe Tone Villas removed as soon as possible.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

In reply to Councillor Cullimore the Town Clerk stated that negotiations were at present in progress between the Corporation's Solicitor and the Shield Insurance Company regarding repairs to the Clifford Street Wall.

DANGEROUS BUILDING THOMAS CLARKE STREET

The Mayor drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to a dangerous building in Thomas Clarke Street and requested him to examine it immediately.

The reports of the Housing Engineer for the month of March were read and considered satisfactory.

SALE OF TOWN HALL SITE

Arising out of the minutes of the Estimates Meeting on 23rd ultimo Alderman Byrne requested permission to ask a question of public importance. On being given permission the Alderman asked to be informed why a sum of money amounting to £575 received by the Council had not been taken into account in arriving at the Rate in the pound for the current year. In asking this question the Alderman quoted the number and date of the cheque which covered this amount.

In reply to the Town Clerk Alderman Byrne stated the sum in question was in respect of the sale of the Town Hall Site at Slaney Street.

Replying to the question the Town Clerk stated, firstly the money had not yet been received by the Corporation but had been paid to their Solicitor pending execution of the Deed of Transfer which had only been completed that day. Secondly it would not be legal or sound financial practice to use money acquired by such a sale for revenue purposes. Such money should be devoted to Capital purposes.

The Alderman then asked for and was given an assurance that this money would not be used for any purpose without the consent of the Council.

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The meeting then terminated.

W. B. Morris

27th April, 1959.

A Meeting of the Housing (Repairs) 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 Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Alderman Nicholas P. Corish;

Councillors - John Bierney, Edward Hall and James Morris.

The Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor, Mr. T. Cullimore and Mr. M. Redmond, were in attendance.

At the outset His Worship The Mayor pointed out that this was a bad night for a meeting as the Meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee had also been convened and the Town Clerk apologised for calling the meeting but had overlooked the fact that the Vocational Education Committee was due to meet at the sametime.

In view of the fact that the meeting had been called to settle policy in connection with repairs to Artizan's Dwellings for the coming year it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, that no decisions on policy be taken at the present meeting but that such decisions be deferred for a fuller attendance of the Members of the Council.

It was agreed that before the next meeting of the Committee the Borough Surveyor should prepare a complete list of outstanding repairs from 1958/9 together with an estimate of the cost.

The Town Clerk stated he had been informed by the County Secretary that at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council, due to be held on Monday 3rd proximo, the question of the lighting of the new bridge would be under discussion, the Secretary had intimated to him that any Members of the Corporation who wished to discuss the lighting would be welcome to attend the meeting of the Committee.

It was unanimously agreed, however, that the Town Clerk should attend the meeting on behalf of the Corporation and be authorised to agree to expenditure on the part of the Corporation in connection with such lighting not exceeding approximately £20 per annum.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Hall suggested that a Deputation should go to the General Purposes Committee of the County Council to

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protest against the proposal to provide horizontal railings on Wexford Bridge as he considered they would be a danger to children. The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that the present meeting would have no authority to authorise such a deputation nor would the General Purposes Committee of the County Council have any authority to make a decision, it was therefore agreed that Councillor Hall should give notice of motion to have the matter of the railings on Wexford Bridge discussed at the monthly meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 3rd proximo.

Reference was again made to the lighting of the Barry Memorial statue at Crescent Quay. Suggestions had been previously made that the old gas standards being removed from Wolfe Tone Villas should be used there but one of these had been damaged in removal. It was stated, however, that a couple of old gas standards were available at the gas works and the Town Clerk was asked to make enquiries from the Gas Company if this was so and if they would be suitable for erection at the Memorial.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk informed the meeting that it was proposed to erect a chain link fence at the end of the gardens of the new houses at Ardan Casement and the Housing Engineer was to be asked to expedite this work as much as possible.

The attention of the Housing Engineer was also to be called to the dangerous condition of a trench opened by him at Bishopswater in connection with the Ardan Casement Scheme.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin G. Morris.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen - Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

Councillors - Edward Hall, John Howlin, John Bierney, James Morris, John O'Flaherty and Frank Cullimore

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meetings of the 6th and 27th April, 1959, 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.

LOCAL FOUNDRIES

With reference to minutes of 6th April last, when the question of the manufacture of agricultural machinery by the Industrial Engineering Company, Limited, Dundalk, was under consideration, a letter was read from the Company pointing out that no approach had been made to them by Wexford Agricultural Implement Manufacturers which would indicate an absence of concern on their part. The Company availed of the opportunity of informing the Corporation that one of the subsidiaries of the Company manufactured the internationally known range of Agrotillers and also the Bonser Truck. This Subsidiary was actively engaged in development which it was hoped would result in a further expansion of their agricultural machinery business and Dundalk might well prove to be the main centre of agricultural machinery manufactured in this Country.

Councillor Howlin stated that he as a representative of the Wexford Trades Council had been in consultation that day with one of the local Agricultural Machinery Firms and was informed that when the Dundalk Firm was first initiated they had received an undertaking from the Minister for Industry and Commerce that the new Industry would not interfere with the business of the Wexford Firms. It now appeared that the Dundalk Firm were doing their utmost to concentrate the manufacture of all Agricultural machinery in Dundalk which would mean the closing of the two Wexford Firms as no private firms could hope to compete with a State-Subsidised Industry and he considered that a strong protest should be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for permitting a State-Sponsored firm to start in opposition to a local industry which had been established for over a hundred years and had faithfully supplied the Country with a considerable quantity of its Agricultural Machinery. Alderman Byrne seconded the protest by Councillor Howlin which was supported by Aldermen Corish, John Cullimore and James Morris, who appealed to the County Wexford farmers at least to support Wexford Manufactured Agricultural Machinery. Councillors O'Flaherty, Bierney, and Frank Cullimore also supported the protest, and the latter suggested that a Deputation should be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

At this stage, however, Councillor Howlin intimated that the matter would come before the Wexford Trades Council at their meeting on the 5th inst., when he was certain that a joint conference consisting of the Trades Council, the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers would be arranged and he suggested that some Members of the Corporation be appointed to attend such a Conference which would be held during the week-end. By this means they would be showing that Wexford was putting up a united front against any attempt to take the livelihood out of the mouths of their citizens.

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On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following were appointed to attend the proposed Conference:-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Thomas Byrne, Councillors Frank Cullimore and Edward Hall.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should send no protest to the Minister for Industry and Commerce pending the outcome of this conference.

MUNICIPAL RATE - 1959/60

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 44/6d in the pound for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960, as agreed to on 23rd March last. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 44/6d in the pound be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1960, as agreed to on 23rd March, 1959. The Rate Book containing the rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CINEMATOGRAF LICENCE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Capitol Cinema was considered and a suggestion made that a clause be included in Licences "that adults be not permitted into childrens matinees except accompaying their own children". When this suggestion was made the Town Clerk pointed out that in his opinion such a clause would be ultra vires as interfering with the liberty of the subject but it was then decided to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor.

A letter was now read from Mr. O'Connor stating that the proposed prohibitive clause would in his opinion be unreasonable and therefore ultra vires.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to issue a licence to the Capitol Cinema for the coming year and the Town Clerk was asked to write to the Cinemas suggesting that adults be not permitted into childrens matinees except accompanying their own children.

FISHING RIGHTS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, the fishing rights of Coolree Reservoir were granted to the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club for the 1959/60 Season at the usual fee of £5.

TOWN AND VILLAGE COMPETITION

A letter was read from Bord Failte Eireann regarding the Town and Villages Competition 1959 for which the Corporation had entered Wexford Town and His Worship The Mayor appealed to the citizens to clean up their houses and premises during the present month for the competition which was to be judged at the end of May.

Arising out of the above matter the attention of the County Council was to be called to the grass on School Street and Joseph Street and be requested to have it cleaned up before the annual Corpus Christi Procession.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that work on preparing St. Peter's Square for resurfacing would start during the coming week.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to submit an estimate for distemping the walls of the Corporation.

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RAILINGS ON WEXFORD BRIDGE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that the Corporation protest to the Wexford County Council against the decision to provide horizontal railings on Wexford Bridge. In moving the motion the Councillor complained that in his opinion horizontal railings would be dangerous to children and an invitation to them to climb thereon.

The motion was seconded by Councillor James Morris and supported by a number of Members, but the County Manager pointed out that the decision to provide horizontal railings had been taken at the last meeting of the County Council and an order had already been placed for these railings so it was seen that nothing could be done by forwarding a letter of protest to the County Council.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The next business was consideration of a draft Order proposed to be made under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in certain parts of the Borough. A copy of the draft order had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting for the information of the Members. The Town Clerk explained that an Order under this Section made by the Limerick Corporation some years ago had been held to be ultra vires by the High Court and quashed. Accordingly the Corporation had to be very careful in making their Order if it was to be upheld in Court.

The Town Clerk further explained that the draft order had been submitted to the Members so that they might consider very carefully the list of places suggested for the prohibition of temporary dwellings. When they had considered the list they could either add or take from it and he invited the Members to let him know before the next meeting whether they wished to add or take from the list of the places suggested for prohibition.

When any suggested alterations were received they could be embodied into a final draft order for consideration at the June Statutory Meeting.

The Members would have to be perfectly satisfied and express the opinion that in their view the erection of temporary dwellings would be -

- (a) Prejudicial to public health.
- (b) Prejudicial to the amenities of the locality.
- (c) Interfere to an unreasonable extent with traffic on any of the roads or places specified.

Any such opinions however could only be regarded as provisional pending confirmation by the Chief Medical Officer in regard to Public Health and by the Borough Surveyor in regard to traffic on roads. The opinion of the Borough Surveyor could also be sought on the question of interference with amenities.

When the opinions of the Corporation and the various officers concerned have been correlated a final order could be framed which would have a reasonable chance of standing the test of a Court action, and when such an Order was framed formal resolutions of the Corporation could be adopted having it sealed and signed.

It was unanimously agreed that the question be adjourned to the June Meeting and in the meantime Members could communicate with the Town Clerk on any amendments they might wish to make in the draft Order.

GRADED RENTS SCHEME

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A draft Scheme of Graded Rents proposed to be applied to all future lettings of Council houses was submitted. A copy of the Graded Rent Schemes

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had also been circulated to the Members with the Agenda for the present meeting.

The Members considered this might be a good Scheme, but thought they should have more time to consider it and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, it was agreed to adjourn final consideration of the matter to the next meeting. In this connection the County Manager pointed out that the Corporation at present had approximately 35 different rents, it was now suggested that they should now be graded under the eleven grades set out in the Scheme. This could mean in certain circumstances an up-grading of some of the rents but only within the means of the tenant as calculated in the Scheme.

HOUSING PANEL

A proposal to establish a panel of persons needing houses was submitted. This proposal consisted of advertising in the local press and requesting persons who considered they needed houses to apply on a special form drawn up for the purpose. When the panel was completed all future vacancies in both existing and new houses would be filled from the panel where possible except in cases where person were disturbed by reason of the action of the Local Authority or other circumstances outside control. The proposal to establish such a panel was unanimously approved.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The report of the Health Inspector on the condition of a House at Trinity Street was submitted but this was not considered satisfactory and the Borough Surveyor was requested to inspect it.

Reference was made to the fact that the temporary sweeper on the Main Street was not provided with an oil coat and it was unanimously decided that he should be provided with a coat and if there was not a spare coat in the Store one should be purchased to have spare for such occasions.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Housing Repairs Committee on Tuesday, 12th instant, at 8.30 p.m.

It was also decided that the Borough Surveyor should replace the "Swan" in the Faythe.

The Meeting then terminated.

Henr. C. Morris

12th May, 1959.

A Meeting of the Housing (Repairs) Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the Members present being-

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Bierney and James Morris.

The Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk, Mr. T. Cullimore, Storekeeper and Mr. Myles Redmond, Housing Section, were also in attendance.

As requested at last meeting the list of unfinished repairs to Artizan's dwellings for 1958/59 was submitted amounting to a total of £86. In addition unfinished repairs were necessary to the Croke Avenue houses at a cost of £42.10s. and new tenancies requiring repairs amounted to £40. As well it was decided that a dangerous floor in the house of Mrs. Reynolds, O'Connell Avenue, should be renewed at an approximate cost of £16.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor calling attention to serious defects which had become apparent in six houses at Bishopswater. It had been found on examination that 19 gauge copper piping had been used in the floww on return pipes where they were connected to the boilers. This was contrary to normal practice and would not be allowed in any properly finished work as it was usual to lay 12 gauge copper piping for a distance of at least 2 ft. from the boiler and in the opinion of the Surveyor all the existing hot water installations would require to be altered to conform with the practice. For the present as a temporary measure he had had the defective pipes in the six houses replaced by similar gauge pipe as the replacement of 19 gauge piping by 12 gauge would entail the removal of the heating unit and its reinstallation. The cost of temporary repairs worked out at £2.10.0d per house but the cost of permanent repairs would be approximately £20 per house.

The Borough Surveyor also drew attention to the fact that roofing tiles on new houses were not nailed down properly.

In view of the implications of this report it was decided to forward a copy of it to the Housing Engineer with a request for his observations and arrangements were to be made for the Housing Engineer to attend the next meeting of the Repairs Committee.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should undertake the installation of fire places in lieu of ranges where the

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replacement unit was supplied by the tenant and for the current year a sum of £100 was allocated for this work. In this connection it was agreed that two applications from tenants named Edmunds and Rossiter be authorised.

The Town Clerk was asked to enquire from the Rent Collector what was the position regarding the house at Harbour View occupied by Mrs. M.A. Franklin ^{it} who/was understood was in St. John's Hospital, Enniscorthy.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to carry out repairs to eave gutters at Barnwells house, Abbey Street, and the listed repairs to the house at Bishopswater occupied by Mr. Connelly, with the exception of the range.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, it was agreed that the floor of No. 16 Trinity Street, which had not been included in the specification for repairs to the Trinity Street Houses be replaced at a cost of £12 and the Borough Surveyor was also to obtain an estimate from the Contractor for repairing the gable end of the Trinity Street houses.

Attention was called to the erection of a garage at Corish Park by Mr. Martin Roche and the Town Clerk was to ask him to forward an explanation.

The County Manager was recommended to transfer the tenancy of No. 13, Roche's Terrace to Mr Patrick Leonard Whitty, whose wife, formerly Miss Patricia O'Farrell, was in the house all her lifetime and the tenancy of No. 4 Hill St., (Croke Avenue) from Whitney to Miss Mary E. McElroy.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the following houses were vacant - No. 8 Bishopswater, in respect of which an order had been made some time ago by the County Manager allocating it to a person named John Turner; two houses at Corish Park, formerly occupied by Brennan and Hynes, one house at Bishopswater middle row and one house at Alvina Brook.

The Committee unanimously recommended that tenancy of the house at Corish Park, formerly occupied by Hynes, be granted to Mr. Duffin of Devereux Villas who ^{with his family} was living under extremely difficult conditions there with a ^{Crane} ~~Miss~~ Sarah ~~Hynes~~. The Committee also recommended that the tenancy of one of the vacant houses be granted to Mr. M. Costigan who was employed in the Loch Garmain Co-Operative Society and was married to a lady from O'Connell Avenue, but through lack of housing accommodation had to live with his parents at Rosslare House ^{which meant travelling in and out each day to his employment.}

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The Meeting then terminated.

Henry C. Morris

1st June, 1959.

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 K.C. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors:- John Howlin, John Bierney, Edward Hall, 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 Howlin, the minutes of previous meetings of the 4th and 12th 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.

SAFETY FIRST

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government suggesting that road authorities should consider having their drivers participate in the Safety First Competition for safe driving and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation Drivers should be enrolled and that the competition be recommended to the different firms in Wexford.

LOAN - £1,900

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a loan of £1,900 to provide stores accommodation at the Municipal Buildings, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was resolved "that pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 10th April, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £1,900 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a Stores Depot at the Municipal Buildings to be repaid within twenty 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 Ltd."

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

PROHIBITION OF TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

With reference to minutes of 4th ultimo when a draft order under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, for the prohibition or retention of temporary dwellings in certain parts of the Sanitary District was submitted and adjourned to the present meeting to enable the Members to consider the schedule as to whether or not any areas should be added to or any areas deleted from it. The matter now came up for further consideration.

It was explained that it was now open to the Members to either add to or take from the schedule to the draft order and when that was done a final order would be prepared for execution. A set of bye-laws dealing with temporary dwellings which might be erected in areas outside the scope of the Prohibition Order would also be submitted for preliminary approval.

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After some discussion it was agreed that the Clifford Street and King Street Avenue should be added to the draft schedule and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the draft Order was unanimously approved and ordered to be engrossed for execution at a subsequent meeting of the Council as all the Members were of the opinion that the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in any of the areas specified in the Schedule to the Order would be prejudicial to the amenities of the locality.

PROPOSED GRADED RENT SCHEME FOR ALL CORPORATION HOUSES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when consideration of a draft Scheme of Graded Rents to be applied to all future lettings of Corporation houses was adjourned to enable the Members to consider it, a lengthy discussion now took place on the whole Scheme. Various opinions were expressed by the Members as to the merits and demerits of Graded Rents and it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Morris, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee made in January last that the rents of houses be increased on reletting be brought before the next meeting. This proposal was agreed to and the question of the adoption of a graded rent scheme was also deferred to next meeting.

TOWN PLANNING OUTSIDE DISTRICT

The next business was to consider the advisability of approaching the County Council with a view to having certain portions of the County Health District adjoining the Town made "contiguous areas" for the purpose of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934 to 1939.

This matter arose consequent on the erection of Wexford Bridge. As a result of the erection of the new bridge the Ferrybank Area would now become the main approach to Wexford Town from the north and having regard as well to the erection of a promenade by the Corporation in the Ferrybank Area it was considered essential that future building there should be brought under the control of some local authority. The County Council (in whose functional area Ferrybank is situated) had not adopted the Town and Regional Planning Acts and could only exercise limited control over future building in the area. Their power would appear to be confined to ensuring that buildings were not erected within a certain distance from the centre of the road but they did not appear to have any power to determine the type of building or the materials with which it was to be constructed. The Corporation (whose functional area was joined to Ferrybank by the new Wexford Bridge) had adopted the Acts and Ferrybank could be regarded as a contiguous area for the purpose of Section 21 of the Act of 1934. This Section empowered the Minister for Local Government on the application of the Council of a Borough or Urban District to declare that a contiguous area of a County Health District be added to or form part of the planning district of the adjoining Borough or Urban Area. Before making such an application to the Minister, however, it would be advisable for the Corporation to consult the County Council with a view to obtaining agreement similar to that arrived at in connection with the recent alteration of the Borough Boundary. Alderman Corish thereupon proposed that the Corporation Officials approach the County Council with a view to having the Ferrybank Area and certain other portions of the Health District adjoining the Town made contiguous areas for the purposes of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934 to 1939. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

QUESTIONS

The following questions were asked by Councillor Howlin.

Question: What is the position regarding the supply of timber for the William Street and Fisher's Row Houses; and when will carpenters be employed thereon.

Answer: On 25th May a load of joints and rafters was received and on 27th May a load of joinery materials. As a result of these deliveries four extra carpenters and two apprentices were employed. Five carpenters and three apprentices are now employed.

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Question: What is the intention of the Corporation in connection with the building site at John Street.

Answer: The present position regarding the acquisition of this site is that the Compulsory Purchase Order has been confirmed and the compensation payable fixed by arbitration. The property can now be taken over by the Corporation on giving fourteen days notice. At the moment the transfer is being arranged between the Council's Law Agent and the Solicitors for the various owners.

As regards building, a lay-out and estimate for the erection of 30 houses was prepared some time ago. At present steps are being taken to bring the existing Housing Survey up to-date so as to establish the actual needs at the moment and to ascertain the rent-paying capacity of those in need of rehousing. When this work is completed a further report will be made to the Council.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORTS

The progress reports of the Housing Engineer for the month of May with regard to the Seventeen Houses at William Street and twenty-two at Fisher's Row were read by the Town Clerk.

SHORT SERVICE GRATUITY

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a short service gratuity under Section 39 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1936, of £55.5.0d was unanimously approved in respect of Mr. Aidan (Mogue) O'Brien, former grave digger, who was certified as unfit for future work, and additional expenditure of this amount in the current financial year authorised.

VACANT HOUSE AT DISTILLERY

It was reported that the house at Distillery formerly occupied by the late Bertie Evans was about to become vacant. It had been advertised for tenancy in the local press and two applications were received. One was from Mr. Patrick O'Halloran, Station Road, Rosslare Strand, who is a married man with three children, Secretary of the Wexford County Council; the other was from Mr. Eoin Murphy, Richmond Terrace, who was not yet married. The obvious choice of tenant was Mr. O'Halloran but being a senior official in the County the Manager felt that the Corporation should have some say in deciding whether or not he should be made the tenant. Alderman Byrne thereupon proposed that the Manager be recommended to grant the tenancy of the House to Mr. O'Halloran and this motion was seconded by the Mayor and unanimously adopted.

SALARY OF ACCOUNTS CLERK

His Worship The Mayor stated he understood that the salaries of practically all local officials (clerk-typists, clerical officers, county accountants, etc.) had been revised once or twice in the past ten years, with one exception, Mr. Doyle, the Corporation Accounts Clerk, whose salary scale (fixed in 1948) had never been revised and he suggested that this official's scale should be adjusted to bring it into line with that of other officials performing similar duties. He (Mayor) understood that in recent years this step was taken in Tralee where the corresponding official was placed on a scale reaching a maximum of £650, while the maximum of the Corporation Official was only £500.

He therefore proposed that the Corporation recommend the County Manager to revise the salary scale of Mr. Doyle so as to bring it in line with that paid in other Boroughs and Urban Districts. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to and the additional expenditure

necessary in the current financial year to give effect to this recommendation was authorised.

The County Manager pointed out that this resolution was highly irregular in as much as the only way such a matter could come before the Corporation was by recommendation by him that the salary of an official be revised, and he had received no application from Mr. Doyle for revision of his salary. He did not cast any reflection on his Worship The Mayor for bringing forward the motion but pointed out the irregularity of it.

The Members appreciated the position of the Manager and intimated to him that if he received such an application and decided to take any action that they were agreeable. The matter then dropped.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Corish proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Byrne and Mr. Garrett Doyle on the death of their aunt. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Byrne, on his own behalf and on behalf of the family, returned thanks to the Members for their expression of sympathy.

WATCHMEN ON DERELICT SITES

Councillor Hall asked if any report had been received from the Housing Engineer regarding the removal of blocks from the building sites at William Street and Fisher's Row and in reply the Town Clerk stated that he had received no such report. The Councillor then stated that according to his information a van had driven up there recently in the early hours of the morning and removed some materials from the site. It was well known that the watchman was only there until midnight or 1 a.m. and after that the site was completely open to anyone who wished to go there and remove materials.

Councillor Howlin agreed with Councillor Hall and pointed out that he had opposed this arrangement which was made by a previous County Manager that the watchmen should only be on housing sites until midnight. There was no knowing what materials had been removed from Housing Sites as a result of this false economy. He therefore proposed that for the future the watchmen be employed fulltime on the building sites, this motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the Members and unanimously agreed to.

GAS TO CORISH PARK HOUSES

The Mayor referred to the position of the tenants of the new houses at Corish Park who could not obtain a supply of gas and the Borough Surveyor was asked to take up the matter with the Manager of the Gas Company and make a report to the next meeting.

GAS COOKERS WILLIAM STREET HOUSES

Reference was also made to the failure of the Housing Engineer to order gas cookers for the William Street and Fisher's Row houses and the Manager stated that he had made no alteration in the decision taken by the Corporation some few years ago that gas cookers be provided for all future houses and that on receipt of a recommendation from the Housing Engineer he would make an order accepting the tender of the Wexford Gas Company for the supply of those cookers.

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SEATS

The Borough Surveyor was asked to again examine the possibility of replacing the seat at Maudlintown.

It was decided to change the seat at St. John's Road from the North to the South side.

CONDITION OF STREETS

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the streets leading to the Quays particularly Oyster Lane through grass and weeds and the Mayor referred to the condition of the ground in front of the Clinic at Grogan's Road which was also over grown

WATER SUPPLY - CINEAM LANE

Complaint was made by Councillor O'Flaherty that a couple of houses at Cinema Lane were without a very satisfactory water supply and asked that the plumber be instructed to investigate same.

NAMING OF NEW BRIDGE

Councillor O'Flaherty referred to the recent decision of the Wexford County Council to name the new Bridge Droichead Loch Garmain and intimated that disappointment was expressed by a number of people in the Town that it had not been called the " '98 Commemoration Bridge" or "98 Bridge". He was aware that nothing could be done at this stage to alter the decision of the County Council and he merely raised the matter to voice disappointment that account had not been taken of the fact that the bridge was erected on the site of an old bridge that had very historical memories.

Kevin G. Morris,

29th June, 1959.

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, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

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

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

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and family of the late Senator John O'Leary who had represented Wexford in Dail Eireann and Seanad Eireann for a number of years. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the Members and by the Town Clerk.

Alderman Cullimore proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William T. Cosgrave, former President of the Executive Council on the death of his wife. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and by the Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The principal business of the Meeting was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until quarterly meeting of the Council due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1960, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor intimated that he was prepared to receive nominations for the Office.

Councillor Howlin proposed that Alderman Thomas Byrne be elected Mayor for the coming year. Alderman Corish seconded.

Councillor James Morris proposed that Councillor John O'Flaherty be elected Mayor, and the present Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded this motion.

As there were no other nominations a poll was taken, when there voted -

For Alderman Byrne - Aldermen Byrne and Corish, Councillors Bierney and Howlin	4
For Councillor O'Flaherty - Alderman Cullimore and The Mayor, Councillors Frank Cullimore, Flusk, Hall, James Morris and O'Flaherty.....	7

Councillor John O'Flaherty was declared elected Mayor for the coming year and having made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office set out in the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, was vested with the Robe and Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris.

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Having taken the Chair the newly-elected Mayor returned thanks to all those who had voted for him and the opposition who had made election so easy.

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Alderman Byrne congratulated the new Mayor and suggested that the seat held by Mr. Patrick Kehoe, who had been absent for a considerable time should now be filled. All the other Members, including the outgoing Mayor, congratulated the newly-elected Mayor and thanked Alderman Morris for the courtesy he had shown to them while he occupied the Mayoral chair.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three quarterly meetings of the Council to be held prior to 23rd June, 1960, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the following dates as suggested by the Town Clerk were unanimously agreed to.

Monday 5th October, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.,
Monday 4th January, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.,
Monday 6th April, 1960, at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

J. G. O'Halloran

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6th July, 1959.

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 John O'Flaherty, in the Chair,

Aldermen:- John Cullimore, Kevin Morris and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors:- John Howlin, John Bierney, Frank Cullimore,
Edward Hall and James Morris.

The Deputy 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 the June 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

His Worship The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, on the death of his sister Miss Joan O'Connor. Alderman Byrne seconded this proposal which was supported by all the Members present; by the Deputy County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

SUPPLY OF GAS TO CORISH PARK & MARIAN ROW

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a question was raised regarding the supply of gas to certain houses at Corish Park the Manager of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company intimated that accompanied by the Borough Surveyor he had investigated the possibility of supplying gas to Mrs. Bolger at No. 17. He pointed out that the existing main terminated at No. 11, but could be extended to supply No. 17 if the Company were indemnified against any damage to a greenhouse at No. 12, which they should have to pass under. They would of course take all necessary precautions to avoid damage. After some discussion the Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk both pointed out to the Corporation that they had no statutory authority to indemnify a commercial concern such as the Gas Company against actions arising from the carrying out of their work and the Company were to be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation they should undertake this work without any indemnity.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk was asked to ascertain the position regarding the supply of gas to the houses at Marian Row, Thomas Street.

RENTS OF ARTIZANS DWELLINGS

With reference to minutes of previous meetings the question of proposed Graded Rent Scheme for all Corporation houses, adjourned from 1st ultimo, was again taken up. The matter had been adjourned to enable a recommendation made last year regarding increased rents on re-lettings to be again brought forward. This recommendation was "that on the occasion of all future lettings the basic rents of houses erected prior to 1947 be increased as follows:-

houses at Maudlintown, Croke Avenue and Wolfe Tone Villas by 2/- and other houses to a minimum of 7/6d"

When this matter came up for consideration Councillor Howlin and other Members intimated that they were in favour of the recommendation to

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increase rents on re-letting provided it only applied to one increase and not every time a house became vacant; and that the increases should not apply in any case where in the opinion of the Manager the circumstances of the tenant were such as to make the full increase a hardship on the tenant.

The following resolution was thereupon proposed by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously adopted:-

That the County Manager's proposal to increase the rents of certain houses on the next re-letting following the adoption of this resolution be approved as follows:-

- (a) The basic rents of houses situated at WOLFE TONE VILLAS, CROKE AVENUE and MAUDLINTOWN, by such sum not exceeding TWO SHILLINGS per week as may be determined by him having regard to the circumstances from time to time of the tenant; and
- (b) the basic rents of all other pre-1947 houses by such sum as may be determined by him having regard to the circumstances from time to time of the tenant up to SEVEN SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE per week.

It was further agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to defer a decision on the Graded Rent Scheme proposed.

DERELICT SITE AT KEYSER'S LANE

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that a derelict site at Keyser's Lane Wexford be disposed of to Mr. A.J. Fitzgerald for the sum of £25 (twenty-five pounds) to enclose as a yard to his premises situated at South Main Street.

The Town Clerk explained that the position herein was that in May last Mr. Fitzgerald applied for this plot of ground. As a result it had been advertised in the local press on the 15th and 16th May, 1959, and only one offer received for the plot, namely, Mr. Fitzgerald, who offered the sum of £25. In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice was given to the Members of the Council that the Manager proposed to dispose of the plot of ground to Mr. Fitzgerald. Subsequent to the issue of this notice applications had been received from Mr. John Rattigan and Mr. T. Whitty, whose premises also abutted on Keyser's Lane and whose Main Street premises adjoined Mr. Fitzgerald's. The Members seemed to think that it might be possible to divide this plot of ground but Councillor Howlin pointed out that it had been advertised in the public press and no application had been received with the exception of Mr. Fitzgerald until his offer had been made public by the issue of the notice to the Members and he thought it most unfair that the recommendation of the Manager should not now be approved by the Council. However after further discussion the matter was adjourned for a month to enable the three people concerned to see if a compromise could be arranged between themselves.

COSTS BERNADETTE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

The next business was to consider a report on the costs of the 54 Houses at St. Bernadette Place, copies of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting. Alderman Morris suggested that it should not be considered until they had a report from the Borough Surveyor on the copper piping used in these dwellings and the whole matter was adjourned for a meeting of the Housing (Consultative) Committee to be held on Monday the 27th instant when the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer were to be present.

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An application was read from Mr. M. Breen, 22 South Anne Street,

Dublin, for permission to use the Corporation Coat of Arms on badges, penants, etc., but as the nature of the other goods manufactured by this gentleman was very vague His Worship The Mayor proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded, that the application be refused. This was agreed to.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

The following applications for permission under the Town and Regional Planning Act were approved -

1. Alteration of premises of the St. Iberius Catholic Club to provide bathrooms, showers and sanitary conveniences;
2. The provision of a Social Hall at South Main Street, by the Legion of Mary;
3. The provision of dressing rooms in the Theatre Royal, High Street;
4. The provision of a dwelling house at Davitt Road South by Mr. E.J. Howlin, Distillery House; and
5. The reconstruction of a house at High Street by Mrs. Hannon of South Main Street.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that Mrs. Hannon would be applying for a loan to reconstruct this dwelling. Previously the Corporation had agreed to advance money under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for the erection of houses and the purchase of existing houses but it had never been decided to advance loans for the purpose of reconstruction. It was now unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris, that the Corporation authorise the making of loans under the appropriate legislation for the purpose of reconstructing dwelling houses.

An application from the Loc-Garmain Co-operative Agricultural Society for the extension of a bungalow attached to their premises at the Castle was adjourned on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris, so as to enable the Chief Medical Officer to be asked if she was satisfied, having regard to the reports of the Health Inspector and Borough Surveyor, that the sanitary accommodation proposed for the dwelling was adequate.

SALARY OF ACCOUNTS OFFICER

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Accounts Officer, be placed on the revised salary scale of Clerical Officers, namely, £265 to £635 per annum inclusive of temporary allowance up to and including temporary allowance 1953, plus a basic differential of £50 for acting as accounts officer, this revised salary to take effect from the 1st January, 1958; and on the motion of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation of the County Manager was unanimously approved and excess expenditure of £126 in respect of the period 1st January, 1958, to 31st March, 1960, approved in respect of this variation of salary.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £50,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £75,000 was authorised for the quarter ended 30th September, 1959.

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TENDERS FOR CLEARING RUBBLE AT FISHER'S ROW

Three tenders were received for the clearance of rubble at Fisher's Row Housing Site, they were from:

Messrs O'Rourke Bros.,	- £340.
Mr. P. Breen	- £375.
Mr. J. O'Connor	- £385.

The three tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor indicating the water supply position on the present day and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that a further curtailment of the supply from 10-00 p.m. to 5-00 a.m. be authorised and if necessary any further alterations in the supply hours could be agreed between the Mayor, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Borough Surveyor promised to install a fireplace in Rossiters of Bishopswater as soon as a mason was available.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to have the Bishopswater stream cleaned up immediately.

The Borough Surveyor said he hoped to commence the resurfacing of the Old Pound, Talbot Street and John's Gate Street in the very near future.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the house occupied by Mrs. Walsh of Abbey Street was not worth repairing and that this person should be rehoused on a convenient occasion.

Councillor Howlin complained of the condition of the Clifford Street Wall and the Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the Corporation Solicitor during the week and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine the present position of the timbering there.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation were the owners of a derelict site at Monck Street.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to place a notice at Selskar Street indicating the position of the public sanitary convenience and the question of having the conveniences opened an hour earlier each morning was to be considered.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Rourke

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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 John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris and Nicholas P. Corish.

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

The Borough Surveyor, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk were in attendance.

COPPER TUBING

The meeting had been convened to consider the matter of the use of light gauge copper pipes at the flow and return of various Corporation Housing Schemes some half dozen of which had given trouble at Bishopswater in the last few months. A lengthy report was read from the Housing Engineer pointing out that it had been the practice in all Schemes and in private house building to use 19 gauge copper pipes in the flow and return pipes to the boiler and he was of opinion that this was sufficient. Mr. Millar considered that the main difficulty in this case was the Sorvall Grates as they did not give the same protection to the pipes as the normal boiler grate. As well, Mr. Millar pointed out, that the instantor fittings could not be used in the heavy 13 gauge tubing because an essential feature of the joint was that a compression ring deformed the tube when the nut was properly tightened and this was not possible with the heavier gauge of tube. After some discussion it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer consult regarding the type of fittings to be used with the heavier grade pipe and that the heavier grade pipe be used in all future Housing Schemes.

ROOF TILES

As regards the fixing of roof tiles Mr. Millar stated the tiles were laid to break joint with every tile in each alternate course nailed and this had been the practice in all Schemes carried out by the Corporation for a number of years and in his opinion was a good way of doing the work. He also submitted to the meeting a pamphlet from the Manufacturers showing that this was the way they recommended the tiles to be fixed.

However, it was again agreed that where the interlocking tiles were exposed to the weather every alternate tile in each row should be nailed.

P.V.C. PIPES

Tenders were opened for the supply of P.V.C. Pipes for the Housing Schemes at William Street and Fisher's Row and were initialled by the Mayor. It was unanimously agreed, however, that no action should be taken on the tenders pending a full report being submitted to the Corporation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

A letter addressed to His Worship The Mayor, from the Taoiseach, was read requesting suggestions from the Corporation for future developmental work. The Mayor thought that one of the first Schemes which should get immediate priority was the Development of Wexford Harbour and a Land Reclamation Scheme.

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This suggestion met with general favour and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed

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to call a joint meeting of the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners for Tuesday, 4th August, 1959, at 8.30 p.m. In the meantime a copy of the Taoiseach's letter was to be circulated to the Members of the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners.

It was further agreed that the Press be invited to the meeting on the 4th proximo.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

Councillor Howlin suggested that it would be a nice gesture on the part of the County Council when they were formally opening Wexford Bridge if they were to invite the former County Manager, Mr. T.D. Sinnott, to perform the opening ceremony as he had practically initiated the construction of the Bridge and had all to do with it up to the time it commenced. It was pointed out that Mr. Sinnott's health would not permit him to be present on the occasion, but Councillor Howlin stated he understood the ceremony could easily be performed by radio-telephone at very little expense.

As the Members, however, were not aware what arrangement the County Council had already made in connection with the opening ceremony it was felt that an informal approach should be made to the Members of the latter Body before the matter was referred to at a public meeting so as to avoid embarrassment to either side and the Meeting unanimously instructed the Town Clerk to ask the County Manager to mention the suggestion to the Chairman of the County Council and if considered practicable to bring the matter before the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

COMMODORE BARRY ANNIVERSARY

Reference was made by Councillor Howlin to the holding of the Commodore Barry Commemoration this year and it was unanimously decided to commemorate the third anniversary of the Unveiling of the Statue on Sunday, September 27th, as this would be the nearest date on which a suitable tide would be in the harbour. Councillor Howlin also suggested to the Corporation that if they desired it would be possible for him to have the World Champion Band of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union present on the occasion and the Members unanimously agreed that this would be an excellent suggestion.

It was also agreed to request the American Ambassador to lay the wreath and to ask the Department of External Affairs to request the appropriate American Authorities to have the U.S.S. Barry call to Rosslare Harbour that week-end as they understood the ship was at present in European waters. It was decided to give preliminary notification to the F.C.A. and the Bands immediately and to give a short note of the ceremony to the Press.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Flaherty

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4th August, 1959.

A Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at nine fifteen p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

Councillors:- Edward Hall and John Howlin.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened to execute three Mortgage Deeds to secure repayment of loans proposed to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works and on the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

1. 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 £27,280 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1958.
2. 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 £34,880, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1958.
3. 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 £4,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1958.

The three Mortgage Deeds were thereupon sealed and signed and witnessed on behalf of the Corporation and Undertakings to repay loan instalments punctually as they became due were also sealed and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

It was pointed out that a number of Members of the Council would be on holidays during the next few weeks and it was unanimously agreed that the Statutory Meeting of the Council due to be held on Monday the 10th instant should be abandoned and no meeting held until the first Monday in September.

The Meeting then terminated

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24th August, 1959.

A Meeting of the Joint Committee considering the improvement of Wexford Harbour was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8-00 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair, Alderman, John Cullimore, Alderman Thomas Byrne, Councillors John Howlin and Edward Hall representing the Corporation;

Messrs Seamus Galvin, Stephen Mahoney, Eamon Sinnott and Alderman Kevin Morris representing the Wexford Harbour Commissioners,

together with Mr. James Quirke and Mr. R.E. Corish, co-opted members.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

The draft letter to An Taoiseach prepared by Messrs Quirke, Sinnott and the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been submitted to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting was carefully examined and after a few amendments had been suggested it was unanimously adopted. The estimated cost being fixed at £600,000 to include "equipment".

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was agreed that a further meeting should be held immediately any correspondence was received from either the Taoiseach or the Special Committee considering such projects in the Department of Finance.

The meeting then terminated.



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 John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Bierney, John Cullimore and James Morris.

The County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. Thomas J. Millar, and the Town Clerk were in attendance..

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of July Meetings (no meeting having been held in the month of August) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his sister.

OPENING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

It was unanimously agreed that the Members of the Corporation should meet at the Town Hall, Cornmarket, on Thursday morning in time to leave there at 11-45 to attend the blessing and opening of the New Bridge at Commercial Quay at 12-00 noon.

DERELICT SITE AT KEYSER'S LANE

With reference to minutes of 7th July last when a proposal from the Wexford County Manager that a derelict site at Keyser's Lane be demised to Mr. Alex Fitzgerald of South Main Street for the sum of £25 was adjourned to enable Members to ascertain if it was possible to obtain agreement between the neighbours there regarding the division of this site, it was now stated that when negotiations had opened no agreement had been reached and it was unanimously decided to defer this matter for a further month when a final decision would be made.

BUILDING FOR LOC GARMAIN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

With reference to minutes of 7th July last when the application of the Loc-Garmain Co-Operative Society for permission to erect an addition to a bungalow in their yard was deferred, the Town Clerk read correspondence which took place between the Chief Medical Officer and himself regarding the sanitary accommodation provided for this dwelling. The Chief Medical Officer was of opinion that the sanitary convenience was adequate. The Members did not agree with the view expressed by the Chief Medical Officer nor were they satisfied that the existing building was suitable as a dwelling, consequently it was unanimously decided on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to recommend the County Manager to refuse permission for the erection of this building in accordance with the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

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The next business was to formally make an order under the Local

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Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, prohibiting the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in parts of the Town specified in the Schedule to the Order. A copy of the Order had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting.

The following resolution was thereupon moved by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, and unanimously adopted:-

"We the Members of the Wexford Borough Council, being of opinion that the erection or retention of temporary dwellings within the Borough would be prejudicial to public health or the amenities of the locality or would interfere to an unreasonable extent with traffic do hereby make the following Order:

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SANITARY SERVICES) ACT, 1948

WHEREAS The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, Acting by the Council, (in this Order referred to as the "Sanitary Authority") are the Sanitary Authority for the Sanitary District (in this Order referred to as the "Sanitary District") consisting of the Borough of Wexford; and whereas the Sanitary Authority are of opinion that the erection or retention of temporary dwellings would be prejudicial to public health or the amenities of the locality or would interfere to an unreasonable extent with traffic on any of the roads or places specified in the schedule hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, the Sanitary Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 31, sub-sections (1) and (2) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, hereby prohibit the erection or retention of temporary dwellings in any part of the Sanitary District as specified in the said schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE HEREINBEFORE REFERRED TO

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| 1. Allen Street and open space therein. | 25. St. Patrick's Square. |
| 2. Batt's Street | 26. St. Peter's Square. |
| 3. Church Lane. | 27. Talbot Street. |
| 4. Clifford Street. | 28. The Faythe and Swan View. |
| 5. Commercial Quay. | 29. The Folly and the Rock's Lane. |
| 6. Cornmarket. | 30. Thomas Clarke (or Duke) Street. |
| 7. Crescent Quay. | 31. Thomas Street. |
| 8. Croke Avenue. | 32. Trimmer's Lane East. |
| 9. Cullimore's Lane. | 33. Trimmer's Lane West. |
| 10. Custom House Quay. | 34. Wellington Place. |
| 11. Davitt Road South and Building Sites thereon. | 35. The open space at Windmills Hill locally known as "the Green". |
| 12. Green Street. | 36. The open space or children's playground at Upper William Street and St. Brendan's Road. |
| 13. King Street Avenue. | 37. Any part of the Housing Estates of Wexford Corporation at Maudlintown, St. Bernadette's Place (The Faythe), St. Aidan's Crescent and the open space in front thereof, Bishopswater, Wolfe Tone Villas, Whiterock View and Corish Park. |
| 14. Mary's Lane. | 38. The derelict sites situated at William Street, Fisher's Row, Upper John Street and Keyser's Lane. |
| 15. Oyster Lane. | |
| 16. Paul Quay Lane. | |
| 17. Ram Street. | |
| 18. Seaview Avenue. | |
| 19. Slegg's Lane. | |
| 20. Sinnott's Lane. | |
| 21. Still Lane. | |
| 22. Stonebridge Lane. | |
| 23. Slaughterhouse Lane. | |
| 24. St. Patrick's (or Foundry) Lane. | |

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford this 7th day of September, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-nine in the presence of -

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JOHN G. O'FLAHERTY, Mayor of Wexford.
JOHN L. BYRNE, Town Clerk.

The Order was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

BYELAWS RELATING TO TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

A code of Bye-Laws relating to temporary dwellings was submitted to the meeting for provisional approval and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship The Mayor, the code (copies of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting) was unanimously approved and the Town Clerk directed to forward it to the Minister for Local Government for provisional approval on his part before they were formally adopted.

CONTIGUOUS AREAS

The next business was to formally request the Minister for Local Government to declare that certain areas contiguous to the Borough would be contiguous areas for the purposes of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934 and 1939, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

We the Members of the Wexford Borough Council hereby request the Minister for Local Government to exercise his powers under Section 21 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, and by Order declare the following portions of the Wexford County Health District to be Contiguous Areas and added to the planning district of the Borough of Wexford - The area lying between the existing borough boundary and a line drawn along the Farnogue Stream from Carcur to where it intersects the Electricity Supply Board's 10 KV line in Coolcots Lane, east of the Burial Ground (disused) and thence along the said 10 KV line from the foregoing intersection to where the line intersects the new Borough Boundary at the South Western side of Wexford Park. The area lying between the River Slaney and Wexford Harbour and a line drawn from the North side of the abutment of the old bridge at Crosstown along the north side of the road leading from this abutment to Castlebridge up to its bifurcation with the road from Ferrybank to Castlebridge south east of Crosstown House and from the said bifurcation along the stream leading from the Ferrybank/Castlebridge Road in the Townland of ~~Maivan~~ Maivan to the foreshore at Wexford Harbour and thence along the eastern boundaries of the Townlands of Burgess and Tincone to Ferrybank.

In this connection a letter was submitted from the County Secretary intimating that the County Council at their meeting held on 8th June last "granted consent to Wexford Corporation to extend their planning control powers under the Town and Regional Planning Acts to include an area outside the Borough but contiguous to it, particularly the Ferrybank area.

REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, a Scheme was unanimously adopted for the making of loans for the carrying out of reconstruction, repair or improvement works on dwellinghouses subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. A copy of the Scheme is appended to these minutes.

BORROWING FOR IMPROVEMENT LOANS

It was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a loan of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the making of loans for carrying out improvement, repair or reconstruction work on dwellinghouses.

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Lay-out and house plans were submitted by the Wexford Housing Society Limited for the development of Davitt Road Extension. The Society

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also asked if the Corporation would be prepared to advance loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the people concerned and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor James Morris, that the plans submitted by the Society be approved in principle but that the Corporation reserve the right to deal with individual applicants who are not Members of the Society and that the Society be informed the Corporation would be prepared to advance loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to suitable and qualified persons in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Minister for Local Government.

BORROWING FOR SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of financing advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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

Councillor Bierney asked the Corporation to request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a letter box at Whitemill Road.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have the resurfacing of John's Gate Street carried out immediately.

Councillor Hall asked that attention be given to the gully traps in the Town which needed cleaning. Councillor Hall also complained of obstruction in Allen Street by persons parking motor cars on the footpath. despite the fact that a parking place had been provided in that Street.

The question of wastage of water was also raised and Members complained that a number of taps in the town were without washers and the Town Clerk asked them to give him a list of the names of premises where taps were without washers and he would have the matter attended to immediately.

It was also agreed on the suggestion of the Acting Surveyor that the plumber should, when he came across a defective tap put washers on and forward the account to the owner of the dwelling.

Complaint was made that the W.C. System in the house occupied by Mr. Dodd at Columba Villas was leaking.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Leary

12th October, 1959.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to Section 11 of the Local Elections Act, 1927) in the Municipal Buildings at 8-45 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

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

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of last meeting, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns, the Clergy and the relatives of the Very Rev. George G. Murphy, Parish Priest Rathangan, whose death took place on the 10th instant. Fr. Murphy had served for a considerable number of years in Wexford Town as Curate, Rector of the Church of the Assumption and Administrator of the Parish before his appointment as Parish Priest.

Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Alderman Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Frank Staples, Veterinary Inspector to the Corporation, on the death of his brother. This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the Members present and by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

POSTAL BOX AT WHITEMILL

With reference to the minutes of the September meeting when it was decided to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a postal box at the Whitemill area a letter was read from the Department intimating that the provision of such box in the Whitemill Road Area had been agreed to and arrangements were being made to provide one at the junction of Whitemill Road and St. Aidan's Crescent.

This was considered satisfactory and the Department was to be thanked for the prompt manner in which the request had been dealt with.

WATER SUPPLY

A letter was read from the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce intimating that at their meeting on the 7th instant a vote of appreciation had been passed with the Corporation for being able to maintain such an excellent supply of good water in the town during the dry summer, and the Council of the Chamber asked that their thanks be conveyed to the staff concerned.

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tion were thanked for anything they did that the kind vote of appreciation by the Junior Chamber of Commerce should be acknowledged and he thanked the staff for maintaining the water supply during the dry summer.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk summarised the present water supply position and stated that for the present it would not be possible to relax restrictions on the hours of supply. The rainfall over the week-end had only been slightly over one inch and while the flow into the Reservoir on Saturday morning was at the rate of 500,000 g.p.d. this had dropped to a little over a 100,000 on the present morning. Taking everything into consideration the reservoir had only gained slightly less than a million gallons of water and it was felt that a larger hear over the filter plant would need to be built up before any relaxation of the restrictions could be contemplated. He (Town Clerk) however, assured the meeting that the position was constantly under review and that immediately the situation warranted it the restrictions would be relaxed as much as possible.

DERELICT SITE AT KEYSER'S LANE

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a derelict site at Keyser's Lane be demised to Mr. A. Fitzgerald for the sum of £25.

It was recalled that this site had been advertised for sale in May last. As a result of the advertisement only one offer was received, namely, Mr. Fitzgerald's and on 26th June notice was given to the Members in compliance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, of the Manager's proposal to demise the site to him for the sum mentioned.

When the notice was issued other people in the area became interested in the site and at the July meeting of the Corporation consideration of the Manager's recommendation was adjourned to see if it could be possible for the persons in the area who claimed to be interested in the site to come to some agreement for its division amongst them. The matter had come before the Corporation again at the September meeting and had been further adjourned to the present meeting.

The Town Clerk now read a letter from Mr. Fitzgerald intimating that he was agreeable to so deal with the site, that, for a consideration he would leave a seven foot pathway giving access to the rere of all other premises touching this site with a right-of-way to all interested parties subject to the erection of a six feet high wall by the parties at their own expense, such wall to be completed before any exits from the rere of their respective premises on to the site are made or opened.

Similar letters had been received by His Worship the Mayor and by the County Manager. It was also intimated that Mr. Whitty was still interested in this site along with Mr. Fitzgerald's next-door neighbour, Mr. Rattigan.

In view of the dissention regarding this site the Manager intimated that he would now withdraw his recommendation and re-advertise the site to the highest bidder. However, after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the Town Clerk should write to the three parties concerned giving them until the end of the present month to try to come to some agreement regarding the division of the site and if this were not accomplished the site would be readvertised for sale.

DERELICT SITE AT MONCK STREET

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a derelict site at Monck Street be demised to Mr. Francis Moran, George Street, for the sum of £75. Notice of intention to dispose of this site had been given on 1st September, 1959, in compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1940.

The Town Clerk intimated that when this site was advertised for sale

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Arising out of correspondence and telephone calls between the Housing Engineer and the Firm whose tender had been accepted for the supply of timber he (Town Clerk) had taken the matter in hands, As a result of certain action he had taken, one of the Directors of the firm had called on him some weeks ago and intimated that they would be unable to fulfil the specification for the timber for 22 Houses at Fisher's Row. This meant that the Officials had to then go back on the tenders received and select the next two lowest and request them to submit a revised tender for the specification.

A revised tender had now been accepted at a higher cost than the original one and an order had been placed with the firm for the necessary timber. It was found rather difficult, however, to obtain timber for joinery work and the Housing Engineer had shown him a letter that day from the Firm intimating that they had not suitable timber for the manufacture of joinery but that a boat of timber was at present being unloaded in Dublin and the Corporation order would receive first preference from that.

After some discussion the Town Clerk was asked to take up the question himself direct with the suppliers and request them to give a definite date for the delivery of the timber.

COST OF FIREBRIGADE

In reply to a query by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk gave the following particulars regarding the cost of Fire Brigade in the six months ended 30th September as well as the total cost for 1958/59 and the estimate for 1959/60.

	Actual Cost 1958/9 £.	Estimate 1959/60. £.
Stipend and Wages	670.	700.
Loan Charges	875.	875.
Miscellaneous:-	£.	
Boots and Coats	51.	
Electricity	30.	
Sundry Materials	60.	
Licences	2.	
Insurance	62.	
Telephones	18	
	223.	175.
TOTALS	£1,768.	£1,750.

The position for the first six months of 1959/60 was:

	£.
Estimate for Wages and Stipends	700.
Actual Stipends for year	360.
Balance for wages and practices	340.
The Actual Wages in the half-year to 30th September, 1959, were:-	
Rural Fires	£468.
Urban Fires	56.
Practices	67.
	591.
Leaving an over expenditure of with only half of the year expired.	251.

Arising out of this matter the Members thought that having regard to the abnormally high cost of fighting fires in the rural area the County Council should be asked for a higher contribution towards the Brigade and it was suggested that the Corporation Officials should consult with the Officials of the County Council with this end in view. The Manager, however, suggested that it would be more appropriate for a small deputation from the Corporation to meet the General Purposes Committee of the County Council on the matter.

After some discussion it was decided, on the suggestion of the Town

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two offers were received. One was from Messrs J. Breen & Co., Solicitors, who had been instructed to offer £15 on behalf of a client and the other was from Mr. Francis Moran, George Street, Wexford, who offered the sum of £75. On the 1st September the Manager had accepted the offer of Mr. Moran and directed the issue of the notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

Subsequent to the issue of this notice, namely, under date of the 9th September, Messrs Breen & Co., wrote intimating their client was now prepared to offer £100 for the site.

As this offer had not been made until Mr. Moran's tender had been accepted and the prices became public property it was decided to take no notice of it, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the recommendation of the County Manager that the derelict site at Monk Street be demised to Mr. Francis Moran, George Street, Wexford, for the sum of £75 was unanimously agreed to.

SITE AT WESTGATE

A further recommendation from the County Manager that a small piece of ground at Westgate be demised to Mr. James Breen, Solicitor, for the sum of £5 was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

REFUND OF SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, extra expenditure in the current year of £52 on the refund of superannuation contributions to Henry Kearns, former servant of the Corporation, was authorised.

DECORATION OF TOWN

On the motion of Councillor J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, expenditure not exceeding the product of one penny in the pound was authorised on the decoration of the town in the financial year 1959/60.

WATER PIPES FOR HOUSING SCHEME

A report was read from the Housing Engineer intimating that at the request of the Borough Surveyor he had obtained tenders for the supply of Wavin water pipes for the Seventeen House Scheme at William Street as an alternative to cast-iron pipes. The cost of cast-iron pipes and specials would be £168.5.10d and the cost of wavin pipes and specials £140.13.3d, showing a potential saving of £27.12.7d, but as it would be necessary to provide a tripswitch for each house, instead of earthing the electricity system to the supply pipes, which would cost £85, the net result would be an increase of £57.7.5d on the Scheme by the use of the Wavin pipes.

Accordingly it was unanimously agreed that the orthodox cast-iron pipes should be used in the scheme.

HOUSING REPORT

The monthly reports of the Housing Engineer on progress of the Seventeen House Scheme at William Street and Twenty-two House Scheme at Fisher's Row were now read.

Arising out of these reports complaint was made regarding the recent dismissal of carpenters from the site and in reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk stated that it was only with considerable difficulty that they had obtained sufficient timber for the seventeen houses at William Street.

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Clerk that he should be given an opportunity to prepare figures over the past five years before any action was taken to request the County Council for an increased contribution to the Fire Brigade.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date of the 5th instant intimating that the allocation to the Corporation under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1959/60 amounted to £4,300 which with a local contribution of £620 would provide employment schemes amounting to £4,920. This was a reduction of £200 on last year, the grant being reduced by £200 and the local contribution by £30.

It was pointed out to the meeting that £3,410 of this money had been earmarked last year for the completion of the promenade at Ferrybank and the balance would be available for other work.

It was unanimously agreed that the members should submit as soon as possible to the Borough Surveyor any suggestions they had regarding the expenditure of the balance of the grant who would prepare estimates and submit them to the next meeting of the Corporation when a final selection could be made.

Arising out of this matter attention was drawn to the vandalism which had recently taken place at Ferrybank and it appeared that young men had gone over to the partly constructed promenade and deliberately removed the stones and flung them into the river. In this connection it was decided to put a warning notice on the site and request the Garda to do all in their power to discover the perpetrators of this vandalism and take legal proceedings..

In this connection the Mayor drew attention to the fact that quite recently a large number of milk bottles had been removed from doorsteps of various houses and placed in the middle of the street and as well destruction of electric lamps by these people was becoming of very large proportions. Whilst he agreed that the Gardai should be asked to take steps to detect the perpetrators of this vandalism he also knew that it was practically an impossibility for the Gardai to control the town with the number of men available.

WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEMES

A copy of the Department's circular letter of 29th September, No. 18/59, was provided for each Member at the present meeting but the Members asked for time to consider this circular before discussion.

PETROL STATION AT FERRYBANK

An application was submitted from Irish Shell Limited requesting permission to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Ferrybank and on the suggestion of the Mayor this matter was adjourned as he understood that an overall plan had been prepared for the development of the Ferrybank Area and he felt that this should be in the possession of the Corporation before dealing with any applications for permissions under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, overdraft accommodation on the ordinary account in the sum of £50,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £50,000 was authorised for the quarter ending 31st December next.

TREES ST. JOHN'S ROAD
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Alderman Morris referred to the question of the trees at St. John's Road which had been disturbed during the widening in 1957/8. He intimated

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he had been promised that these trees would be replaced but up to the present this had not been done and he wanted it done immediately. The Town Clerk pointed out that no money had been allocated in the current year for the planting of trees and the amount he had included in the estimate therefor had been deleted. As this would cost at least fifteen pounds (£15) and as already explained to the Corporation there was overexpenditure in the current year on the Fire Service and on the Water Service due to emergency conditions he was not in a position to find £15 for this work. If, however, a dispute which he had with the Electricity Supply Board regarding the cost of removing the poles turned out satisfactorily he would then be in a position to have the trees replaced and the amount charged to the Grant.

Councillor Howlin proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded that it be deferred until the position with the Electricity Supply Board regarding their account was finalised. Alderman Morris, however, proposed that the work be carried out but there was no seconder for this proposal and the proposal of Councillor Howlin was carried.

TOWN HALL

Councillor Hall referred to the use of the Town Hall by a man named Lowney who was the owner of an opposition dance hall at Redmond Park. It appeared that Mr. Lowney was in the habit of booking the Town Hall on certain nights in the week and holding a Ceili therein which nobody attended as a result of which he was able to fill his own dance hall, but if any other people were using the Town Hall (on Tuesday nights in particular) he ran a free dance in his own hall in opposition to the Town Hall.

It was therefore agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that for the future the Town Hall be not let to individuals but only to recognized organisations and if there was any doubt in the minds of the Officials as to the bona fides of applicants such applications should be referred to the Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

John J. O'Halloran

15th October, 1959.

John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

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RE: Wexford Town Water Supply

In view of the recent circular from the Minister for Local Government regarding the installation of new water schemes or the improvement of existing ones, I thought it would be advisable to refer to the shortcomings of the Wexford Town Supply. I would like to set out hereunder my views on the existing supply and to suggest remedies for same which could be incorporated in a formal proposal by way of an Improvement Scheme and thus avail of the terms set out in the Circular Letter L.8/59 of 29th September, 1959.

A communal water supply is judged under two headings, viz: quality and quantity, the obligation being on the local authority to provide a wholesome and adequate supply. In both these respects our present water supply has certain shortcomings and I shall deal with these and shall propose remedies in the following report:-

(1) Quality: Whilst the water provided is at all times free from deleterious matter it is not always possible to keep it in first class condition. This is particularly evident in summer weather when the presence of algae causes considerable difficulty. The absence of chemical precipitation has caused trouble in times of increased turbidity of water after heavy rain blocking the gullies and reducing their efficiency. Recently I have gone into this matter with a well known firm and have discussed with their expert our special problem. As a result of chemical analysis and mechanical treatment of a sample of the raw water an outline scheme has been suggested which in their opinion will greatly help in providing a palatable and wholesome water and an adequate run of filtered water at all times. I set out below the approximate cost of this Scheme.

(2) Quantity: Under this heading there is no doubt that our present sources of supply are at times inadequate and the past summer has fully shown up same. It will be remembered that in 1949 the weakness of the hydrostats was shown up when it was seen that these were very unreliable and also the scheme as originally set out was inadequate in a time of drought. It must be remembered that in 1936 when investigations with regard to the adequacy of our water supply were being made, the known consumption of water in the town was 500,000 gallons per day. This however was largely governed by the inefficiency of the old trunk main. The provision of a new main immediately showed this, as the consumption of water jumped to 750,000 g.p.d. and has been rising steadily ever since. It is now 850,000 gallons per day or 100,000 gallons more than the capacity of our filtration plant as originally designed. Our storage capacity over filter level is approximately 33 million gals., our maximum pumping output is 450,000 gallons per day, whilst the daily inflow from the catchment streams averaged 30,000 gallons in normal summer weather say from the 1st June to 1st September. It will be seen therefore that our daily loss with a consumption of 850,000 gallons amounts to 370,000 gallons, to this must be added a further 30,000 gallons to cover such things as percolation, evaporation, washing water for filters and water supplied to certain consumers, viz. the County Hospital and residents in Carriglawne. It may be possible to save a further 100,000 gallons on the consumption in the Borough District but it is quite likely that the demand for water by industrial and other consumers will increase. However the position is that without rigid control and water rationing during the summer months we could not maintain a supply to meet the present demands for water in the Borough District. This year our reservoir would have gone dry about the end of June only for our pumping plant. It can be seen therefore that if the citizens want a twenty-four hours supply at all times a duplication of the pumping plant would be necessary.

It would be feasible to carry on with the present pumping plant if a second pumping main were installed, when the hydrostats and the electric pumps could then work at the same time. As already stated above, the hydrostats are unreliable and furthermore, this year, the volume of water flowing in the River Bow would not be sufficient to work all four hydrostats from around July to present date. From experience gained I would advocate the scrapping of this plant and either instal larger electric pumping plant or duplicate the present plant to give

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nearly one million gallons of water per day in times of emergency such as we have had this year. This would provide for a considerably increased rate of consumption of water, which in the present trend of expanding tourism and industry is highly desirable.

(3) Improvement in Quality: This can be carried out in different ways, which I will not go into at the moment. I consider that by the adoption of a system of micro straining it is possible to increase the filtering capacity of your present filters by at least one hundred percent, whilst at the same time increasing their efficiency as mechanical filters to bring them up to the maker's original specification. The system of micro straining has been adopted by many major authorities in England to help out established filtration plants and to increase their capacity. It has been found by experimentation on raw water taken from Coolree Reservoir that the solids in suspension can be reduced by as much as 75% by micro straining. At the present time we are using a system known as break-point chlorination to help our filters. This calls for the use of chlorine gas in large quantities which costs us about £350 per annum; this can be eliminated altogether and it is possible that the chlorinator could be sold.

(4) Capital Cost: While firm estimates of the cost of implementing the foregoing suggestions are not available the following is an outline of the probable cost of the works:-

	£.
Filter improvement work including all fittings etc.	8,000.
Duplication of Pumping Main	30,000.
New Pumping Plant	5,000.
Replacement of remaining old service mains in town, additional service stop cocks, and valves, etc.	4,000.
Engineering, legal and other expenses	<u>3,000.</u>
Total estimated cost	<u>£50,000.</u>

The above outline will I trust be a help to the Members and a Scheme on these lines will I think satisfy the needs of the Town and District for the foreseeable future.

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P.C. Mac an Fhailghigh.

Borough Surveyor.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

Councillors:- Edward Hall, James Morris, Frank Cullimore and John Bierney.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of last meeting, 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 proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Edward O'Keeffe, a member of the journalistic staff reporting the proceedings of the Corporation, on the death of his mother. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from the Lord Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Dr. Staunton and Mr. Francis Staples, Veterinary Inspector.

BYE-LAWS RE TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The first business was to formally make bye-laws under Section 30 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, regulating the use of temporary dwellings in the Sanitary District.

These bye-laws in draft form had been before the Corporation on the 7th September last when they had been approved and the Town Clerk directed to forward copies to the Minister for Local Government for provisional approval. Under date of 23rd September, by letter No. L.85/25/2, the Minister had suggested that slight alterations in Bye-Laws 4, 10, 11 and 14 be made. The amendments suggested by the Minister had been embodied in the new code and the necessary public notice of intention to adopt the bye-laws published in the local press on the 25th and 26th September last.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the Bye-Laws regulating the use of Temporary Dwellings in the Sanitary District of the Borough of Wexford now submitted be hereby made and sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

DERELICT SITE AT KEYSER'S LANE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when this matter had been again adjourned with a view to an amicable settlement between the three parties concerned, correspondence was now read from M/s Fitzgerald, Rattigan and Whitty.

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From this it was seen that there was little hope of the three persons reaching agreement and after some discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Frank Cullimore that the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare a map of the site showing whether or not it was possible to make three equal divides of the property, if not he was to show how best a right of way could be given to Messrs Whitty and Rattigan.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided that Members should submit proposals for works to be financed from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, it was intimated that when the exception of the verbal proposal made at the close of last meeting that a footpath should be provided at Brien's Hill no proposal had been received from any Member.

As regards the proposal to have a footpath at Brien's Hill the Borough Surveyor intimated that as the bridge there was only twelve feet wide it would not be possible to narrow it by making a footway. The Surveyor then suggested that the total allocation of the Grant and local contribution amounting to £4,920 be allocated as follows:-

1. The provision of an open space and car part at the junction of John's Gate Street (Cornmarket)..... £1,070.
2. Concrete Slab on Promenade at Ferrybank..... £3,850.

These two Schemes were unanimously agreed to.

SANITARY SERVICES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a circular letter from the Department of Local Government on the subject of loans and grants for sanitary services works was submitted the Borough Surveyor now submitted a further report on the Wexford Waterworks. A copy of this report had been circulated to the Members with the Agenda for the present meeting but after some discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of Mr. McNally's report until the next meeting.

HORSE RIVER

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to deal with the Horse River. He pointed out that this was an open sewer at the moment and thought it should be covered in from Bishopswater to King Street.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated the Consulting Engineer would not agree to covering in the river without providing an alternative outlet in Parnell Street and it was eventually decided to adjourn this matter to next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to produce the consultants report on the River.

DERELICT SITES AT JOHN STREET

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940 be made in respect of three derelict sites at Lower John Street opposite the premises of Hantons and Connellys. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was

unanimously agreed that public lights be provided in the open space at Allen Street and near the John's Gate Street entrance of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and as well that the light in the centre of O'Connell Avenue be moved to the end.

FUEL SCHEME

In accordance with previous notice given to the Town Clerk Alderman Corish referred to a notice which appeared in the local press at the week-end in connection with the Free Fuel Scheme for the Winter 1959/60. This notice he observed intimated to recipients that only one person in each household would be given free fuel. He, Alderman Corish, thought this was a departure from previous Schemes and asked the Town Clerk what is the position. The Town Clerk read the letter of sanction from the Minister for Social Welfare which sanctioned the Scheme submitted subject to only one person in each household receiving fuel.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to delete this restrictive clause in the Scheme and to permit the fuel to be given to each Old Age Pensioner.

CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor J. Morris proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Seamus Kelly on his recent record as a Rugby Player. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

PARADISE ROW

Councillor Bierney asked who was responsible for the maintenance of a laneway at Corry's Villas formerly known as Paradise Row and the Town Clerk promised to look up the matter before the next meeting.

RE CLIFFORD STREET WALL

The Town Clerk referred to various discussions at previous meetings of the Corporation regarding the condition of the Clifford Street Wall. At such discussions he (Town Clerk) had consistently maintained that the Contractors for the Main Drainage Scheme should be held responsible for the damage to this wall. Numbers of conferences had been held between the Corporation Solicitor, representatives of the Insurance Company and the Consulting Engineer, etc. These had culminated in a meeting recently between the County Manager, Corporation Solicitor and Town Clerk. At this meeting it transpired that the Corporation's Consulting Engineer, who would have to be regarded as the chief witness on behalf of the Corporation, was totally opposed to the view expressed by the Corporation Officials that the Contractors were responsible. He (Consulting Engineer) maintained that the damage to the wall was not due to any negligence on the part of the Contractors. In view of this opinion it was considered useless in proceeding further with the matter and on the advice of the Corporation Solicitor it was decided to drop any further proceedings by way of arbitration or legal action.

This meant that the Corporation were responsible for repairing this wall and on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation take steps to have the Clifford Street Wall repaired and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the borrowing of a sum of £1,150 from the Treasurer to carry out this work.

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The meeting then terminated.

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 John O'Flaherty, in the chair;

Aldermen:- Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:- John Howlin, Edward Hall, James Morris and Frank Cullimore.

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 previous meeting, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the current 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 of Ferns and the Clergy as well as the relatives of the Late Very Rev. Timothy Nolan, Parish Priest of Oular and formerly President of St. Peter's College who died recently. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place on the condition in the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the current winter that only one cwt. of fuel could be supplied to any one household, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he was not prepared to vary this condition in relation to the Wexford Scheme. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to refer this letter back to the Minister for further consideration.

DERELICT SITE AT KEYSER'S LANE

With reference to minutes of previous meetings on the subject of the disposition of a Derelict Site at Keyser's Lane a report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor together with a small plan showing how the ground there could be divided between Messrs Fitzgerald, Rattigan and Whitty.

In this connection it was stated that Messrs Whitty and Fitzgerald had intimated that they were agreeable to the disposition as suggested by the Borough Surveyor but that nothing had been heard from Mr. Rattigan.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Borough Surveyor's recommendation and if any one of the three was not agreeable to this the ground to be divided between the remainder.

As regards price the County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary at this stage to compare the offer made by Mr. Fitzgerald with the current values of land as shown in the recent awards made by an Arbitrator in connection with the acquisition of land acquired by the Corporation. When this was done it could be seen if the price offered was reasonable and it would be divided in proportion amongst those to whom the land was to be demised.

It was also decided that each person should be responsible for the erection of a six foot wall bounding the portion of the property they were to acquire as well as the legal costs of transfer.

WATERWORKS

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was agreed to defer consideration of a report from the Borough Surveyor on the Waterworks which was circulated at the last meeting together with a motion by Alderman Corish moved at last meeting that steps should be taken to deal with the Horse River, until the estimates for 1960/61 were being prepared.

LOAN FOR SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The next business was to execute a mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a loan of £10,000 proposed to be borrowed for the purposes of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 £10,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1958".

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon executed on the part of the Corporation.

WAGES AND SALARY INCREASES

The following recommendations from the Wexford County Manager were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne -

1. That the wages of the General Labourers employed by the Corporation be increased by 10/-d per week as on and from 30th October, 1959, in accordance with the general increase of wages granted to other employees in the Town of Wexford and that the sum of £180 be authorised to cover the expenditure necessary in the financial year 1959/60, this sum of £180 be included in the rate estimate for 1960/61.
2. That the wages of Building Trades Employees be increased by 3d per hour with effect as from 30th October, 1959, in accordance with agreement reached between the Federated Union of Employers and the Trade Unions catering for the building trades. As the greater part of building Trades Employees were catered for under Capital Expenditure and only a small number covered by the ordinary expenditure of the Corporation an extra expenditure of £50 was authorised in the current financial year, this sum to be raised in the financial year ending 1960/61.
3. That the salary of the Borough Surveyor be fixed at £1,190 x £35 to £1,400 per annum with effect as from 1st April, 1958, the present holder of the office, Mr. P.K. McNally, to enter the scale at £1,400 as from 1st April, 1958. The extra expenditure involved in this case would be £270 to 31st March, 1960, and this extra expenditure was authorised in the current financial year to be raised in the estimates for the financial year 1960/61.

STREET TRADING

A memorandum from a number of Shopkeepers in the town protesting against the continued door-to-door hawking of vegetables and other merchandise was submitted and adjourned to next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to examine the Corporation's powers under the Street Trading Act.

ERECTION OF HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that steps be taken for the erection of houses at John Street and the front of St. Bernadette Place.

In this connection it was pointed out that a Scheme was already before the Department of houses at John Street and that until such time as the Corporation were able to prove the need for the erection of these no sanction could be obtained.

As regards the Faythe the Town Clerk intimated that he had already communicated with the owner of some of the land there with a view to acquiring same and he would again contact him to try and expedite negotiations as regards purchase.

It was agreed that nothing further could be done and that preferential treatment should be given to the John Street area.

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FILMS AT MATINEES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved "that in view of the increasing concern being expressed by parents and Priests about the danger of moral corruption of children by the practice of showing the same films to children at matinees as are shown to adults without any discrimination we protest to the Cinema Proprietors and earnestly request them to take whatever steps are necessary to provide clean suitable films at matinees."

Councillor Hall seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

It was also agreed to protest to two of the Cinema Proprietors regarding the increased prices for admission to the Cinemas having regard to the concessions made by the Government this year in the matter of taxation.

TREES - ST. JOHN'S ROAD

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris moved that the trees removed when widening St. John's Road be replaced this year.

Councillor Hall seconded this motion and it was agreed that the trees be planted in February, with the Mayor dissenting.

PUBLICANS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved a resolution calling on the Minister for Justice to provide in the new legislation before Dail Eireann that all Licensed premises be afforded equal facilities. This motion was seconded by Alderman Morris and unanimously agreed to.

COMPETITION

It was unanimously agreed to enter the Tidy Towns Competition for 1960 sponsored by Bord Failte.

DERELICT SITE AT JOHN STREET

Councillor Howlin referred to the derelict site at John Street and asked what was the position. The Town Clerk intimated that he had made exhaustive enquiries to find the fee simple owner of the site but up to the present had only got back to the third leaseholder. Enquiries were being made by a local solicitor regarding the estate of Newton King with a view to ascertaining if they were the real fee simple owners, on receipt of positive information in this connection the necessary order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940 would be made. In the meantime he (Town Clerk) had instructed the Foreman to place a barrier in front of the building.

It was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should arrange to have the loose bricks knocked down.

THOMAS CLARKE STREET

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of some of the derelict houses in Thomas Clarke Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine same.

STREETS

Alderman Corish referred to potholes at Davitt Road North and St. John's Road, the Main Street and Selskar and the Borough Surveyor promised to have them attended to.

RENT SCHEME FOR HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET & FISHER'S ROW

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, the following draft rent scheme for 17 Houses at William Street and 22 Houses at Fisher's Row, a copy of which had been submitted to the members was unanimously adopted and authorised to be embodied in a graded rent scheme.

DRAFT RENT SCHEME FOR 17 HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET AND 22 AT FISHER'S ROW.

	£.
Tendered price for Seventeen Houses at William Street	26,711.
Tendered price for Twenty-two Houses at Fisher's Row	<u>34,133.</u>
TOTAL BUILDING COSTS	£60,844.
SUPERVISION: Housing Engineer and Clerical Assistance	3,000.
Land Compensation - William Street - 592.	
do. - Fisher's Row - <u>2,390.</u>	£2,982.
Legal Expenses of Arbitration -	
do. William Street - 65.	
do. do. Fisher's Row - <u>111.</u>	176.
	3,158.
Allow for wages increases and legal costs of transfer of various properties	<u>1,248.</u>
Total Estimated all-in cost	£68,250.
OR £1,750 PER HOUSE.	

BORROWING

Already borrowed - £35,880 @ $5\frac{3}{4}\%$
To be borrowed - £32,370 @ $5\frac{1}{2}\%$

Repayment of £35,880 in fifty years	£2,192.	
" " £32,370 " "	<u>1,918.</u>	£4,110.
Less subsidy on £1,500 per house		<u>2,300.</u>
Administration £12 x 39		<u>468.</u>
TOTAL NET ANNUAL CHARGES		£2,278.

PROPOSED LETTINGS

	£.
William Street Front - 9 @ 25/-d each	585.
William Street Back - 8 @ 20/-d each	<u>416.</u>
	£1,001.
Fisher's Row 1 - 6 Front 6 @ 20/-d each	312.
" 2 Semi-detached 20/-d each	104.
" Block of 4 @ 16/-d each	166.
" Block of 10 @ 11/-d each	<u>286.</u>
	868.
	<u>1,869.</u>
POTENTIAL LOSS	£409.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF CORPORATION

The County Manager referred to a statement he had made some time ago on the general financial position of the Corporation when he had referred to the continuing increase in the Debit Balance year after year. He now pointed out that at the 31st March, 1959, according to the Local Government Auditor, the Debit Balance had reached an all-high figure of approximately £32,000 and of this about £30,000 was dead weight. He pointed out that this was a result of the continued practice year after year of reducing the estimates presented to the Corporation. Invariably at the Estimates Meeting attention was called to the debit balance on the Revenue Account of the Corporation and token sums had been included in the Estimates with a view to its eventual liquidation but those sums had been usually swallowed up in the general overexpenditure year by year. He pointed out that the question of the maintenance of Corporation house property was a matter of urgency and asked the Members to consider between now and the Estimates Meeting of 1960 the advisability of providing adequate amounts for the repair or their property.

As regards the debit balance he suggested that the Corporation should seek sanction to the raising of a loan of £30,000 which would be paid off in a period of say fifteen years. Such a loan would not cause any appreciable increase in rates as at the present time large sums were being paid annually in respect of overdraft interest to the Bank and if a loan were raised these sums would be used to liquidate the debt within the period of fifteen years suggested.

The Members favoured the Manager's proposal and the following resolution adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne - "that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £30,000 from the Treasurer for a period of fifteen years to liquidate the present debit balance on the Revenue Account of the Corporation.

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

The County Manager also referred to the Staff position and pointed out that some time ago the Corporation had agreed to the creation of a post of Staff Officer. This post had never been filled and he now recommended the Corporation to cancel the post of Staff Officer and to create the post of Borough Accountant. The creation of this post would require the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and would be filled on the recommendation of the Local Appointment Commissioners. Wexford was the only town of its size in the State where a Borough Accountant was not employed.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the office of Borough Accountant be created and that the post of Staff Officer created some time ago be cancelled.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1957/8 AND 1958/9

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following expenditure was authorised: - For year ended 31st March, 1958, Housing Account £1,361, and General Purposes Account £2,299. For year ended 31st March, 1959, Urban Road Account £1,155, Housing Account £1,960, and General Purposes Account £2,889.

SUSPENDED RATE AND RENT COLLECTORS

Councillor Hall asked the Manager if he would care to make a statement on the position regarding the suspended rate and rent collectors and the Manager intimated that in the case of the Rate Collector the extraordinary audit into his accounts at present being conducted by the Local Government Auditor was not completed.

In the case of the Rent Collector the matter was sub-judice in so much as it was in the hands of the Gardai and before the Court.

He could make no statement on either case.

4th January, 1960.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7-30 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair,

Aldermen:- John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Bierney and James J. Morris.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance. The Town Clerk conveyed to the meeting the apologies of the County Manager for his inability to attend owing to being out of town.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney the minutes of meeting of 7th December, 1959, 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 the relatives of the late Miss Nellie O'Ryan who for many years had been a member of various Public Bodies in the County Wexford. Councillor Hall seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns returning thanks to the Corporation for their sympathy with the Clergy and himself on the death of the Very Rev. Fr. Timothy Nolan. He also thanked the Officials of the Council, the County Manager and Town Clerk for their expression of sympathy.

STREET TRADING

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a memorandum was submitted from a number of Traders in the Town protesting against the continued door-to-door hawking of vegetables and other merchandise and the Town Clerk promised to examine the law on the matter and report to the present meeting, the Town Clerk now made the following report:-

"With reference to the above I have examined the powers of the Corporation in the matter and wish to inform you that in my opinion you have no legal authority to prevent this form of Trading.

Section 2 of the Street Trading Act, 1926, which prohibits unauthorised Street Trading clearly exempts from its provisions by sub-section 5 paragraph (b)

"A person who sells goods or offers, exposes or carries goods for sale only to persons in, at, or immediately outside the house or place in which they reside and who does not sell any goods, or offer, expose or carry any goods for sale to passers-by in the street....."

As the complaint of the local Traders is "against the continued door-to-door hawking of vegetables" it is obvious from the above quoted Section 2(5)(b) of the Act of 1926, that the Corporation have no power to prevent this form of trading.

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Even if the trading was not from door-to-door but in the actual streets the Corporation could not prevent the sale of food.

The Corporation adopted the Street Trading Act, 1926, on 28th July, 1930 and under date of 8th November, 1930, the Minister for Justice made, at the request of the Corporation, Regulations entitled the "Street Trading (Wexford Urban District) Regulations, 1930". These Regulations prohibited street trading in practically all classes of goods except newspapers and articles of food. Persons wishing to sell food in the street need only obtain -

- (a) A Street-Trader's Certificate from the Garda Síochána on payment of a fee of 5/-d; and
on production of the above certificate
- (b) A Street Stall Trader's Licence from the Corporation on payment of a fee of 5/-d.

The possession of these two documents legally entitles the holder to carry on Street Trading or Street Stall Trading in any goods not specifically prohibited by the Regulations above referred to.

This problem is further complicated by the provisions of Section 2(5)(c) which exempts from the provisions of the Act

"A person who sells goods or offers, exposes, or carries goods for sale in any lawful public market or fair".

As a number of the principal streets in Wexford may be legally used for the purpose of Markets and Fairs, it will be recognised that the problem of Street Trading is one that cannot be dealt with in any simple way under existing legislation."

From the foregoing report it was seen that the Corporation could take no action to prevent the door-to-door hawking of vegetables.

TENDERS

The next business was to receive tenders for -

- (a) Roofing Tiles, etc.
- (b) Letting of Land at Newtown.
- (c) Surplus building plant.

A number of tenders were received for the Roofing Tiles, etc. and these were intalled by His Worship the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager to deal with.

For the letting of the land at Newtown, etc. Mr. John Sinnott of Laurel Hill, Clonard, offered a sum of £35 and had verbally intimated to the Town Clerk that he was prepared to fence this land himself. Mr. Samuel O'Rourke of St. Ita's Terrace, Hill Street, offered £50 for the lands provided the fencing was repaired.

These tenders were also referred to the County Manager.

For surplus plant (consisting of hand mortising machine and a concrete mixer) two tenders were received for the mortising machine and none for the concrete mixer.

Mr. Richard Browne, Building Contractor, St. Patrick's Square, offered £20 for the mortising machine and Edward Hayden of Adamstown offered £5.10.0d. It was unanimously agreed to recommend the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Browne in the sum of £20.

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OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £50,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was authorised up to 31st March next.

FUEL SCHEME

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that no reply had been received from the Department of Social Welfare regarding the Free Fuel Scheme.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councillor Hall and Councillor Morris referred to questions of defective cave shutes and asked the Town Clerk to serve notice on the persons concerned.

Alderman Corish raised the question of a fire-place in the house at Davitt Road North formerly occupied by Mr. Patrick Lacey and asked that the question of making him an allowance should be examined.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the surface of the road at South Main Street and the Borough Surveyor was to carry out repairs.

In reply to a query it was stated that no sanction had been received for the concreting of the Promenade at Ferrybank but approval had been received for the provision of an open space at Back Street/Cornmarket/John's Gate Street and it was decided to ask the Department to expedite their decision of the Ferrybank proposal.

Alderman Morris protested about Members speaking outside in connection with a reference to Koyser's Lane made by him at a previous meeting.

The attention of the Electricity Supply Board was to be drawn to a dangerous electric standard in the Bull Ring.

The Meeting then terminated.

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For Lacey

1st February, 1960.

A Statutory Meeting of the Municipal 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 John O'Flaherty, in the Chair:

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

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Bierney and John Howlin, *James J. Morris*.

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 the 4th ultimo, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Finance, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his sister, Miss Ellen O'Ryan.

SYMPATHY

His Worship, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Frank Staples, Veterinary Inspector on the death of his brother, the Rev. Robert Staples, formerly of the Chinese Mission. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Cullimore, Storekeeper, on the death of his brother, Mr. Daniel Cullimore which occurred in New York recently. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was also supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Both resolution were adopted in respectful silence, the members and officials standing.

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

With reference to minutes of the 27th July last when a letter was read from An Taoiseach addressed to His Worship, the Mayor on the subject of State participation developmental activities and when an ad hoc Committee consisting of Members of the Corporation and Harbour Commissioners was set up to prepare and submit to An Taoiseach a Scheme for the development of Wexford Harbour, the following letter, which had been received this day from the Minister for Finance on the subject, was circulated amongst the members:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to the proposal submitted by your Corporation - your letter of 25th August, 1959 - in response to the invitation for suggestions relating to State investment in public projects of economic merit. The Minister wishes to express his thanks to your Corporation; the large number of suggestions from local authorities clearly indicates the desire on the part of public bodies to assist actively in the Programme for Economic Expansion.

The proposal from your Corporation, together with those from other local authorities, has been examined by the Economic Development Branch, in consultation with Departments concerned. The Minister has considered the reports submitted by the Branch and wishes me to advise you as follows regarding your Council's proposal.

Your Corporation proposes improvements to Wexford Harbour to accommodate ocean shipping and to attract heavy industry. It is understood that somewhat similar proposals were made many years ago but were not approved.

The present proposal must be assessed by reference to the fundamental principle underlying the Programme for Economic Expansion, namely, that capital expenditure productive of competitive goods and services must receive a greater priority than formerly in the Public Capital Programme. This does not necessarily preclude consideration of local authority proposals which are not directly commercial, but it is essential that any such proposals should contribute to the overall expansion of the economy, help in the achievement of increased production and create new employment opportunities.

The Minister is advised that a large-scale development of the Harbour as envisaged in your proposal would not be economically justified. The likely benefits are not such as to warrant the adoption of the proposal as an important public project of economic merit. While other more promising lines of development remain to be exploited, it would be economically unwise not to accord them priority over the proposal submitted by your Council."

As the members had only received this communication when they arrived in the Council Chamber it was unanimously agreed that copies of it be sent to the members of the Harbour Commissioners and those outside members of the ad hoc Committee for their information and that a special meeting of the Committee should be convened for Monday next, the 8th inst. at 8.15 p.m. to consider the letter in detail.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1959-60

With reference to the proposed provision of a concrete slab to the promenade at Ferrybank out of the Council's allocation from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1959/60 a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that it would be premature at this stage to proceed with the reception of the slab as proposed for the reasons:-

1. The rubble forming the core of the Promenade had not been sufficiently long in place to become stabilized;
2. The side walls were loose and unstable and stones may be dislodged by wave action or pressure;
3. the estimated cost of £3,850. was too great to take a chance on the possibility of failure of the containing walls as in (2)

In the circumstances the Minister was not prepared to recommend this Scheme to the Special Employment Schemes Office for a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote.

He considered, however, that some type of flexible carpet might be laid on top of the present surface, that is two inches of bituminous macadam which would have the advantages of:-

- (a) the surface would be sufficiently flexible to allow for further stabilization on the core underneath;
- (b) Some patching up would be possible in the event of portion of the containing walls collapsing which would be difficult in the case of a reinforced concrete slab;
- (c) Some waterproof covering was necessary to protect the core from the percolation of rain and spray with the accompanying loss of fine material through the walls;
- (d) A surface suitable for pedestrian traffic was also required;

- (d) The cost of such work would be substantially less than the estimated cost of the concrete slab.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this letter he had referred it to the Borough Surveyor for his observations and Mr. McNally stated in his report that he considered the laying of a bituminous macadam carpet would give too small a labour content to be considered as a suitable Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote, most of the money would be expended on procuring the precast macadam, machinery and hired lorries.

The labour content which would consist of spreading and some small preparatory work would scarcely reach 30% of the total cost. He was therefore considering a Scheme for concrete footpath reconstruction in and adjoining the Borough District.

After some discussion the members unanimously agreed with the views expressed by the Minister for Local Government that it was too early at this stage to proceed with the construction of a 6" reinforced concrete slab at the promenade.

The proposals of the Borough Surveyor for the expenditure of the balance of the Grant, namely £3,850. were:

Concrete channels Grogan's Road and North side Summerhill Road:

Concrete footpaths at Summerhill Road, Carcur, Selskar St.,
Wollington Place, Newtown Road and Rocksborough:

Most of the members strenuously opposed the proposals of the Borough Surveyor to expend money in the area under the jurisdiction of the Wexford County Council and thought the Co. Council should be in a position to maintain these footpaths out of their road grants. After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should concentrate on submitting proposals for the following works.

1. The widening of the road from St. Aidan's Cross to Bishopswater Cross;
2. The provision of footpaths in the worst parts of the Main Street;
3. The provision of a footpath in the south side of Thomas St.
4. The provision of a new crossing from the junction of John Street and Francis St. to the Franciscan Church and a small portion of the footpath from the rear of the Methodist Church in Back St.
5. In addition the portion between the two concrete slabs at Stonebridge should be put into such a condition that it would give a good wearing surface.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - AUDITOR'S REPORT

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the financial year ended 31st March, 1959, together with copies of the financial and other statements were read for the meeting and considered satisfactory.

On the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a licence under the CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909, in respect of the ABBEY CINEMA for the year ended 20th January, 1961, was executed on the part of the Corporation.

In this connection the Town Clerk was asked to take up with the Cinemas the suitability of films shown at Children's matinees as well as the recent increase in the prices of admission to two of the Cinemas which the members considered totally unjustified having regard to the concessions granted to the industry last year.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce intimating that the members of his Council were concerned about the very poor lighting around the Town and were of opinion that it was totally inadequate. The Council would be obliged if the matter were discussed by the Corporation and their observations forwarded to them in due course.

In this connection it was decided to point out to the Chamber that any deficiency in the quality of the lighting was due to a desire on the part of the members to avoid increasing the rates except for absolutely essential services. Some of the members, however, agreed that the lighting was not all that could be desired and would be glad to consider the matter further before the estimated for 1960/61 were finalised. It was therefore decided to request the Council of the Chamber of Commerce to submit a memorandum setting out the parts of the Town they consider insufficiently lighted together with their suggestions as to the manner of improvement by either extra lamps, increased wattage of existing lamps or both.

Arising out of this matter complaint was made regarding the wanton breakage of electric lights in various parts of the Town since Christmas. It was stated that this was mainly due to young boys using pellet guns etc., and that the average breakage over and above normal replacements due to tear and wear amounted to approx. 30 lamps per week since Christmas and they unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should draw the attention of the Garda to this matter.

With reference to the proposed provision of new lights at Allen Street and John's Gate Street as well as the alteration of the position of the existing light at O'Connell Ave the Electricity Supply Board intimated that the provision of a new lamp at Allen Street would cost the sum of £15.10.0. based on the assumption that the pole could be erected in a strip of unconcreted ground near the car park. The lamp in John's Gate Street would be erected free of charge and the annual cost of lighting both lamps would be £5.10. 0. each. As regards the alteration in O'Connell Avenue this would be carried out for a nominal charge of 10/-.

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. Corish seconded by Councillor Hall to recommend the County Manager to accept the tender of the Board for the above works. Arising out of this question of public lighting Ald. Morris asked the Town Clerk to again examine the possibility of altering the existing light at Keyser's Lane.

TOWN PLANNING PROPOSALS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Ald. Morris the recommendations of the County Manager that permission be given to the Talbot Hotel for the extension of their premises in accordance with plans submitted were unanimously agreed.

An application was also submitted, on behalf of Irish Shell Ltd. for approval in principle to the erection of a petrol filling station adjoining the entrance to Ely House at Ferrybank.

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that recently a Representative of Irish Shell had called on him in connection with this proposal when he (Town Clerk) had informed the representative that it was most unlikely the Corporation would approve of the site in question. The representative then indicated on the plan an alternative site at the junction of the Ferrybank-Crosstown Road with the Ferrybank-Dublin Road, a short distance to the north of the site originally referred to.

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Morris that approval be given to the alternative site.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ald. Morris referred to the derelict condition of some condemned houses at Michael Street and asked the Town Clerk to take the matter up with the local agent for the owners.

Councillor Howlin raised a question regarding the provision of fuel under the Cheap Fuel Scheme for 1959/60 and stated he understood that a direction had been issued from the Town Clerk's Office to the effect that only timber could be exchanged for the vouchers. In reply the Town Clerk intimated that the law provided that only ~~fuel~~ or timber could be supplied under the Cheap Fuel Scheme. In the case of the Wexford Scheme tenders had been accepted and approved by the Minister for Social Welfare for the supply of timber fuel and in his (Town Clerk's) instructions to the merchants when their tenders were accepted he had intimated that timber was the fuel to be supplied in exchange for the vouchers.

He had recently reason to doubt whether this instruction was being faithfully carried out and accordingly he had issued the letter referred to by Councillor Howlin, and there was nothing whatever the Corporation could do to alter the position.

Councillor Howlin also stated he had been approached by an individual regarding the refusal of the Officials to grant him the use of the Town Hall and it was pointed out to the Councillor that by a recent decision of the Corporation the Town Hall could only be let to recognised Clubs and the Officials had instructions not to permit the Town Hall to be used by individuals for personal gain.

Councillor Howlin asked the Borough Surveyor to look into the question of the failure of the sweepers to sweep William Street and Trinity St. during the past few days.

Ald. Corish raised a question regarding the numbering of certain houses in Parnell St. and asked the Town Clerk to take up the matter with the persons concerned with a view to getting some people to agree to changing their numbers.

Reference was also made to the unsatisfactory numbering of Carrigeon St. and the Town Clerk promised to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

Alderman Cullimore drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to a defective gulley outside the Rowe St. Church Gate opposite Duke St. and Mr. McNally promised to have it examined.

Alderman Morris asked had any decision yet been reached on tenders opened at last meeting for housing materials and the Town Clerk promised to inquire from the Housing Engineer and transmit the necessary information to the Alderman.

In reply to Ald. Morris the Town Clerk intimated that the tender of Mr. John Sinnott, Laurel Hill, had been accepted that day for the renting of a field at Whitmill North for eleven months.

In reply to Ald. Corish the Town Clerk stated he had not yet had an opportunity of examining the position regarding the fireplace in the house at Davitt Road North formerly occupied by Patrick Lacey an ex member of the Fire Brigade.

The Meeting terminated.

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24th February, 1960.

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

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty (in the Chair).

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

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, James Morris, Edward Hall, John Bierney and John Howlin.

In attendance: The County Manager and Town Clerk.

At the outset the Manager requested permission to make a general review of the Housing position and having received same stated:-

"You have been supplied with a list of the 82 applicants (certified by the Chief Medical Officer) for the 17 houses at William Street and 22 at Fisher's Row.

The 82 are classified by the Chief Medical Officer as follows:-

Unfit and Demolition Class	9
Unfit	41
Overcrowded	<u>32</u> 82

The graded basic rents fixed for these houses are:-

William Street - 9 @ 25/- and 8 @ 20/-

Fisher's Row - 8 @ 20/-; 4 @ 16/-; and 10 @ 11/-.

The family incomes of the 82 applicants for the purpose of the graded rent scheme are as follows:-

Family Income not exceeding	- £3.	3	
"	"	4.	2
"	"	5.	5
"	"	6.	9
"	"	7.	20
"	"	8.	16
"	"	9.	14
"	"	10.	5
"	"	11.	2
"	"	12.	1
"	"	13.	2
"	"	14.	1
Family Income Exceeding	- 15.	2.	

A further analysis of the rent-paying capacity of the 82 applicants discloses that:-

3 are capable of paying the economic rent of 45/2d.

3 " " 25/-

6 " " 20/-

22 " " 16/-

While of the remaining 48 only 26 could be regarded as being in a position to pay the lowest rent of 11/-, the balance of 22 having low family incomes could not normally be expected to pay a rent of 11/- plus rates.

The Chief Medical Officer placed 24 of the applicants in what might be termed a "top priority class" but of these only six could be expected to pay 11/- per week or over, the remaining 14 being in receipt of family incomes of less than £7.

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Twenty applications for transfers from existing Corporation tenants have been received, of these, thirteen (if granted) would leave that number of houses (at rents of from 2/11d. to 11/-d.) available for persons in the lower income group.

You have also been supplied with a list of 42 applicants who have been certified for some time but not yet rehoused. This list contains 18 Demolition Class making the total of this Class to be dealt with 27.

It must now be regarded as top priority housing policy that persons residing in demolition class dwellings be given first preference in the allocation of houses and within reason it is proposed to rigidly adhere to this policy for the future. As far as possible this will be carried out by the allocation to those people of existing low-rented houses as they become vacant or as transfers are made to dearer dwellings.

It must now be obvious to every member that with the present high cost of building and dear money new houses cannot be provided for the low income group and even the policy of graded rents for new Schemes adopted in the past few years has made little impact on the problem of re-housing these people.

As there is a legal and moral obligation on the Corporation to provide housing accommodation for those unable to do so themselves it is felt the time has come to take positive steps to deal, in particular, with the low-income group regardless of cost, and towards this end it is again suggested that you agree in principle to the general graded rent scheme for all your houses put before the meeting on 6th July last, but which you adjourned sine die. This Scheme provided for graded basic rents from 3/- upwards. Such a Scheme would enable me to allocate houses to the most deserving cases at rents which they could afford and would also have a clause which would, in cases of extreme hardship, enable a rent to be fixed at a figure not less than the current rates. In view of the number of hardship cases at present in this Town, I am convinced that this is the only means of dealing with the problem.

Having already pointed out that the housing of the low-income group must be tackled immediately regardless of cost I am further convinced that the operation of the graded rent scheme suggested would entail the least financial burden on the Council.

To dispel any doubts as to the position of existing tenants in Schemes where graded rents do not apply at present, the suggested Scheme would only apply when a change of tenancy takes place.

If you agree to the suggested scheme of general graded rents the aim would be to compile a list setting out the qualification and rent capacity of each person in need; to prepare a priority list; and to ensure that demolition-class dwellings are made uninhabitable (if necessary by the action of Corporation Employees) immediately demolition orders become operative. I am also convinced that unless a rigid policy is enforced by ensuring that demolition class houses are in fact made uninhabitable, the erection of further dwellings by the Council will not be approved by the Central Government. It is also realised that this policy will leave unsightly gaps in various parts of the Town and that it will, of necessity, need to be followed by a liberal use of your powers under the various Housing And Derelict Sites Acts. Some of these sites could possibly be used for the erection of houses in the future but in any case with co-operation they could be made to serve some useful civic purpose by the allocation each year of some proportion of the grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for their clearance and utilisation.

The Meeting then proceeded to examine the lists referred to in the above statement and recommended for consideration:-

8 applications for transfers from existing Council houses, the resultat vacancies to be filled by persons residing in Demolition Class or otherwise unfit houses.

1 From an unfit(acquired house) at Temperance Row for demolition.

11 From an old priority list of persons residing in Demolition Class or unfit houses.

9 Applicants from present list certified by C.M.O. as being resident in Demolition Class dwellings.

Other applicants residing in unfit or overcrowded conditions.

The foregoing totalled 71 families and in addition the following persons were also recommended for consideration:-

Gerald Bushor, 30, Parnoll St., Raymond Conway, 26, High St. and Michael Costigan at present residing at Rosslare Harbour but employed in the Town.

The Meeting then reverted to consideration of the County Manager's statement and recommendations. It was seen that little impact was being made on the hard cases of persons residing in Demolition Class houses with very low incomes.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that the County Manager be authorised to adopt a graded rent Scheme for all Council houses, such scheme to operate only on a change of existing tenancies.

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J. J. O'Leary

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Municipal Buildings, at 8-15 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

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

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 meetings of the 1st and 24th 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.

In this connection Councillor Morris pointed out that his name was inadvertently omitted from the attendance at meeting on 1st February.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from Mr. Francis Staples, V.S. and Mr. Thomas F. Cullimore, Storekeeper

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting the Minister for Social Welfare under date of the 6th ultimo intimated that he was not prepared to vary the decision already conveyed to the Corporation that only 1 cwt. of fuel should be supplied to each household.

CINEMAS

Letters were read from the Palace and Capitol Cinemas acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution regarding the showing of suitable films to juveniles at Childrens' Matinees.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 in respect of the Capitol Cinema was issued for the year ended 30th April, 1961.

NEW HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET

On the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the name "Tuskar View" should be continued for the 17 New Houses at William Street and that they should be numbered following the existing numbers at Tuskar View.

SURVEY OF DERELICT SITES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the following resolution was unanimously adopted "that the County Manager be requested to examine the condition of the various derelict sites in the Barraack Street, Michael Street area with a view to the erection of houses".

DERELICT SITE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed that a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, be made in respect of a Derelict Site at South Main Street adjacent to the corner of Bridge Street.

DANGEROUS WALL AT FOUNDRY LANE

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor take such steps as appeared necessary including a prosecution in order to have a dangerous wall at Foundry Lane made safe.

WEXFORD/CURRACLOE 'BUS SERVICE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to request Coras Iompair Eireann to introduce a Bus Service from Wexford to Curracloe Strand during the summer season and to further request Coras Iompair Eireann to extend the Monday, Wednesday and Saturday bus to Curracloe Strand instead of its present termination in the Village.

RENTS OF TRINITY STREET HOUSES

No objection was raised to an order by the County Manager which was laid before the meeting fixing revised basic rents of 10/-d each per week for 16 houses at Trinity Street as on and from 4th April, 1960.

REPRESENTATIVE AT INSURANCE MEETING

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor John Howlin be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

DEED OF MORTGAGE

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 £2,000 proposed to be advanced by them to the Corporation for the purpose of making advances under Section 13 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958". The Deed of Mortgage was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CONTIGUOUS AREA FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

With reference to minutes of meeting of September 7th last when a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the Minister for Local Government to make an Order adding certain parts of the County Health District of Wexford to the Borough for the purposes of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, it was stated that following consultations with the Department of Local Government it was decided to add to the proposed Contiguous Area a strip of ground on the north side of the road leading from the abutment of the old bridge at Crosstown to Castlebridge, and to cover this and other defects in the description of the area embodied in the resolution of September last the following new description of the contiguous area ~~was~~ necessary. It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that:-

"The Contiguous area shall be that part of the County Health District of Wexford situated between the borough boundary and a line drawn as follows:-

Starting at the point where the Electricity Supply Board's 10 KV line intersects the borough boundary at the northern boundary of Newtown Townland as shown on the Ordnance Survey map of Wexford, Sheets 37 and 38 (revision of 1941), thence in a north-westerly direction along the said 10 KV line to where it intersects the Farnogue Stream, east of the Burial Ground (disused) in Coolcotts Townland, thence in a north-easterly, northerly and easterly directions along the centre of the said Farnogue Stream to where it enters the River Slaney, thence in an easterly direction along the foreshore of the River Slaney to the southern abutment of the bridge between the townland of Crosstown and the Borough of Wexford, thence along the north-westerly side of the said bridge to its northern abutment at Crosstown, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundary of Crosstown townland, to Crosstown

Lane, thence along the centre of the said Crosstown Lane to where it meets the road leading to Castlebridge northeast of Crosstown House, thence in a southerly direction along the centre of the road leading from Castlebridge to Ferrybank to where it meets the stream leading from the said road in the Ardcavan Townland, thence along the centre of the said stream to the foreshore at Wexford Harbour, thence in a south-westerly direction along the eastern boundary of the Townland of Burgess and the eastern boundary of the townland of Tincone to the north eastern abutment of the bridge between Ferrybank and the Borough of Wexford, thence along the south-western side of the said bridge to where it meets the existing boundary at Commercial Quay."

BLot AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

An application was submitted from Mr. Daniel O'Neill, 17, St. Aidan's Crescent, for a plot of ground at St. Aidan's Crescent on which to erect a garage and workshop.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor reported "I inspected the site accompanied by Garda O'Neill who explained that the garage will also serve as a workshop for his son. I would not agree to the site being granted as indicated by Garda O'Neill, however, if a site were granted at either end of frontage it would be less likely to interfere with the possibilities of using the remainder of the site for building. In fact now that a main sewer is available adjoining the site it could quite easily be built on".

Having regard to the Borough Surveyor's Report and to the possibility that the site might be required in the near future for building purposes it was unanimously agreed not to grant Mr. O'Neill's application.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the public lighting, a memorandum was now submitted from the Chamber pointing out where they considered the lighting to be inadequate.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, this memorandum was referred to the Estimates Meeting for consideration.

DREDGER

A letter was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners requesting the Corporation to make a contribution towards the cost of purchasing a Dredger for the Harbour at an estimated cost of £5,000. The Commissioners stated that in their negotiations with the Department for a grant towards this Dredger the Department made the point that the maintenance of Harbours was purely a local problem and should be dealt with accordingly and requested that the local bodies should be approached with a view to them making a contribution towards the cost of the Dredger.

After some discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the Corporation agree in principle to a contribution towards the cost of purchasing a dredger.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

Arising out of a protest against the reduction of twice weekly scavenging in certain portions of the Town the Borough Surveyor pointed out that this was necessary in view of the increasing number of dust-bins in the outside areas of the town. In his opinion the Main Street, which had a daily service, could easily loose one day per week and on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to take one day off the Main Street and adjust the other areas accordingly with a view to giving them twice weekly service where necessary.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

Arising out of the foregoing discussion Alderman Corish gave notice that he would move at next meeting for a resolution on the public scavenging of the town.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A letter was read from the Organising Committee of the St. Patrick's Day Parade requesting the Mayor, Members and Officials to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March, and it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Hall, to take part in this Parade provided it did not conflict with the obligation of the Corporation to attend Solemn High Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Rowe Street at 12-00 noon.

FISHING RIGHTS COOLREE RESERVOIR

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to grant the fishing rights of Coolree Reservoir for the 1960 Season to the Loch Garmain Sea and River Angling Club.

SALE OF DISTILLERY HOUSES

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sale of the two houses at Distillery to the tenants at sums varying from £450 to £550 was unanimously agreed to.

TOWN PLANNING

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, approval was given to the plan submitted on behalf of Messrs Sloans Limited, Bullring, for an extension of their premises.

WALL BETWEEN CROKE AVENUE & MR. O'LEARY'S PREMISES

A question was raised regarding the condition of the wall between the Corporation property at Croke Avenue and the property of Mr. John O'Leary of John Street and after some discussion it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should discuss this matter with Mr. O'Leary with a view to amicable settlement of responsibility for the maintenance of this boundary fence.

TREES ON ST. JOHN'S ROAD

In reply to Alderman Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would be planting the trees on St. John's Road in the near future.

VALUATION NOTICE

Councillor Howlin referred to a notice regarding the annual revision of Valuation which had appeared in the press last week all in Irish over the names of the County Secretary, Town Clerks of Wexford, Enniscorthy and New Ross. He had been asked by a number of people what the notice meant and had ascertained that it referred to the annual revision of valuation which concerned all those persons whose premises might have been revalued. In his opinion that notice was not sufficient as very few people in Wexford were proficient enough in the Irish Language to read such a notice and he asked why it had not appeared bilingually.

In reply the Town Clerk intimated that the Commissioner of Valuation had suggested a joint notice be issued by the County Secretary and the Town Clerks. He (Town Clerk) had agreed to this and the notice was issued by the County Secretary under his name and that of the Town Clerks of Wexford, Enniscorthy and New Ross. He was not aware that the notice was being issued in Irish only and was surprised when he saw it in the local press on Friday morning last. He had, however, taken immediate steps to correct this by having an English version of the notice posted at strategic points in the Town and he had also taken steps to notify each person whose valuation was affected by the current revision.

The Members, while not wishing in any way to appear as criticising the use of the Irish Language, felt that the notice should have appeared bilingually.

ROAD TO CROSSTOWN

Councillor Hall asked that the County Engineer be requested to carry out some repairs on the road leading from the Bank to Crossown Cemetery as it was in a very bad state for people going to the Cemetery with funerals.

7th March, 1960.

RELIEF GRANTS

In reply to Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor intimated that nineteen persons were at present employed on Relief Grant Work and that he was not aware that locally manufactured shovels and spades appeared on the Local Government Trades List.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Councillor Howlin and other members strongly complained about the business of the recent meeting of the Housing (Consultative) Committee being reported outside by Members of the Committee. These members had no objection to the correct version of their remarks being given to any person but in the case of Councillor Howlin and His Worship the Mayor they both complained that distorted versions of remarks they had passed had been carried out.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. G. O'Leary

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15th March, 1960.

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 John O'Flaherty, in the chair;

Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris and Thomas F. Byrne;

Councillor Edward Hall.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

The meeting had been convened for a preliminary examination of the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1961.

A summary showed that the total estimated expenditure for the coming financial year was £142,960 as against £134,116 in the current year. The Estimated Receipts for the coming financial year were £66,186 as against £64,701 for the current financial year. This left an amount of £76,774 to be raised by means of rates against £69,415 in the current year. The estimated rate in the pound was 48/8d as against 44/6d in the current year.

The Members then examined the estimates seriatim. The only change in the Ordinary Road Works was an increase of £185 due to salary increases. The amount estimated for Special Grant Works had been reduced to £5,000 to bring it into line with the approximate amount of Grants being received in past years and no alteration could be made in this estimate.

In the Sanitary Services section of the estimates it was seen that the increases in the Burial Grounds, Domestic and Public Scavenging, were entirely due to increased wages and could not be altered. On the Waterworks Account an increase of £730 was asked for under this head. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that in the current year the amount allowed for the maintenance of the Waterworks was £2,990. Up to the end of February the expenditure had reached £3,388 and it was estimated that £380 would be required to complete the financial year leaving the estimate short by £778. The main cause of the estimate being over expended was the abnormal drought during the past summer. The electricity charges for pumping water were approximately £1,100 and a considerable amount of money was expended on overtime in connection with the control of the water system during the dry summer. In this connection it was decided to adjourn consideration of the Waterworks estimate to next meeting and ask the Town Clerk to supply the figures of the amount of money spent on overtime during the past year.

The estimate of £300 for the maintenance of sewers was reduced by £100 and no further alterations could be made in the Sanitary Services Estimate.

Under the heading of Housing of the Working Classes Acts which showed an increase of £5,395 on the expenditure it was explained that £1,500 of this was provided for maintenance of houses. In previous years the sum of £1,500 had been allowed by the members but it was pointed out that this was absolutely inadequate to maintain the number of houses the Corporation owned and anything less than £3,000 in the coming and future financial years would not enable the houses to be maintained at a proper standard. Salaries and Commissions were up by £100 due to the increased number of houses and Loan Charges in the current year were up by £3,795 due to full provision having to be made for William Street and Fisher's Row Housing Schemes as well as for the Compensation payable in respect of the Faythe Scheme and the contemplated scheme at John Street.

15th March, 1960.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The County Council Demand was increased by £980 but the Town Clerk pointed out that this was purely an estimated figure and would be either increased or decreased when the County Council finally decided on their rate on the 21st instant. The allocations for Unemployment Assistance were up by £25 and in this connection the Town Clerk intimated that only for the fact that a certain amount of arrears in respect of previous overpayments was expected to be refunded by the Department of Social Welfare in the coming financial year this estimates would be considerably higher.

The next item questioned was the maintenance of Corporate Property which was increased from £200 to £600 and in this connection the Town Clerk submitted an estimate from the Borough Surveyor intimating that the roofs of the Market Premises in the Bull Ring required to be renewed at a cost of £500, but it was decided to reduce the Estimate by £200 and in the meantime to obtain an estimate of the cost of repairing the roofs from a Contractor. The Fire Brigade Estimate showed an increase of £250. The estimate of the Chief Fire Officer showed that he required no less a sum than £2,020 for the coming year apart from loan charges which would bring the total estimate up to £2,820. The estimate of the Chief Fire Officer showed £810 for wages etc., £193 for petrol, oil and repairs of Fire Engines, £270 for the maintenance including the painting of the Fire Station and £707 for new equipment as well as £40 for an alarm and call-out system. Further consideration of this estimate was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to explore the possibilities of the Fire Brigade being taken over by the County Council and the Corporation making an annual contribution to the County for its service in Town.

The Estimate for salaries and superannuations at £7,615 showed an increase of £100 but the Town Clerk pointed out that this did not represent the full amount of the increase as certain Staff adjustments had been made which reduced the estimate. In this connection a suggestion was made that in the coming financial year a trial should be given to the collection of rates through the medium of the office. If this were done a saving of approximately £500 to £600 could be made in the estimate for 1960/61 and if the scheme was successful there would possibly be further savings in future years.

The Members considered this a very good suggestion and unanimously decided that they would recommend it to the Corporation when presenting their recommendations on the Estimates.

This finished the examination of the estimates for this night and it was decided to meet again on Tuesday the 22nd instant at 8.30 p.m. when the final figures of County Council Demand would be available.

Before the meeting terminated complaint was made regarding the alteration of the light in O'Connell Avenue and the Town Clerk pointed out that this was done by an express direction of the Corporation. He (Town Clerk) informed the meeting that this light in O'Connell Avenue had been a bone of contention as long as he could remember, it had been shifted from the middle to the end and from the end to the middle of the Avenue a number of times and in his opinion it should have been left in the centre of the Avenue and not removed to the bottom.

Alderman Byrne gave notice of motion that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that the light be shifted back to its original position in the centre of the Avenue.

Complaint was made regarding the continued parking of a motor van on the footpath of O'Connell Avenue by a Mr. Thomas Mahone of No. 4, and it was decided to request Mr. Mahon to remove the van from the roadway.

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The meeting then terminated.

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22nd March, 1960.

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

Alderman Thomas F. Byrne and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillor Edward Hall;

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Arising out of a further examination of the Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1961, it was decided to discontinue the practice of providing stop-cocks on all water services pending a final decision by the Corporation on the suggested survey of the water supply position. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to increase the charge for the use of the Town Hall to £2.10d.0d per session in respect of all bookings not paid for at this date, the increased proceeds to be used for the purpose of purchasing a new piano.

It was also unanimously agreed that the Town Hall and adjoining dressing room should be distempered before the dancing season started at Easter.

It was further unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to implement the Traffic Bye-Laws made by the Commissioner of the Garda sometime ago by borrowing for the cost of erecting the necessary signs.

After further examination of the estimates the Committee could suggest no adjustments other than those referred to in the minutes of their meeting on the 15th instant and asked the County Manager to further examine them himself with a view to reducing the rate from 47/4d to 47/-d.

The Meeting then terminated.

The Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9 o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John G. O'Flaherty, in the Chair

Aldermen:- Thomas F. Byrne, Kevin C. Morris, Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore;

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

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

In introducing the Estimates and reports for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1961, the Mayor reviewed the efforts of the Finance Committee to reduce the estimate originally submitted by the County Manager which called for a rate of 48/8d in the pound. To this would need to have been added the extra sum of £240 in the County Council Demand and would have made the rate 48/10d. The Committee very carefully examined these estimates and had decided to recommend the Corporation to reduce the allocation for the maintenance of sewers by £100, maintenance of Corporation houses by £1,150 and maintenance of Corporate property by £200. This reduced the estimated rate to 47/4d. They had then asked the County Manager to again examine the figures given by him with a view to arriving at a rate of 47/-d in the pound.

As could be seen from the report already circulated to the Members by the Town Clerk the Manager had suggested to the Council to consider the advisability of reducing expenditure on burial grounds by £20, Waterworks £120, Rents by £100, in view of the decision to dispose of the interest in the Store on the Quay, Salaries by a further £100 in the event of it being agreed to collect rates through the office. To increase receipts on Housing by £150, Government Rates by £55 and Superannuation Deductions by £30, this would mean a net reduction of £545 and leave the sum to be raised by rates at £74,169 requiring a rate of 47/-d. The Mayor further intimated that the Members of the Finance Committee had had a discussion before the present meeting and unanimously agreed that no further deductions could possibly be made in the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Councillor Howlin appreciated the efforts of the Finance Committee but pointed out that it was false economy to again allow only £1,500 for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings as in his opinion the Corporation would one day be faced with a huge bill for repairs to these houses. Whilst not objecting to the collection of rates through the Office for a trial period of one year he thought that more time could have been given to the Council to consider this revolutionary proposal.

Alderman Corish agreed with the views of Councillor Howlin, he complained, however, that a number of cars were being garaged in the Market in the Bullring and thought they might bring in revenue. He noticed the demand for Unemployment Assistance was slightly increased and could not understand this in view of the fact that we were being told that unemployment had decreased. As regards the building of houses he considered that until cheaper money was available houses could not be let at lesser rents and suggested that loans for housing should be for at least seventy-five years.

Councillor Bierney concurred in the view of Councillor Howlin and Alderman Corish.

Councillor James J. Morris, whilst regretting the rate was so high felt that nothing could be done further than what had been done by the Finance Committee to reduce it.

The Members of the Finance Committee - Alderman Morris, Councillor Hall and Councillor Cullimore, also pointed out that they had examined the estimates very carefully and could see no way of making further reductions.

The following resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted:-

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, the proposal of the County Manager to increase the salaries of the Officials of the Corporation in line with the increase granted to the Civil Service, subject to rounding off the same in the future, with effect as from 15th December, 1959, was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed -

1. that the following deductions be made in the County Manager's Estimate of Expenditure:-

Maintenance of Sewers	-	£100.
" " Artizan's Dwellings	-	£1,150.
" " Corporate Property	-	200.
" " Burial Grounds	-	20.
" " Waterworks	-	120.
Rents	-	100.
Salaries	-	100.

and that receipts be increased by

Housing	-	£250.
Government Rates	-	25.
Superannuation Deductions	-	30.

2. That the charge for the Town Hall be increased to £2.10d.0d per session in respect of all bookings not paid for at the present date.
3. That for the financial year 1960/61 the Municipal Rate be collected through the office.

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Morris Table 'A' of the Estimates, providing for a gross expenditure of £140,560 was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, Table 'B', providing for Estimated Receipts of £66,391, was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Table 'C' determining a rate in the pound of 47/-d was also adopted unanimously.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £50,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was unanimously approved to 30th June, 1960.

DATE FOR STATUTORY MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that owing to the Parish Mission being held at present that the April Statutory Meeting should not be held until Monday, April 11th.

The Meeting then terminated.

Wexford

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1961...

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	1,420	.	1,420	.
	Special Grant Works	5,000	.	5,000	.
	TOTAL ...	6,420	.	6,420	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	20,795	.	20,555	-
	TOTAL ...	20,795	.	20,555	-
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	57,840	.	56,340	-
	Local Assistance Schemes	860	.	860	.
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts				
	TOTAL ...	58,700	.	57,200	-
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	4100	.	4100	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	2027	.	2027	.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	4799	.	4799	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	13594	.	13594	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	3664	12 10	3664	12 10
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	55	7 2	55	7 2
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1000	.	1000	.
	Public Libraries ... ..	.	.	.	.
	Tourist Development	20	.	20	.
	Town and Regional Planning ... ..	.	.	.	.
Other Urban Purposes	Vocational Education	3000	.	3000	.
	Other Purposes	22525	.	21,625	-
	Materials Expense (Balance)	2500	}	2500	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL ...	57,285	.	56,385	-
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)	
	State Grants (to be specified) ...				
URBAN ROADS	<i>Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote</i>	<i>4450</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>4450</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	<i>Estate Duty</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Other Receipts ...	<i>150</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>4640</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>4640</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	State Grants (to be specified) ...				
SANITARY	<i>Contribution to Loan Charges</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Other Receipts ..	<i>2851</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>2851</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>4451</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>4451</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Housing of the Working Classes ...				
	Rents ...	<i>28,500</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>28,650</i>	<i>· ·</i>
HOUSING	State Grants ...	<i>16,500</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>16,500</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Other Receipts ...				
	Local Assistance Schemes ...				
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	<i>800</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>45,800</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>45,950</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	State Grants (to be specified) <i>Cheap Fuel</i> ...	<i>4,500</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>4500</i>	<i>· ·</i>
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	<i>Vocational Education</i>	<i>655</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>655</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	<i>Rates</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	<i>School Meals</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Other Receipts ...	<i>2465</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>2520</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Materials Expense (Balance) ...	<i>} 2550</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>2550</i>	<i>· ·</i>
	Machinery Expense (Balance) ...				
	TOTAL ...	<i>11295</i>	<i>· ·</i>	<i>11350</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 (f. 31560...) (8)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS	6420 . .	4640 . .	1780 . .			1780 . . .	13.54
SANITARY	20555 . .	4451 . .	16104 . .			16104 . . .	122.46
HOUSING	57,200 . .	45950 . .	11250 . .			11250 . . .	85.55
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS	4,100 . .	. . .	4100 . .			4100 . . .	31.14
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2027 . .	. . .	2027 . .			2027 . . .	15.42
MENTAL HOSPITAL	4799 . .	. . .	4799 . .			4799 . . .	36.50
HEALTH (County)	13594 . .	. . .	13594 . .			13594 . . .	103.38
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	3664 12 10	. . .	3664 12 10			3664 12 10	27.87
SEPARATE CHARGES	55 7 2	. . .	55 7 2			55 7 2	.42
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1000	1000 . .			1000 . . .	7.61
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	27145 . .	11850 . .	15795 . .			15,795 . . .	120.11
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TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...							564.00.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 28th day of March 1960, 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, 1961....

Dated this 28th day of March 1960....

Signed [Signature] Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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11th March, 1960.

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 John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

Councillors:- John Howlin, John Bierney, Edward Hall 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 Howlin, the minutes of meeting of 7th March, 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.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

It was unanimously decided to accept the invitation of the Easter Commemoration Committee to attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday to be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all those who died for Irish Freedom.

TRAIN STOP AT SOUTH STATION

The Town Clerk reported that since last meeting the local Station Master had called on him regarding the stop of the Dublin/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train at Wexford South Station each night.

Some four years ago, at the request of the Council, C.I.E. had agreed to stop this train at Wexford South Station to enable passengers, especially from the southern end of the Town, to join the train there instead of having to travel to Wexford North Station to do so. The Station Master now informed him that as a result youths joining the train at Wexford North and proceeding to Wexford South and annoying the passengers by racing up and down the corridors Company had received numerous complaints. As well some of them had been known to open the carriage doors and to alight from the train while it was proceeding along the Quays. In view of the number of complaints received the Company now proposed to discontinue the night stop of this train at Wexford South Station.

While some of the Members admitted that annoyance may have been caused by irresponsible youths travelling on this train from Wexford North to Wexford South Station they felt that the nuisance had not reached such proportions as would justify the drastic action proposed by C.I.E. and that one or two prosecutions for misuse of the service would go a long way to putting a stop to it. The provision of this stop had been of considerable benefit to the Cross-Channel travelling public and was availed of by a large proportion of passengers from the South and south western end of the Town.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to point out to C.I.E. that the inconvenience which would be caused to the travelling public by the discontinuance of the stop at Wexford South would far outweigh the nuisance complaints which made the Company contemplate this action and the Town Clerk was directed to request them to reconsider the proposal.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

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A recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee that the Corporation take steps to implement the Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting)

Bye-Laws, 1955, by the provision of the necessary signs and to finance the provision of these signs that a loan be obtained from the Treasurer of the sum of £900.

The Members appeared to be unanimously of the opinion that the time was overdue to control motor traffic in the Town and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hall, it was unanimously agreed to request the consent of the Minister for Local Government to the borrowing of the sum of £900 from the Treasurer to provide the signs necessary to implement the Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1955.

WATER SUPPLY

A further recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee that the Council consider immediately whether or not to proceed with a survey of the Waterworks. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that in October last a letter, L. 8/59, from the Minister for Local Government intimating new financial arrangements for the improvement of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes had been circulated to the Members together with a report from the Borough Surveyor on the Town supply. In his report the Borough Surveyor estimated that possible expenditure of £50,000 would be necessary to bring the water supply up to the standard needed and the Town Clerk intimated that with the new financial provisions this would cost 1/-d in the pound on the rates.

It was further explained that what the Corporation were now asked to do was to authorise the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to examine the water system and report on what he considered necessary to provide an adequate supply for the town but on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this matter until after the Local Elections due to be held in June next.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the position of Public Scavenging be examined under the following heads:-

- (a) Street Mileage;
- (b) Number of men employed;
- (c) Streets which are swept daily;
- (d) Streets which are swept weekly;
- (e) Streets which are swept occasionally;
- (f) Any other points arising out of above.

On the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee to examine and report back to the Corporation, the Mayor and Town Clerk to decide when the Finance Committee should meet.

ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE

Alderman Corish moved that the Electricity Supply Board be approached with reference to the variation of power in different regions of the Town. In moving this motion the Alderman pointed out that numbers of complaints had been made by residents in different parts of the Town regarding the drop in voltage at different times. This was particularly noticeable in the Hill Street area and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to request the Electricity Supply Board to try and keep the voltage as constant as possible.

LIGHT O'CONNELL AVENUE

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In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the decision taken in November 1959 to alter the light in O'Connell Avenue be reconsidered and

and the light restored to its original position in the centre of the Avenue. Alderman Morris seconded this motion. Alderman Corish, however, who had originally moved the motion of November last now proposed that an extra light be provided in O'Connell Avenue, Councillor Howlin seconded. On a vote being taken there voted -

For Alderman Corish's amendment ----- 3 Votes.

Against Alderman Corish's amendment ----- 4 Votes.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost and the original motion by Alderman Byrne to restore the light to its original position carried.

LAND AT NEWTOWN, ETC.

A letter was read from Mr. John Sinnott, Laurel Hill, requesting to know if the land which he at present held on Con Acre would be sold at a reasonable price.

It was explained to the meeting that Mr. Sinnott's application was for the purchase of 6.722 acres acquired from Mr. B. Hickey, V.S., but the disposal of this land would make another field containing four and half acres, which the Corporation had acquired from Mr. L.T. Kirwan of little use in connection with the adjoining housing site at Corish Park, and it was recommended that the entire land held by the Corporation at Newtown and Whitemill North be advertised for sale.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

FERRYBANK STRAND

Councillor Morris asked the County Manager to enquire if he could arrange to have the old steel structure on Ferrybank Strand removed by the Contractors for the Bridge and have the strand cleaned up before the summer. As well he asked him to arrange to have a couple of life lines provided there.

SEATS ON QUAYS AND AT MAUDLINTOWN

Alderman Cullimore asked the Borough Surveyor to put out any seats that were in the Store on the Quays before the summer and Councillor Howlin asked to have a seat removed from Maudlintown restored.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris congratulations were extended to the St. Peter's College Hurling Team and the Sarsfields on their recent victories on the Hurling Field.

GAS STANDARD

The Borough Surveyor was asked to remove a gas standard at Wolfe Tone Villas.

The Meeting then terminated.

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2nd May, 1960.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at a quarter past eight o'clock p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John G. O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

Councillors:- James J. Morris, John Bierney, John Howlin and Frank Cullimore.

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 previous meetings, 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.

WEXFORD/CURRACLOE BUS SERVICE

A letter was read from the Manager, Road Traffic Department, Coras Iompair Eireann, intimating that he was not in a position to accede to the Council's request to have a bus service from Wexford to Curracloe during the summer period and that the request to extend the Monday/Wednesday/Saturday service passing through the village to Curracloe to the Strand could not be acceded to as the road from the Village to the Strand was of insufficient width and contained very bad corners.

The Members took strong objection to this letter and pointed out that there would be no difficulty whatever in hiring a bus to take a private party to a dance in Curracloe and such bus would of necessity have to traverse the road which the Company stated was of insufficient width.

It was unanimously agreed to request the Company to re-examine this request.

ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE

A letter was also read from the Electricity Supply Board on the subject of voltage conditions in Wexford intimating that the matter was being investigated and a further communication would be addressed. In this connection the Town Clerk asked the Members if they could indicate that any specific areas were affected by periodic voltage dropping and some of them intimated that this matter was general all over the town.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Alderman Byrne referred to the report in the previous days press indicating the areas selected by Bord Fáilte as Major Tourist development areas and proposed that strong objection be taken to the fact that County Wexford was not even mentioned and that from Arklow to Tramore not a seaside resort had been considered notwithstanding the fact that the entire coast line of the County Wexford from Courtown Harbour to Arthurstown contained some of the best strands and potential tourist areas in the country. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion of protest which was unanimously adopted.

ADVERTISING OF FAIR

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A letter was read from the National Livestock Traders Union requesting the Council to advertise the Wexford Fair and it was unanimously decided that if

the Traders wished to advertise themselves no objection would be taken but that the Corporation did not propose to do so.

SITE FOR SCHOOL AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

The Town Clerk reminded the Members that some considerable time ago they had agreed in principle to reserve a site at Davitt Road South for the Select Vestry of the Parish of Wexford who were contemplating the erection of a new School. The provision of a new school had now reached the stage when it could be advertised for tender and a letter was read from Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, on behalf of the Vestry making formal application for the site and requesting to know the price required by the Corporation.

It was reported to the meeting that the entire lands acquired at Davitt Road South in connection with the opening of the new road there cost the Corporation approximately £210 per acre and that a proportionate price for the amount proposed to be transferred to the Select Vestry would be £130.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the land in question be disposed of to the Select Vestry in fee simple for the sum of £130 subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and that the necessary steps be taken to comply with the terms of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1940, and the Local Government Act, 1946, dealing with the disposition of Corporate Lands.

SALE OF LAND AT WHITEMILL ETC.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to advertise land at Whitemill North and Newtown which Mr. John Sinnott of Laurel Hill wished to purchase only one tender was received as a result of public advertisement. When opened this was found to be from Mr. John Sinnott of Laurel Hill who offered £350 for the lands at Whitemill and Newtown.

It was pointed out to the meeting that this land had cost the Corporation £116 per acre and the area of the land at present held by Mr. Sinnott on one acre amounted to eleven acres. The price offered by him was a little over £30 per acre and it was felt that it would be useless submitting to the Minister for Local Government a proposal to dispose of the land for this sum.

It was agreed after some discussion that a decision on this matter be deferred to enable the Town Clerk to communicate with Mr. Sinnott pointing out the position.

FENCING OF LAND AT WHITEMILL ETC.

Arising out of the above Councillor Jullimore gave notice that he would move at next meeting that steps be taken to fence the Corporation lands at Whitemill etc.

GRADED RENTS SCHEME

The next business was to consider a graded rents scheme for all Corporation houses. Sometime ago the Housing (Consultative) Committee had unanimously agreed with a suggestion by the County Manager that a Graded Rents Scheme for all Corporation houses should be adopted and operated in the case of future lettings or when in the opinion of the Housing Authority its application was otherwise necessary or desirable.

A copy of the Order proposed to be made by the Manager embodying a Scheme of Graded Rents had been circulated to the Members a week before the present meeting and it now appeared to meet with general favour. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and supported by all the other Members the Scheme as proposed by the Manager was unanimously adopted. A copy of this Scheme is appended to these minutes.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSIONS

It was reported that it was proposed to grant permissions under the Town and Regional Planning Acts as follows:-

- (a) To Mr. Daniel Dempsey, Maudlintown, for the erection of a new shop;
- (b) Mrs. E. Lacey, St. John's Road, for the erection of a garage;
- (c) Messrs Clover Meats Limited, Trinity Street, for the extension of their factory;
- (d) Wexford Select Vestry - New School at Davitt Road South;
- (e) Mr. Walter O'Rahilly to a site for a house at Ferrybank;
- (f) Mr. John Hore, South Main Street, for alterations to his premises.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, the proposal to grant the foregoing permissions was unanimously approved.

TENDERS FOR GATES ETC.

Tenders for gates and the installation of electrical fittings for 22 houses at Fisher's Row were next submitted and opened by His Worship the Mayor.

Arising out of the tenders for the electrical installation it was suggested to the County Manager that before accepting the lowest tender he should obtain an assurance from the proposed contractor that the labour clause in the specification would be observed in detail and intimate to the Contractor that the Council proposed to strictly enforce it and that the Contractor lodge with the Housing Engineer for prior approval samples of all materials proposed to be used by him in the execution of the work.

The Manager agreed to the above suggestion.

STREET BREAKS

Alderman Morris referred to street breaks by the Gas Company in Abbey Street, Green Street and High Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to deal with the matter.

JOHN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the proposed John Street Housing Scheme and was informed that it was very difficult to make a case for the erection of these houses having regard to the number of certified applicants which were available when the William Street and Fisher's Row lettings were being considered and to the fact that some 40 houses became vacant every year. The number of certified applicants was approximately ninety; 39 houses were being provided at William Street and Fisher's Row and with 40 vacancies each year the margin was very narrow.

The Councillor protested that he was under the impression that this matter was being held up in the Local Government Department, it now appeared that the Department were not to blame but that no case had been made locally. The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that at a previous meeting the Councillor was informed that plans and specifications were before the Department but that they had asked that the need for the erection of houses at John Street should be definitely established.

The Members were unanimous that a need existed for the John Street Houses and taking into consideration the number of houses which would have to be demolished in the John Street Area to make room for the proposed Scheme it was thought that the need could very well be established and it was unanimously decided that the Council should press for immediate sanction to this Scheme.

2nd May, 1960.

FOOTPATH WORKS

In reply to Councillor James Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that the reason for the suspension of footpath works on the Main Street was that he did not want to have the Street broken up during the Easter holidays.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

Alderman Corish asked what was the position regarding the Public Scavenging investigation and was informed that the report of the Borough Surveyor on the areas had only been received that day and was at present being copied for circulation amongst the Members of the Finance Committee.

HOUSE REPAIRS

Alderman Corish also complained regarding the delay in providing a floor in the house occupied by Mrs. Reynolds at O'Connell Avenue and was informed that no mason was available and the Borough Surveyor undertook to have the work done as soon as possible.

DANCE ALLOCATION

The Alderman also asked why a Dance allocation had not been made to the Distributive Workers Union and was informed that the Committee had only allocated the Friday and Sunday nights and that all the other nights in the Season were open to be booked by any recognised organisation.

Arising out of this Alderman Morris asked why the allocation made to the Fine Gael Organisation had not been used by them but by another Organisation.

Alderman Cullimore stated that as the Fine Gael Organisation could not use the Hall he had given it to the C.Y.M.S. Cycling Club to raise funds towards the Ras Tailteann Games and this matter was referred to the Letting Committee to deal with in regard to future applications.

FERRYBANK

Councillor James Morris again raised the question regarding the structure on Ferrybank Strand and the County Manager intimated that as promised on the previous occasion he had asked the County Engineer to take this up with the Contractors with a view to having it removed.

In reply to a further query by Councillor Morris the Manager intimated that the County Council would not authorise the provision of a Beach Guard there during the summer months.

SEAT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD

Complaint was made regarding the destruction of a concrete seat on St. John's Road and the Foreman was to be asked if he had any idea how the seat came to be damaged.

BARRIER AT BISHOPSWATER

Councillor Pierney asked the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a crash barrier at the Bishopswater houses.

2nd May, 1960.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alderman Morris proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Gael-Linn on the very excellent job they had done in putting together the material to make up the film 'Mise Eire' and their kind invitation to the Corporation to be present. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

CABLE LAYING

Councillor Cullimore complained of the inconvenience caused at the entrances to shops on the Main Street during the previous week where the laying of cables by Post Office Workmen was being carried out and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that no notice had been received of this work and he would take the matter up with the Authorities concerned.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alderman Morris proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James McDonnell, C.E.O., on his transfer to Galway. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

CARETAKERS PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A question was raised regarding the holidays allowed to Caretakers of Public Conveniences and the work on Sundays, Bank Holidays, etc. and the Town Clerk intimated that it was the usual practice to give workers of this type an extra weeks holidays in the summer and he would see that this was done in the coming holiday period.

The meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Hare

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17th May, 1960.

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

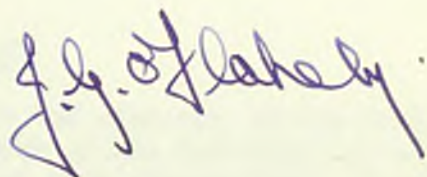
His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John G. O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

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

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Meeting had been convened to consider a detailed report made by the Borough Surveyor on the public scavenging system in the Town. A copy of this report had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to forward a copy of the report to each Member of the Council and to inform the next Statutory Meeting that the Committee were of the considered opinion that the public scavenging was carried out reasonably well and with the labour force available was the best that could be expected.

The Meeting then terminated.



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A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.30 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John G. O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris and John Cullimore;

Councillors:- John Bierney and James J. Morris.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance and apologised for the absence of the County Manager who was engaged at a meeting of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council.

CONGRATULATIONS

At the outset the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, P.P. Blackwater, on the occasion of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood and good wishes for his future health and happiness. Alderman Kevin Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present.

The Town Clerk associated the County Manager with the vote of congratulations to Canon Sinnott and in associating himself with it referred to the cordial relationship which had been established by Canon Sinnott, while Administrator in Wexford, between the Clergy and the Municipal Authorities, a relationship which existed up to the present day.

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the County Manager was authorised to refund to Mr. John Whelan, former rent collector, the superannuation contributions made by him during his period of office and an extra expenditure of £120 (one hundred and twenty pounds) was authorised in the current financial year to cover this refund.

HOUSING ENGINEER'S SALARY

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, approval was granted to the payment of an inclusive salary of £27 per week to the Housing Engineer with effect as from 1st April, 1959.

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Edward Hall on the death of his son Eamon as well as to the widow of this young man. The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Michael Flusk on the death of his sister, Mrs. Annie Bolger; to Mr. William Bolger, Housing Foreman, on the death of his mother; and to Miss Kitty Bolger, Clerical Officer on the death of her grandmother.

He also moved that the Corporation adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Bolger without transacting any further business.

Alderman Corish seconded these motions which 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 terminated

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13th June, 1960.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 7-30 p.m., the Members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John O'Flaherty, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Thomas F. Byrne and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Howlin, James J. Morris, Frank Cullimore and John Bierney.

The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Acting Town Clerk, were in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Bierney, 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

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his mother-in-law which occurred in Cork. Alderman Byrne seconding said they were sorry for the bereavement of the Town Clerk and his wife. The motion was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Councillor Hall acknowledging a vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his son.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AREAS

A letter was read from Bord Failte in reply to a protest from the Corporation regarding the non-selection by that Body of any Wexford Seaside Resorts as a major tourist development area. The Members expressed dissatisfaction at this report and were of the opinion that Bord Failte did not think very highly of the facilities available in Wexford.

ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE

A reply from the Electricity Supply Board to a complaint by the Corporation regarding periodic dropping of voltage in the Town was read. This communication stated that the Electricity Supply Board's net work had been checked and where the voltage appeared to be low the necessary measures had been taken to improve the position. The Members generally expressed satisfaction.

MUNICIPAL RATE - 1959/60

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 47/-d in the pound for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1960, as agreed to on 28th March last. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 47/-d in

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the pound be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1961, as agreed to on 28th March, 1960.

The Rate Book containing the rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING SYSTEM

The recommendation of the Finance Committee on the report of the Borough Surveyor on the public scavenging system of the town was before the Members for their consideration and general satisfaction was expressed on this report.

In conjunction with this report a letter from the Tidy Towns Committee was submitted and it was decided that full co-operation be given to this Committee in any Scheme put forward for the betterment and improvement of the town generally.

NEW STORES DEPOT

A report from the Borough Surveyor under date of the 30th ultimo on the subject of New Stores at Municipal Buildings showed that a sum of £1,822 had been spent out of a total estimated cost of £1,855. It was explained to the meeting that work on this job had been stopped when it was seen that there was not enough money available, in the loan which was raised, to complete the work. The matter was now being referred to the Corporation for their observations. A lengthy discussion ensued in which all the Members took part. The final outcome of this discussion was

- (a) that the Stores on the Quay should be removed immediately to the Municipal Buildings; and
- (b) that the question of providing finance for the balance of the work be referred to the incoming Corporation.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

With reference to Minutes of 2nd May last when it was decided to demise approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ roods of land at Davitt Road South to the Wexford Select Vestry for the sum of £130 on which land the Vestry proposed to erect a National School, it was now reported that the terms of Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840; and Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, had been complied with and that it was now open to the Council to execute a Petition to the Minister for Local Government praying for his consent to the disposition of the land in question.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the land be disposed of on the agreed terms and that the petition to the Minister for Local Government be executed on the part of the Council.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Morris moved that immediate steps be taken to rebuild this wall and surfact the road there. A short discussion followed during which the County Manager explained that application for a sanction to the raising of a loan to finance this work had been made and that the Minister for Local Government was awaiting a report from the Consulting Engineer who had been requested to submit such a report on 6th April last and 27th ultimo. He (Manager) would have the Engineer again asked to expedite this report.

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FENCING LAND AT WHITEMILL

The next business was a motion by Councillor Cullimore asking that the Corporation land at Whitemill be fenced. The Councillor explained that he was not in a position to go ahead with this motion at present and consideration of same was accordingly adjourned.

SEVENTEEN HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET

A report, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, was submitted showing the estimated and actual building costs of the 17 House Scheme at William Street.. This showed that the lowest tender received was £30,046 while the Direct Labour Estimate was in the sum of £26,711 to which sum must be added the sum of £377 in respect of increased wages, materials, etc., making a total of £27,088. The actual building costs amounted to £26,543 showing a saving on the Direct Labour Estimate of £545 and a saving on the lowest Contractors price of £3,880. It was also pointed out that the joinery had been made on the site by the Direct Labour Unit which would not have happened in the case of a Contractor. All the Members considered this a most satisfactory report and a matter of congratulations for all concerned.

JOHN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the proposed Housing Scheme at John Street and referred to a statement in the Dail by the Minister for Local Government, in answer to a question, that 30 houses would be sufficient to meet housing demands in Wexford Town. The Councillor pointed out that from the report and data in the possession of the Corporation it would appear that at least 66 houses were urgently needed. In answer the County Manager read a letter he received from the Department of Local Government which required, inter alia, that a local investigation of the housing position should be carried out as well as a review of the individual circumstances of the applicants included in the cases certified by the Chief Medical Officer. Another urgent question which would require consideration was the rent paying capacity of the persons included in the list of prospective tenants. The County Manager pointed out that all the information required by the Department in this letter would have to be prepared and forwarded by the Town Clerk and he promised that he would get as much information as possible after the local elections and endeavour to have the matter dealt with as speedily as possible.

TOWN PLANNING

Permission was granted in the following cases under the Town Planning Acts.

- (a) Alterations to White's Hotel;
- (b) Alterations to premises of James Kelly, North Main Street;
- (c) Alterations to premises of Mr. Murth Joyce, South Main St.;
- (d) New Science Hall at St. Peter's College;
- (e) V.H.F. Radio Station for E.S.B. at Summerhill;
- (f) Furniture Store at Cornmarket for Mr. Patrick Kelly; and
- (g) New Store for Messrs Traynors Limited at John Street.

AUDITOR'S REPORTS

The Report of the Local Government Auditor for the two years ended 31st March, 1959, and the extraordinary audit of the accounts of Municipal Rates and Water Rents for the period ended 27th October, 1959, (copies of which had already been circulated to the Members) were now before the meeting for consideration.

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Dealing with the extraordinary audit the County Manager explained that this report indicated irregularities in the rate collector's account but no loss had accrued to the Corporation Funds. The collector involved was still under suspension pending a decision by the Minister for Local Government.

With regard to the audit of the Corporation Accounts for the two years ended 31st March, 1959, the most important item was the suspension of a rent collector who was subsequently charged with certain offences in the Court. Following the Court decision he was removed from office with the consent of the Minister for Local Government. In this case also no loss had accrued to the Funds of the Corporation.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor on the present position of the water supply in the town. It was seen that generally the situation was not a cause for immediate concern even though there was evidence of wastage occurring. After some discussion it was decided that if any further curtailment were necessary that the Borough Surveyor be authorised, in consultation with the County Manager, to do so.

The Meeting then terminated.



A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Belvedere Road, at 12-00 noon in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927. The Town Clerk called the roll of those elected as Members of the Council at the Local Elections held on the 29th ultimo and they answered their names as follows:-

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish
Kevin C. Morris
John G. O'Flaherty
John Cullimore

Councillors:- James J. Morris
Frank Cullimore
Thomas F. Byrne
Patrick Doran
John Howlin
Patrick Cullen
John Bierney
Edward Hall

In attendance:- Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor; P.K. McNally, Borough Surveyor; Seamus Gallagher, Deputy County Manager; and John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.

The Outgoing Mayor, Alderman John G. O'Flaherty, presided, and having been informed by the Town Clerk that all the newly elected Members had made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office proscribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1940, he proceeded with the business of the meeting.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1961, and until his successor was appointed and had made the Statutory Declaration accepting Office.

Alderman Corish proposed that Councillor Thomas Byrne be elected Mayor; and Councillor Bierney seconded.

Alderman Cullimore proposed that Councillor James Morris be elected, Alderman Kevin Morris seconded.

As there was no other nomination for the office a poll was taken when there voted for -

Councillor Thomas Byrne - Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Cullen and Bierney	5.
Councillor James Morris - Aldermen Morris, O'Flaherty and Cullimore, Councillors Morris, Cullimore, Doran and Hall ...	7.

Councillor James J. Morris was thereupon declared Mayor of Wexford to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1961, and until his successor was appointed and had made a Declaration accepting office.

Councillor Morris thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office provided by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1940, and the Local Government Act, 1941, which Declaration was witnessed by Alderman Kevin Morris, Councillor Frank Cullimore and the Town Clerk.

Before installing the new Mayor in Office the outgoing Mayor, Alderman O'Flaherty, apologised for his inability to be present at the Declaration of the Poll in the recent local elections and took this opportunity to thank the Returning Officer and his staff for the courtesy shown to him during the election and to his representative at the Count. He also congratulated them on the

expeditious manner in which they had carried out the count. As candidate for the Wexford County Council he also returned thanks to Mr. Gallagher who was Returning Officer at that Election for the courtesy shown to him at the County Council Election.

Before vacating the chair the Mayor thanked the Members of the Corporation for their courtesy and co-operation during the past twelve months. He thanked the Lord Bishop of Ferns; the Clergy and the Garda Siochana for their loyal co-operation; and the Town Clerk for his help and advice during his period of Office.

Councillor Howlin on behalf of the Labour Party conveyed to the Mayor the thanks of that Party for the work done by him during the past twelve months and congratulated him on the dignified manner in which he had carried out the duties of Mayor during the year.

Proceeding Councillor Howlin stated that in view of the obvious intention of the Members of the Corporation, outside the Labour Party, to deal with the appointment of Committees, etc., without reference to the largest Party in the Corporation, the five Labour Members had decided to withdraw from the Meeting. Alderman Corish, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Howlin, Councillor Cullen and Councillor Bierney thereupon left the Council Chamber.

All the other Members thanked the outgoing Mayor for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Corporation during the past twelve months and congratulated the new Mayor on his election for the coming year.

The new Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, was then invested with the Robe and Chain of Office and the meeting proceeded under his direction.

DATE OF THREE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, to hold three Quarterly Meetings of the Council on -

Monday - 3rd October, 1960, at 8.15 p.m.
Monday - 2nd January, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.
Monday - 3rd April, 1961, at 8.15 p.m.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The third item on the Agenda was to appoint a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee. The Town Clerk intimated that this Committee would consist of fourteen members of which not less than five nor more than eight would be Members of the Council. He (Town Clerk) as on previous occasions, advised the Council to exercise their powers to appoint eight Council-Members as it was desirable for them to have majority representation on the Committee in view of the fact that they were responsible for financing its activities.

Alderman O'Flaherty thereupon proposed that the Council proceed to the appointment of eight Council Members and six non-Council Members. Alderman Morris seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to. The following were the Corporation Members appointed to the Committee:-

Alderman O'Flaherty, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Councillor Hall, on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

Councillor Doran, on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Cullimore.

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Alderman Morris, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Hall.

His Worship the Mayor, on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Doran.

Alderman Corish, Councillor Bierney and Councillor Byrne on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Hall.

The six non-members of the Council were:-

Very Rev. M.J. C Neill, Administrator; Rev. Thomas Roche, D.D.; Rev. Brother Kelleher, Christian Brothers, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Cullimore.

Miss Lily Moore, Old Pound, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Cullimore.

Mr. Thomas Roche, Michael Street, on the motion of Councillor Hall seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

Mr. Leonard Browne, Corish Park, on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

COMMITTEES

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed that the Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough and the General Purposes Committee would consist of the entire Council.

As regards the appointment of an Estimates Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(3)(a) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Alderman O'Flaherty suggested that the Council decline to appoint an Estimates Committee but that the question of establishing a Finance Committee be left to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, this question of the appointment of an Estimates Committee or a Finance Committee was adjourned in accordance with the suggestion of Alderman O'Flaherty.

REPRESENTATIVES TO WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The next business was to appoint two Harbour Commissioners under Section 7(2)(a)(11) of the Harbours Act, 1946.

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, Alderman Morris was appointed as one Representative.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, Councillor Doran was appointed as the second representative of the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

The Town Clerk pointed out that it was necessary to appoint two representatives to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. The outgoing Representatives were Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne.

Thereupon Councillor Doran proposed and Alderman Cullimore seconded, that Alderman Morris be one of the delegates.

Alderman Cullimore proposed and Alderman Morris seconded that Councillor Frank Cullimore be the second delegate.

Alderman Morris and Councillor Cullimore were thereupon appointed delegates and it was further agreed that the Mayor of Wexford should be elected to the Executive Council of the Association that they be authorised to attend the

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quarterly meetings of the Council as and when they were held.

TENDER FOR STORE ON QUAY

The Town Clerk intimated that as decided at the last Statutory Meeting of the Council the interest of the Corporation in the Store on the Quay had been advertised for tender. Only one tender had been received and he now requested His Worship the Mayor to open this tender so that the matter could be dealt with by the County Manager.

On the tender being opened it was from Messrs James J. Stafford & Sons, Wexford, Limited, the lessors of the Store, who offered a sum of £655 (Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds).

The tender was referred to the County Manager for consideration and appropriate action.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Cullimore overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £50,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £50,000 was authorised up to 30th September, 1960.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty and Nicholas Corish;

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne and Patrick Cullen.

In Attendance:- The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant and Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish the minutes of meeting of the 9th July, 1960, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship the Mayor congratulated the new Borough Accountant, Mr. Merriman, on his appointment, this was supported by all the Members present.

His Worship the Mayor also moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Senior Hurling Team on winning the Leinster Championship. He also moved that the Wexford Cyclist, Dermot Byrne, be congratulated on his showing in the Ras Tailteann Road Race.

Councillor Byrne seconded these motions which were supported by all the Members present.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. William M. Corcoran, Priorieter of the Wexford Free Press. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ESTIMATES OR FINANCE COMMITTEE

The first business was to decide the question (adjourned from Quarterly Meeting on the 9th ultimo) as to whether -

(a) an Estimates Committee in accordance with the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955; or

(b) a Finance Committee should be appointed;

and to appoint such Committee as may be decided upon.

Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation appoint a Finance Committee comprising the full Council, Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With reference to minutes of the 9th ultimo when a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee had been appointed, correspondence was read from the Chief Executive Officer enclosing copies of correspondence received by him

from Alderman Corish, Councillors Bierney and Byrne, intimating that as they gave no Member of the Wexford Corporation permission to propose them for the Committee they did not consider themselves Members. A letter received by the Town Clerk from Alderman Corish on behalf of the three Members, which was in similar terms was also submitted.

As well notice of intention to question the legality of the Committee given by Alderman Corish appeared on the agenda.

At the outset Alderman Corish held that the Vocational Education Committee had been illegally constituted and his reasons for such appeared to be -

- (a) That the three members - Councillors Bierney, Byrne and himself were appointed without their previous consent and consequently were not legally appointed Members of the Committee.
- (b) That the Council had by resolution determined that the Committee should consist of eight Council Members and six non-Council Members;
- (c) That as the three Members in question did not consider themselves Members that that part of the Council's resolution deciding to appoint eight Council Members had not been implemented and should be rescinded to enable more Council Members to be appointed and thus constitute a full Committee of fourteen persons.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which the Town Clerk gave as his opinion that the Committee was legally constituted. His opinion was based on -

That the Act of 1930 did not require the Borough Council to obtain in advance the permission of any person to appoint him/her to the Committee and consequently the three Members were legally elected Members of the Committee.

As regards the Council's resolution that eight Council Members should be appointed the Town Clerk gave it as his opinion that this was merely a question of terminology and would not have arisen had he not advised the Council to exercise their powers to appoint eight Council Members as it was desirable for them to have majority representation on the Committee in view of the fact that they were responsible for financing its activities.

In his (Town Clerk's) opinion the legality or otherwise of the Committee hinged on the question as to whether or not the three Members could be appointed without their consent and in his opinion their prior consent was not required.

At the end of the discussion, Alderman Corish proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded, a motion that the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor be obtained as to whether or not the Committee was legally constituted. This was agreed to.

SWIMMING POOL

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that three sites at Ferrybank be examined for the possibility of providing a Swimming Pool for Wexford. The sites in question were -

- (1) One adjacent to the Bridge at Ferrybank;
- (2) A site adjacent to No. (1); and
- (3) The site between Ely House and road junction to Crosstown.

After some discussion it was decided to also include a site at the end of the new promenade and ask the joint Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Corporation to deal with Ferrybank and Tourist Development to examine this position and see where might be the best site for a Swimming Pool

LIGHT AT O'CONNELL AVENUE

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that a second public light be provided in O'Connell Avenue. In moving this motion the Councillor

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stated that on the last occasion it had been brought up it had been defeated on the grounds of economy. To meet this objection he was prepared, if selected by the Corporation to attend the next annual meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Insurance (at which he had represented the Corporation for some years past) at his own expense.

Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to that a second light be provided at O'Connell Avenue.

SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The next motion was one in the name of Councillor Doran that "the appropriate official be instructed to erect speed limit signs at the principal entrances to the Town such as Maudlintown, Redmond Road, Upper John Street, Bishopswater, etc. to control the speed of motor vehicles through the Borough".

When this item on the agenda was reached the Town Clerk pointed out that all the roads named in the motion were under the jurisdiction of the County Council and that there was no legal authority to implement such a motion without an order by the Minister for Local Government after a public local inquiry. Such an order he stated was not likely to be given at the present time in view of impending legislation to deal with road traffic generally.

The Councillor thereupon asked permission to withdraw the motion which was granted.

EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a loan of £30,000 proposed to be advanced by them to enable debit balances on the accounts of the Corporation to be liquidated. Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was resolved-

"that pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 8th day of June, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £30,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of liquidating debit balance on Revenue Account 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 interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited".

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

TENDER FOR REPAIRS TO MARKET ROOF

The next business was to receive a tender for the carrying out of repairs to the roofs of the Market Building at the Bullring. The tender when opened was seen to be from Mr. John Grace, Contractor, 24, Antelope Road, Wexford, and was for the sum of £480. The tender was referred to the Borough Surveyor for examination and report.

LAND AT WHITEMILL & NEWTOWN

Revised tender for the purchase of land at Whitemill and Newtown was submitted from Mr. John Sinnott, Laurel Hill, Clonard, on being opened the revised offer was for £500 and it was unanimously decided that the necessary steps be taken to comply with the law relating to the disposal of Corporate property.

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RESIGNATION OF PATRICK CURRAN - RATE COLLECTOR

It was reported to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government had terminated the suspension of Mr. Patrick Curran, Rate Collector, as from 23rd June last and as a result his resignation as Rate Collector had been accepted. Mr. Curran had twenty-four years pensionable service with the Corporation and his average remuneration over the past three years was £1,133.10.4d. On this basis he was entitled to a lump sum grant of £961.4.5d and an annual retiring allowance of £341.1.1d. It was explained that these figures were subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government with regard to the Franchise Fees for 1959/60 but that the amount would not be appreciably affected when this sanction was received. It was therefore agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that financial provision in the sum of £1,230 be made in the current financial year to meet the lump sum and pension to 31st March, 1961, and that this amount be included in the rates for the year 1961/62.

Arising out of this a suggestion was made that a Pension Fund should be established so that it would not be necessary to levy heavy sums like this in one financial year and when an officer retired and is entitled to such payments. It was agreed that the Manager, Town Clerk and Accountant should examine this matter and report to the Finance Committee.

STORE ON QUAY

With reference to minutes of the 9th ultimo when a tender for the surrender of the lease of the premises at Custom House Quay, Wexford, had been received from Messrs J.J. Stafford & Sons (Wexford) Limited, notice of intention to accept this offer had been issued to the Members on the 14th ultimo and no objection was now raised to the acceptance by the Manager of the offer of £655 for the surrender of the lease.

NEW STORE AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

With reference to the minutes of the June meeting of the Corporation when a report was submitted by the Manager on the expenditure incurred to date on the provision of a Store at the Municipal Buildings and submitting a supplementary estimate of £600 from the Borough Surveyor to complete the work, it was now unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the work on the Store should be completed in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's estimate of the 30th May last and that expenditure in accordance with such estimate be approved.

ITINERANTS

A letter from the Commission on Itinerancy, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting, was next considered and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Town Clerk was asked to reply to this communication.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the application of Dr. B. Curtis for planning permission for alteration to his premises at Waterloo Road was approved.

JOHN STREET HOUSING

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin asked what was the position re proposed housing at John Street. The Town Clerk reminded the Members that in May last the Manager had received a letter from the Minister for Local

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Government requesting certain statistics in connection with the housing position in the town. At the time the Manager had informed both the Council and the Minister that these statistics would require to be prepared by the Town Clerk who at that time was engaged with the Local Elections and would not be in a position to prepare these statistics until the election was over. These statistics had been forwarded to the Department only this day.

He further informed the meeting that the Minister had sanctioned the erection of two extra houses at Faythe and four extra houses at Fisher's Row.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which it was again unanimously agreed that in the opinion of the Council at least thirty houses were needed in the town and it was decided to convene a special meeting of the Corporation for the 22nd instant to further consider this matter and to ask for the attendance of an Official of the Department to be present at such meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The question of repairing the house at John Street occupied by Roche, which had been damaged during the demolition of the adjoining house was referred to the Housing Engineer to attend to immediately.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the Scavenging Staff having to "clock-in" each morning at the Municipal Buildings and suggested that considerable time was wasted by this method and the Borough Surveyor informed him that he was at present considering an alteration in the Scavengers duties which would probably meet the complaint of the Councillor.

Alderman Corish asked that the weeds on the Corporation property be cut at once.

Alderman Corish also asked that the number of fuel vouchers issued in the years 1958/9 and 1959/60 be circulated to the Members as he intended to raise the question of the Winter Fuel Scheme at the next meeting.

Alderman O'Flaherty asked what was the position of the Reservoir and on being informed by the Borough Surveyor of the present level he asked that the amount of pumping done for the months of June and July and the cost of same be circulated to the Members in time for the next meeting.

In reply to Councillor Bierney the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had asked for prices for the erection of a crash barrier at Bishopswater and was awaiting the Wexford Gas Company to cut off the gas supply to the old lamp standard at Wolfe Tone Villas with a view to having it removed.

Councillor Cullen complained of a dangerous wall at Tuskar View and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would examine it the next day.

Alderman O'Flaherty asked the Town Clerk what was the position regarding the statement in the press about the Barry Commemoration this year and the Town Clerk intimated that in accordance with a direction of the Corporation received early in the year to apply to the American Authorities for the S.S. Barry to visit Rosslare for the ceremonies this year he had recently applied through the Department of External Affairs to the American Authorities for the Barry to visit Rosslare in September. Beyond the fact that the matter was being considered he had no further information.

In reply to a query by Councillor Doran regarding the footpaths at Seaview Avenue the Borough Surveyor informed him that this was private property.

Councillor Cullen referred to the condition of the surface of Upper Batt's Street and was informed that this work would be included in next year's Improvement Grant work.

At the request of Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor was instructed to renew the parking lines in the Bullring and the "Stop" lines at Davitt Road North and South.

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Exchange of Land at Bishopswater

The Town Clerk intimated that in connection with the re-alignment of the Bishopswater Bridge it had been necessary to take a small piece of land from Mr. Christopher Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins now wished to be compensated by way of another piece of land to square up his property and it was unanimously agreed that the Officials should negotiate with Mr. Hopkins on this matter.

Councillor Hall moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Dargan, former Reporter for the "Echo" Newspaper on his appointment as representative for the "People" series of newspapers in Wicklow. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the Members, for which Mr. Dargan returned thanks.

The meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Riordan

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29th August, 1960.

A Special Meeting of the Council 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, Councillor James Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas Corish, John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Frank Cullimore and Patrick Cullen.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were in attendance.

JOHN STREET HOUSES

With reference to minutes of meeting on the 8th instant when it was decided to hold a Special Meeting on the 22nd idem to consider the position of the proposed housing scheme for John Street the Town Clerk explained that due to a request from the Minister for Local Government to the Manager to prepare a report on the housing position it was not possible to have the report available in time for a meeting on the 22nd, consequently the meeting had been postponed to this date.

A copy of the letter from the Minister for Local Government addressed to the County Manager under date of the 18th instant as well as the report requested in the last paragraph thereof had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. In presenting his report the Manager stated he should like to emphasise that the provision of a new housing scheme involved two very important aspects of State (as distinct from Local Authority) finance, viz:-

1. The right to borrow from the Local Loans Fund over a period of fifty years; and
2. The State Subsidy of 66 2/3rds per cent. (or 33 1/3rd per cent as the case may be) of the annual loan charges over the period of years of the loan.

Without these two State aids a Local Authority such as Wexford Corporation could not possibly hope to provide houses for the Working Classes at a rent which would be within the capacity of people to pay.

The Minister for Local Government was charged with the responsibility of administering these two important aspects of housing finance and it was therefore essential to do everything possible to meet requests of his Department for the information required to enable a decision to be arrived at. He had at previous meetings emphasised that aspect of the matter which must be approached purely on the basis of the ascertainable facts in relation to housing needs.

At the outset of the debate Councillor Howlin thanked the Manager and Town Clerk for circulating the report. It was much better he stated to have it in their possession for it gave them a better opportunity to study it.

Generally speaking the only objection the Members had to the report was to the opinion expressed in the final paragraph "that the erection of 30 houses at John Street could be proceeded with without risk of overbuilding Local Authority houses or consequent loss to public funds, the Members being unanimously of opinion that the report demonstrated the need for much more than 30 houses and felt there was both a Statutory and moral duty on them to provide the necessary dwellings.

It was pointed out by the Manager that the Minister's letter only dealt with the immediate request for sanction for the John Street Scheme and

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after a general discussion it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, that the Corporation request the Minister for Local Government to issue immediate sanction to the erection of 30 houses at John Street in accordance with the documents submitted.

DERELICT SITES

Arising out of the foregoing discussion on the John Street Scheme the question of building on derelict sites in the town was again raised and it was unanimously decided that this matter should be placed on the agenda for discussion at the September Statutory Meeting.

ROADS GRANT

Alderman Morris moved that the Minister for Local Government be congratulated on the establishment of an Urban Roads Improvement Fund from which the Corporation this year were allocated the sum of £1,300 for the improvement of Urban Roads. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this resolution reference was made to the condition of Upper Batt's Street, Rose Rock, Windmill's Hill and the Avenues of Crosstown Cemetery.

Reference was also made to the road from Ferrybank to Crosstown Cemetery and it was pointed out this matter had already been raised at a recent meeting of the Wexford District Committee of the County Council and was under consideration.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1960/61

It was reported that the allocation from the above Vote to the Corporation for the coming Winter was -

	Grant	-	£3,750.
	Local Contribution	-	£ 540.
	TOTAL	-	£4,290.
The allocation for 1959/60 was -			
	Grant	-	£4,300.
	Local Contribution	-	620.
	TOTAL	-	£4,920.

A letter was also read from the Special Employment Schemes Office intimating that the reduction in the Grant was due to the fact that the number of Unemployment Assistance Recipients in Wexford in 1960 had been reduced by almost 25% compared with the 1959 figure and it was in these circumstances that the amount available for Wexford this year was less than the allocation made last year.

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the Grant be expended on the provision of a concrete slab on the Promenade at Ferrybank but a decision on this was deferred to the September Statutory Meeting to enable the Members to consider if any alternative proposals could be put forward.

The meeting then terminated.

J. J. O'Flaherty

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

26th August, 1960.

To each Member of
Wexford Borough Council.

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As requested in the Department's letter of the 18th August, 1960, the housing position in Wexford Borough has been re-examined as closely as possible in the available time.

In 1944/45 a comprehensive survey of the housing needs of the Borough was carried out by the then County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor. This Survey indicated a need for 872 dwellings. Since then 512 have been erected or are in course of construction, which would leave 360 dwellings necessary to meet the requirements of that Survey.

At the end of April 1956 a check, on the 1944/45 Survey was carried out, this revealed that 75 houses were unfit but could be made fit and 212 were unfit and could not be made fit at reasonable expense. In the 212 houses there were 234 families residing. Forty houses were occupied by one person only.

On the 3rd March, 1958, a comprehensive report on the housing position was given to the Corporation in which it was pointed out that while the 1956 Survey indicated the need for the above number of houses only 111 certified applicants were available. From the facts it appeared that the people who most needed rehousing were not applying.

In 1959 public advertisements were issued inviting applications from persons in need of houses and intimating that subject to Statutory requirements the William Street and Fisher's Row houses as well as other houses which became vacant would be filled from applicants who were certified to be in need. Of the applications then received 93 were certified by the Chief Medical Officer as in need of houses. With subsequent applications the number of certified applicants reached 124.

The following tables show the family and income positions of the 124 certified applicants:-

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FAMILY POSITION

No. of Persons	Number of Applicants	No. of Persons	Number of Applicants
1	5	7	C/F 115
2	43	8	3
3	26	9	1
4	20	10	1
5	13	11	1
6	8	12	2
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TOTAL	309
3. Deduct houses dealt with since survey	<u>58</u>
	251
4. Add applicants certified by Chief Medical Officer	<u>124</u>
	375
5. Deduct for certified applicants also included in the Survey figures at 1 and 2	<u>27</u>
	348
6. Number of above rehoused since March, 1960, (William Street, Fisher's Row and casual vacancies)	<u>41</u>
	307
7. Houses in course of construction - Fisher's Row	14
- Faythe	<u>2</u>
	16
Leaving a potential need of	<u>291</u>

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A further examination of the Survey results shows that 40 of the houses

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T.F. O'BRUGHA,

Contae Bhainisteoir.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

26th August, 1960.

To each Member of
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

As requested in the Department's letter of the 18th August, 1960, the housing position in Wexford Borough has been re-examined as closely as possible in the available time.

In 1944/45 a comprehensive survey of the housing needs of the Borough was carried out by the then County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor. This Survey indicated a need for 872 dwellings. Since then 512 have been erected or are in course of construction, which would leave 360 dwellings necessary to meet the requirements of that Survey.

At the end of April 1956 a check, on the 1944/45 Survey was carried out, this revealed that 75 houses were unfit but could be made fit and 212 were unfit and could not be made fit at reasonable expense. In the 212 houses there were 234 families residing. Forty houses were occupied by one person only.

On the 3rd March, 1958, a comprehensive report on the housing position was given to the Corporation in which it was pointed out that while the 1956 Survey indicated the need for the above number of houses only 111 certified applicants were available. From the facts it appeared that the people who most needed rehousing were not applying.

In 1959 public advertisements were issued inviting applications from persons in need of houses and intimating that subject to Statutory requirements the William Street and Fisher's Row houses as well as other houses which became vacant would be filled from applicants who were certified to be in need. Of the applications then received 93 were certified by the Chief Medical Officer as in need of houses. With subsequent applications the number of certified applicants reached 124.

The following tables show the family and income positions of the 124 certified applicants:-

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T.F. O'BRUGHA,

Contae Bhainisteoir.

5th September, 1960.

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:-

Aldermen:- John G. O'Flaherty, John Cullimore, Nicholas Corish, and Kevin Morris;

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, John Howlin, John Bierney, Thomas Byrne and Edward Hall.

In attendance:- Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Howlin proposed that Alderman O'Flaherty take the chair; Alderman Corish seconded this proposition which was agreed to.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meetings held on the 8th and 29th 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 Chairman.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Chairman moved that a vote of congratulations be extended to the Wexford Senior Hurling Team and the people responsible for the training and management of the team on their magnificent victory on the 4th instant in the All-Ireland Hurling Final. Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by all the Members, the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager who was unavoidably absent, the Staff and on his own behalf.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With reference to minutes of the 8th instant when the question of the legality of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was questioned and the matter had been referred to the Corporation's legal adviser for his opinion, Mr. O'Connor's opinion was now read which was as follows:-

1. The Corporation acted perfectly legally in making the appointment which they did at the Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council held on the 9th July.
2. The consent of the Members appointed by the Corporation was not a prerequisite condition.
3. The Members have been properly appointed and if they do not wish to attend the meetings of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee it was entirely a matter for themselves.
4. They remain Members until they resign or until they are disqualified under Section 11.
5. It would appear to us that the Council's resolution need not be rescinded.

This opinion was accepted without discussion.

PENSION INCREASE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, financial provision in the sum of £35, to be raised in the Rates Estimate for the year 1961/62, was now made to enable an increase to be made in the pension of Miss Mary T. Walsh (retired Domestic Economy Instructress) under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1959.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME 1960/61

In accordance with notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to remove the restriction imposed on the Scheme for 1959/60 that only one person in each household be permitted to participate in the Scheme.

From a Return made by the Town Clerk at the request of the Alderman it

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appeared that in the year 1958/9, 15,040 fuel vouchers were issued to Pensioners and in the year 1959/60 13,761, a difference of 1,279 which meant an average of 61 persons did not receive vouchers in the latter year. The Alderman pointed out that the saving to the State by this restriction amounted to approximately £250 but that this was more than offset by the hardship caused to those who were not permitted to participate in the Scheme.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the Members present and adopted unanimously.

RELIEF GRANTS AND DERELICT SITES

The next items on the agenda were the consideration of the Employment Schemes for 1960/61 and the question of Derelict Sites in the Town and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, that a Committee be set up to examine the question of Employment Schemes for 1960/61 and the question of Derelict Sites in the Town; the Committee to meet on Friday next, the 9th instant at eight o'clock p.m.

The following were appointed to the Committee -

Councillor Byrne - on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin;
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Alderman Morris - on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Cullimore;
Councillor Doran - on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish; and
Alderman O'Flaherty - on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

LOANS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £3,600 for the erection of two houses at the Faythe and a loan of £7,000 for the erection of four additional houses at Fisher's Row.

RATE COLLECTION

It was reported that the Rate Collection up to 31st ultimo was 15.7% as against 10.2% at the corresponding period in 1959. This was considered satisfactory.

OPENING OF TENDERS

Tenders for building materials for four extra houses at Fisher's Row and two houses at Faythe were opened, initialed by the Chairman and referred to the Housing Engineer for examination and report.

The meeting then terminated.

A meeting of the Corporation as a General Purposes and Old Age Pensions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

Meeting as an Old Age Pensions Committee it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that Sister M. Antonia Curtin of the Convent of Mercy, Wexford, be appointed as agent to act on behalf of Sister M. Attracta (Catherine Ownes), Convent of Mercy, Wexford, in all matters relating to her Old Age Pension.

BARRY MEMORIAL

Reference was made to the fourth anniversary of the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Statue due to be held on the 18th instant and the Special Committee appointed at the Statutory Meeting was instructed to make all the necessary arrangements in this connection.

Webster Corish

9th September, 1960.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th instant was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8-00 p.m., the Members present being:-

Alderman John G. O'Flaherty, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair;
Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris;
Councillors:- Patrick Doran and Thomas F. Byrne.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Meeting took up the question of alternative proposals to the concreting of the Promenade at Ferrybank under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Voto 1960/61 and they unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should prepare estimates for the following works to be submitted to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th idem.

- (a) Road Works:- (1) Footpaths and wall at Browne's Hill;
(2) Footpaths at Thomas Street and Bride Place;
(3) Steps (in place of ramp) at Roche's Road.
- (b) Derelict Sites:- (1) South Main Street near Bride Street;
(2) Back Street;
(3) Corner of Abbey Street and Cornmarket
(4) Derelict Houses at Abbey Street;
(5) Derelict Houses at Cornmarket;
(6) Derelict Houses Koyser's Lane;
(7) Derelict Houses at junction of John Street & Rowe Street;
(8) Derelict Houses at Gibson Street.
- (c) The Committee also recommended that a Clearance Order should be made in respect of the Duke Street area.

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This Committee was also charged with making arrangements for the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Memorial and it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Defence to lay the wreath on the 18th instant or if not available to nominate another Minister of State to perform the Ceremony.

It was also decided to request the attendance of the United States Ambassador and His Military Attache.

It was further agreed that a dinner should be given at White's Hotel at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday evening to which the Minister for Defence, the Ambassador and his Attache, the Members of the Corporation, the County Manager, Town Clerk, five T.D's, Senator Kissanne, the Administrator, the Guardian of the Friary, Rev. Bro. Kelleher C.B.S., Rev. E. Shearer Rector, Chief Superintendent of the Garda and the Superintendent, the Naval Liaison Officer, Commandant Barry, F.C.A., two Ships Officers from the U.S.S. Rhodes, the Chairman of the Wexford Trades Council and the President Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Mr. William Coady of Rosslare Harbour who was making the wreath.

It was further agreed that C.I.E. might be asked to run a Mystery Tour to Wexford on Sunday the 18th and the following Organisations were requested to take part in the Ceremony:-

The Three Bands
Knights of Malta
Irish Red Cross
Catholic Boy Scouts
Catholic Girl Guides

It was also agreed to allocate the Town Hall on Sunday, February 12th, 1961, to Cumann Ceolteoiri Eireann.

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Special 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 James Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore;

Councillors:- John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Doran and Patrick Cullen.

In attendance- The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

CONGRATULATIONS

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Faythe Harriers Hurling Team on winning the County Senior Hurling Final, the first time which a town team had captured this trophy, Councillor Howlin seconded the motion, which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Howlin on behalf of the Harriers Club thanked the Members.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Miss Nellie Hore, an employee of the Wexford County Council, on the death of her mother. Alderman Corish recalled that Miss Hore's father, for practically all his lifetime, had been an employee of the Wexford Corporation. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1960/61

The Special Meeting had been convened to consider the recommendations of an Ad hoc Committee set up on the 5th instant to prepare alternative proposals for works under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1960/61 and to make recommendations regarding derelict sites in the town.

The recommendations of this Committee are embodied in the minutes of their meeting held on the 9th idem.

At the outset Councillor Howlin moved that the suggestion to concrete the promenade at Ferrybank in the current year be deferred to a later date as in his opinion the promenade was not sufficiently stabilised to warrant the risk of expending over £4,000 placing a concrete slab thereon.

Alderman Corish seconded this motion and agreed with the remarks of Councillor Howlin. The proposal was supported by all the Members present, who also felt that it was yet too early to place a concrete slab on this promenade, and agreed to unanimously.

Councillor Howlin then proposed and Alderman Corish seconded, that the Grant and local contribution amounting in all to £4,290 be expended on the following works -

(a) Road Work:-

- (1) Realign boundary wall where required and lay concrete footpaths on road from Slippery Green to Bishopswater;
- (2) Provide a concrete footpath on the south side of Fisher's Row;
- (3) Provide concrete footpath in Thomas Street;
- (4) Provide concrete footpath in Bridge Place;
- (5) Step concrete ramp to Roche's Terrace houses;

19th September, 1960.

(b) Amenity Schemes:-

- (1) Demolish 4 houses at Abbey Street, clear and level site;
- (2) Demolish house at corner Abbey Street and Cornmarket;
- (3) Demolish houses at corner of Rowe Street/John Street;

This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

Reference was also made to the condition of the junction of Rose Rook and Francis Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to have this repaired.

PRELIMINARY ORDER DERELICT SITES ACT

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the making of a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of a derelict site at the corner of Rowe Street and John Street.

SEAVIEW AVENUE

Councillor Howlin asked the Town Clerk to see if anything could be done to compel the owners of Seaview Avenue to resurface the avenue.

DERELICT SITE AT MONCK STREET

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position of the derelict building at Monck Street which he considered extremely dangerous and the Town Clerk intimated that an offer of £75 for the site had been received after public advertisement. The Minister for Local Government had refused to sanction the sale at this price and stated he was advised that the site was worth £200. The offer of £75 had now been increased to £100.

The Members considered that £100 was a generous offer considering what the cost of demolishing the derelict building on the site would be and instructed the Town Clerk to press for sanction to its sale at £100.

DANGEROUS WALL AT TUSKAR VIEW

In reply to Councillor Cullen it was intimated that part of the dangerous wall at Tuskar View had been repaired on the premises of Miss Alice Luccan but that nothing had yet been done on the premises of Messrs Corish and Doran.

It was agreed that if these people did not start work immediately that legal proceedings be instituted.

CLEARANCE AREA DUKE STREET

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that steps be taken to declare the area known as Duke Street to be a Clearance Area under the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1931.

JOHN STREET HOUSES

Councillor Howlin intimated that he would ask at the Statutory Meeting when it was proposed to start the John Street Houses.

SCHEDULE OF DERELICT SITES

Councillor Howlin asked the Town Clerk to prepare a Schedule showing the number of Derelict Sites in the possession of the Corporation and the number of derelict sites which in his opinion could be acquired.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Nicholas P. Corish

3rd October, 1960.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8-15 p.m. The Members present were:-

Aldermen: John G. O'Flaherty, John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors: Patrick Doran, John Howlin, John Bierney, Thomas F. Byrne, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen and Frank Cullimore.

In Attendance: The County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk, Mr. J.A.V. Merriman.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran and agreed that the Chair be taken by Alderman Corish.

On taking the Chair Alderman Corish (having been informed that the Mayor had sent his apologies to the meeting for his inability to attend due to the death of his uncle, Mr. Daniel Morris) proposed a vote of condolence with the Mayor and the members of the deceased's family in their bereavement. Councillor Howlin seconded and the other Members and Officials joined in the expression of sympathy which was adopted in respectful silence.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the meeting to deal with an emergency motion on the subject of the recent Town Flooding.

Alderman O'Flaherty then requested permission to deal first with item 6 on the agenda, viz.: "That we strongly protest against the article written on Wexford in the paper 'Hibernia' on the 2nd September, 1960". The Council agreed and Councillor Morris formally proposed the motion. After discussion it was decided to take no action in the matter other than to request the Town Clerk to write a letter of protest to the Editor of the publication.

TOWN FLOODING - EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Councillor Howlin, having expressed sympathy with those affected by the flooding at King Street and other areas, in which all present joined, formally proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded, the following motion which was agreed to:-

That a Special Committee be appointed to consult with the Council's Engineers, and if necessary the people concerned, as to the best means to be adopted to prevent or mitigate a future recurrence of yesterday's flooding.

It was decided, after discussion, that the Committee should be comprised of His Worship the Mayor and four other Members with the Council's Engineers.

The following Members were elected to the Committee:-

Councillor Howlin, proposed by Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty; Councillor Cullimore, proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Doran; Councillor Doran, proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin; Councillor Byrne, proposed by Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Corish.

It was also agreed that the Committee meet at the Municipal Buildings

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on Monday 10th October, 1960, when they would be agreeable to hear the views of not more than five representatives of local residents.

The order of business as set out in the Agenda was then resumed.

MINUTES

The minutes of Statutory Meeting of the Council held on 5th September, 1960, and those of Special Meeting held on 19th September, 1960, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Howling, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

His Worship the Mayor attended at this stage.

FUEL VOUCHERS

A letter from the Department of Social Welfare, in reply to the Town Clerk's communication, reference F.4., of 7th September, 1960, on the subject of Fuel Vouchers for Old Age Pensioners, which stated that the Minister was not prepared to vary the decision already given in this matter, was read and it was agreed that the Council could take no further action.

RATE COLLECTION

A report on the Rate Collection at 30th September, 1960, was submitted by the Acting Town Clerk which was as follows:-

Percentage Collection at 30th September, 1960	-	45%
do. do. 1959	-	40%

This report was considered by the Council to be very satisfactory.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

Councillor Howlin formally proposed and Alderman Morris seconded the following motion which was agreed to after discussion:-

"That a Committee be appointed to examine the entire Domestic Scavenging System with a view to more equitable collection over the Town."

The following five members together with His Worship the Mayor were appointed to the Committee:-

Councillor Howlin - proposed by Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Cullen;
Councillor Hall - proposed by Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Howlin;
Alderman Morris - proposed by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran;
Councillor Byrne - proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney;
Alderman Cullimore - proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

It was agreed to decide the date and time of a meeting on Monday, 10th October, 1960, when the Special Committee to deal with the Town Flooding meets.

DAILY "CLOCKING" IN AND OUT BY EMPLOYEES

A motion by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, "That in view of the time wasted some more central place than the Municipal Buildings be designated for the employees to "clock" in and out each day", was agreed after discussion. The Manager suggested that the matter be deferred until the Borough Surveyor returned from annual leave when an equitable solution to the

problem could be arrived at. The Council agreed to the Manager's suggestion.

SATURDAY MARKET TRAIN TO WEXFORD

Alderman Morris proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded the following motion which was agreed:

"That we request C.I.E. to restore the Saturday Market Train to Wexford for the convenience of the people of South Wexford."

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

In reply to a question by Alderman Corish regarding the Clifford Street Wall, it was stated that sanction to a loan to repair the wall was being held up pending a report from the Consulting Engineer. The Town Clerk's letters dated 23rd September, 1960, to Department of Local Government and to the Consulting Engineers were read.

JOHN STREET HOUSES

In reply to a question regarding the erection of houses at John Street Alderman Corish was informed that the District Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board had intimated that he was awaiting a decision from the Board's Dublin Office as to the alteration of the position of the High Tension Mains which crossed the site.

LIGHT AT O'CONNELL AVENUE

Alderman Corish stated that the Town Clerk had informed him that an order had been given for the erection of an additional light at O'Connell Avenue and he noted that it had not yet been erected. It was agreed that the Electricity Supply Board be contacted and requested to have the light erected without delay.

BISHOPSWATER FLOODING

Councillor Howlin asked about the flooding which occurred in two houses owned by the Corporation at Bishopswater and was informed by the Acting Borough Surveyor that he had examined the matter with the County Manager and proposals would be made to remedy the matter as soon as possible.

SEAVIEW AVENUE

Councillor Doran requested that the matter of the repair of a private road by the residents of Seaview Avenue or the owners of the road should be taken up by the Town Clerk.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR WORKMEN

Alderman Corish stated that protective clothing for workmen employed by the Corporation was due in 1960.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSE

Alderman Cullimore was informed that a house had been allocated to Miss Delaney whose house on John's Gate Street had become uninhabitable due to

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the roof falling in.

POT HOLES - MAIN STREET

Councillor Hall referred to holes at the top of Cinema Lane which needed filling and was informed that the matter would be dealt with.

GULLY TRAPS

Councillor Cullimore requested that after the recent flooding certain gully traps should be cleared. The Acting Borough Surveyor stated that he had issued instructions that all gully traps were to be cleaned.

TENDERS

His Worship the Mayor opened tenders for the supply of building materials for the John Street Housing Scheme.

The Meeting then terminated.


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10th October, 1960.

A Meeting of the ³Special Committee appointed on the 3rd October to meet the residents of King Street regarding the flooding which took place in that area on the 2nd idem was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m. The Members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair, Councillors John Howlin and Patrick Doran.

An apology was read from Councillor Frank Cullimore for his inability to attend owing to illness.

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

The Deputation from the residents of King Street consisted of:- Messrs E. Walsh, J. Kinsella, E. Howlin and Colone Bradish.

At the outset Mr. Walsh, on behalf of the Deputation, read a petition from the residents of King Street and South Main Street setting out their greviances in this matter.

After the petition had been read and handed in, Colonel Bradish referred to the possibility of his firm, Messrs Nunn & Company, ceasing to operate in this area if flooding was to be continuous and it was suggested that a survey of the river further up might be undertaken with a view to seeing if there are any obstructions and removing same, or with the object of controlling the flood waters higher up.

It was generally admitted by the Deputation that the 1960 Flood was not as bad as that which took place in 1947 but still they blamed the diversion of the John Street Storm Water Sewer into the King Street River as a contributory cause to the flooding and Mr. Howlin referred to the stench in King Street caused by the new sewer.

Mr. Howlin also stated that most of the residents were anxious to stay in King Street at least for the present to see if a solution could be obtained for the flooding problem and all seemed to be opposed to any form of general clearance of the area.

When the Deputation had withdrawn the Members discussed the matter amongst themselves and decided that a copy of the Memorial should be circulated amongst the Members of the Corporation for the next monthly meeting and that in the meantime the view of the Consulting Engineer on the question that the diversion of the John Street Sewer was a contributory cause to the flooding should be obtained.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris

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 James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris, John G. O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Bierney, John Howlin and Thomas F. Byrne.

In Attendance:- The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced Councillor Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Cullimore, a member of the Staff, on the death of his uncle, the late Mr. Crosbie. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Francis Staples, V.S., on the death of his sister, this motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, 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.

Councillor Byrne, however, felt that there should be a discussion on matters arising out of the minutes at this stage or that progress reports on matters raised by Members at previous meetings should be submitted for discussion.

This, however, did not meet with favour by the Members and the Town Clerk pointed out that the Standing Orders of the Corporation provided for the confirmation only of the minutes at this stage and it was the usual practice for some years to deal with any questions arising out of the minutes at the close of the agenda. He also pointed out that the proposal before the meeting was merely to confirm the accuracy or otherwise of the minutes. The matter dropped.

MARKET TRAIN

With reference to minutes of the 3rd ultimo when a resolution was adopted requesting Coras Iompair Eireann to restore the Saturday Market Train for the convenience of the people of South Wexford, a letter was read from the Company intimating that their records showed the average revenue was less than £10 which was completely uneconomic for operating a train for over eighty miles. It was regretted that the Company could not accede to the request for restoration of this service.

It was seen that nothing could be done in view of the statement of Coras Iompair Eireann.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at the last meeting were read from His Worship the Mayor and Miss Nellie Hore, Hill Street.

FUEL SCHEME

A letter was read from the Minister for Social Welfare intimating that he was not prepared to vary the decision already given in regard to the amount of fuel supplied to any one household under the Cheap Fuel Scheme.

RATE COLLECTION

The report of the Rate Collector showed that the percentage collected at 31st October last was 57.42 as against 52.50 at the corresponding period of 1959. The amount collected up to 31st ultimo was £34,785 as against £27,716 at the end of October, 1959.

This report was considered very satisfactory but Alderman Morris referred to the pressure being brought to bear on the Ratepayers from the Town Clerk's Office to pay the rates immediately and thought that some discretion should be exercised in this regard. It was pointed out, however, that once the Warrant to collect and levy the rates was issued neither the Corporation, County Manager or Town Clerk could interfere with the person who had been nominated to receive the Warrant.

RECEPTION FOR MAYOR OF HAVERFORDWEST

A letter was read from the Old Wexford Society inviting the Corporation to a reception to be given by the Society for the Very Rev. Eric Green, P.P., Mayor of Haverfordwest, in the Talbot Hotel on the 8th instant at 2-00 p.m. It was stated that His Worship the Mayor of Wexford had agreed to extend a Civic Reception to Fr. Green on this occasion.

All the Members present intimated that if they were free they would attend the Reception.

ROOFING OF MARKET BUILDINGS

With reference to minutes of 8th August last when a tender was received from Mr. John Grace in the sum of £480 for repairs to the roof of the Market Place the Borough Surveyor reported that the tender only provided for repairing the roof of the building next to Common Quay Street and worked out at £12 per square. This was in his opinion much too high. Allowing for a 20% loss in the existing slates, which was high, he would require some 800 new quarry slates at approximately £60, to this would be added the labour costs which in the opinion of the Surveyor should not exceed £200 together with incidentals of £50 making in all an estimate of £310.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to refer this back to the Borough Surveyor for discussion with Mr. Grace with a view to a more reasonable price for the work.

OYSTER LANE SEWER

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the Oyster Lane Sewer which would cost £319 to renew was referred to the Estimates Meeting in 1961.

POUND

A letter was read from the County Registrar asking the Corporation to provide a Pound as a matter of urgency.

It was suggested that portion of the grounds of the Municipal Buildings might be used for that purpose and the Officials were asked to examine this suggestion and to submit an estimate for the work.

PROMENADE AT FERRYBANK

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce regretting that the Corporation did not allocate portion of this years grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote to place a concrete slab on the Ferrybank Promenade but on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously decided to assure the Chamber that the Corporation had not overlooked this work and

that as soon as the present structure was ready for concreting they would allocate some of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Grant for the purpose.

KING STREET FLOODING

The following documents in connection with the flooding of the King Street area on the 2nd ultimo had been circulated to the Members before the present meeting

- (a) Petition from the Residents of the flooded area;
- (b) Report of Consulting Engineer;
- (c) Report of the Borough Surveyor.

Copies of these three documents are attached to these minutes.

After a lengthy discussion on this matter it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, to request the Consulting Engineer to adjust the figures given in his original estimate for the tunnel under Parnell Street to bring it into line with present day prices when the Corporation would again consider the matter.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Councillor Howlin questioned the supply of timber fuel under the Cheap Fuel Scheme for 1960/61 and the Town Clerk intimated that in 1959 tenders had been received for the supply of timber @ £4.10.0d and Turf at £5 per ton. The tender for the supply of turf had been accepted but the Department of Social Welfare had refused to sanction it on the grounds that it was 10/-d per ton dearer than timber fuel, consequently timber fuel had to be supplied under the Scheme.

This year only approximately ten days notice was given of intention to operate a Cheap Fuel Scheme and when the tenders for timber and turf had been received it was decided in view of last years experience and the short period available to accept the tender for timber fuel so as to avoid any holdup in the commencement of the Scheme.

The Members pointed out that the timber fuel this year was absolutely impossible as there was no dry timber available in view of the very heavy rainfall over the whole summer period and as well the blocks were of a very large size and if these were cut to a convenient size the price of them would be approximately the same as that for turf.

Every member present supported the complaint regarding the supply of timber fuel under this Scheme and it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Social Welfare to agree to the substitution of machine-won turf for timber fuel for the current years scheme.

CLOCKING IN OF SCAVENGERS

In reply to Councillor Howlin it was stated that arrangements had been made for the Scavengers to commence and finish work from the old Town Hall in Cornmarket instead of commencing and finishing at the Municipal Buildings.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

Complaint was again made regarding the delay in dealing with the Clifford Street Wall and the meeting was informed that a letter had just been received from the Consulting Engineer to the effect that a meeting was being arranged with the Engineering Staff of the Department of Local Government during the present week with a view to finalizing the difficulties in this matter.

JOHN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to a question regarding the John Street Housing Scheme the Town Clerk intimated that on the previous Thursday afternoon a conference had been held between an Inspector of the Department of Local Government, the Borough Surveyor, Housing Engineer and himself. At this meeting suggestions had been made by the Department's Inspector with a view to cutting down the price of the Scheme and these

were being embodied in a fresh plan for submission to the Department.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that progress was being made with the Electricity Supply Board regarding the removal of the overhead high tension cable which crossed the John Street Site.

STREETS AND FOOTPATHS

Councillor Hall referred to street opening at the junction of Main Street and Cinema Lane and Alderman Morris referred to an opening of the footpath at High Street outside the People Newspapers and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to these.

Arising out of this complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath from William Street to the Celtic Laundry and the attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to this.

In reply to Councillor Bierney the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was unable to obtain tenders for the supply of a crash barrier for erection at Bishops-water and at the request of the Members intimated that he would seek tenders from the local foundrys for this.

Alderman Corish asked that a "School" sign be placed on St. John's Road and white lines at Davitt Road North and Davitt Road South.

Reference was also made to the necessity for Parking Lines in the Byllring and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have these provided.

Complaint was made regarding the practice of some people of parking cars on footpaths and the Town Clerk replied that he thought this was an offence under the Towning Improvement Act and promised to have the Town Sergeant bring some cases to his notice with a view to a prosecution.

RENT COLLECTOR

In reply to Alderman O'Flaherty the County Manager intimated that a Selection Board would meet within the next three weeks to make a selection for the post of Rent Collector.

OLD WEXFORD SOCIETY

Councillor O'Flaherty moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Old Wexford Society and the Guides they provided for tourists during the summer season. He stated that the Guides had done excellent work and should be encouraged to continue it in the coming season. Councillor Doran seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously agreed.

LIGHTS

The Town Clerk promises to investigate the need for a new light at Tuskar View and to suggest a change in the lights at William Street.

The meeting terminated.

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 James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish and John G. O'Flaherty;

Councillors:- John Bierney, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, Frank Cullimore and Patrick Cullen.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of last meeting, 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.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Alderman Morris on the death of his brother, Mr. Patrick Morris. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Councillor Howlin proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Daniel Thomas, a former employee of the Corporation. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by all the Members and Officials present.

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 Very Rev. Fr. Patrick Doyle, P.P. Kilmore, former Administrator of the Town; Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members and Officials present.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Stafford family on the death of this sister - Sister Mary Celine of the Order of Poor Clares. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the other Members and Officials.

Councillor Hall moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Finance, on the death of his brother, the late John Ryan. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members and Officials.

All the resolutions were adopted in respectful silence the Members and Officials standing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the wife and family of the late William M. Corcoran, Mr. Frank Staples, V.S. and Mr. Thomas F. Cullimore.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT SLIPPEPY GREEN

A recommendation was submitted by the County Manager that plans etc. be prepared and submitted for the approval of the Minister for Local Government for the erection of approximately 116 houses at Slippery Green. In submitting

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this recommendation the Manager pointed out that the ground had already been surveyed and the layout prepared by a Consultant Architect. The present layout was divided into two parts and as a commencement it was only intended to build on that portion nearest the town which would contain approximately 26 or 28 dwellings.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the recommendation of the Manager was unanimously adopted and he was congratulated by the proposer and seconder as well as by all the Members present for the recommendation.

In order to have some variation in the type of houses being erected it was agreed that the colour of the washing and tiles should be varied.

DERELICT SITES

Arising out of this proposal reference was made to the derelict sites in the town and the Town Clerk pointed out that fresh legislation dealing with the acquisition of Derelict Sites was at present before the Oireachtas and it would be as well to await the passage of this legislation before taking any further action on derelict sites.

FIRE OFFICER

A further recommendation was made by the County Manager that in order to legalise the position of County Fire Officer acting as Fire Officer within the Borough that the Borough Council should authorise the creation of the Office of Fire Officer for the Borough. If this recommendation was agreed steps would be taken to amalgamate the newly created Office with the existing Office of County Fire Officer.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the County Manager to create the post of Fire Officer for the Borough.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that an examination of St. Ibar's Cemetery be made and an estimate of the number of graves with appropriate prices be made available. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin and agreed to unanimously.

STREETS AND FOOTPATHS

Alderman Corish also moved that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish a report on the state of the streets and footpaths of the town especially where sections had been broken and repaired in haphazard fashion. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion and referred to the condition of footpaths on main-roads.

This motion gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the replacement of footpaths in the town and it was unanimously decided that Statutory Bodies should be informed that for the future the Corporation would insist on them carrying out repairs to streets and footpaths themselves. Alderman Corish's motion was adopted.

UNDEVELOPED AREAS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that we protest against the granting of more favourable terms to industrialists commencing factories west of the Shannon than to those commencing factories on the east coast, and we call on the Government to bring equal facilities to industrialists

irrespective of the areas in which they commence their factories. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present and unanimously adopted.

FREE FUEL SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place on the quality of the fuel being supplied under the Cheap Fuel Scheme Councillor Cullimore submitted a communication which he had received from the Minister for Finance intimating that the quality of the fuel or the type of fuel to be supplied was entirely a matter for the County Manager. This interpretation of the regulations was strongly contradicted by the County Manager and Town Clerk during which it was pointed out that the regulations laid down that not alone the Scheme for administration but the actual tenders themselves had to be submitted to the Department for Sanction before being accepted. It was also pointed out that it was known that with Local Authorities where tenders for turf had only been received prior to the commencement of the Scheme the Department had requested that tenders be sought for timber fuel as well.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Councillor Doran again referred to the chaotic condition of traffic on the Main Street and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that within the past week he had written to the Department of Local Government inquiring if the amended regulations for traffic signs had yet been completed and if so asking them to forward the necessary sanction to the raising of a loan to purchase the traffic signs to enable the Traffic Regulations in the Borough to be implemented.

VACANT HOUSES

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to houses not fully occupied and the Town Clerk intimated that quite recently he had received a complaint from one of the Rent Collectors to the effect that a house was not occupied by the tenant, he had immediately served Notice to Quit and had since been informed that the person concerned was under hospital treatment in England and under the circumstances he had deferred action until the 31st December when he would insist on receiving medical evidence that the person was still detained there for treatment if the house was not reoccupied.

MARKET BUILDINGS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a report from the Borough Surveyor on the tender received for the re-roofing of the Market Buildings was under consideration it was now decided that the Borough Surveyor should consider the possibility of having the roofs striped, lathed, felled and re-salted with asbestos slates.

GRADED RENTS

Councillor Howlin and Alderman Corish asked the County Manager to reconsider the Scheme of Graded Rents with a view to not charging the same rents for houses without such amenities as bathrooms, etc. as for houses with them.

The meeting then terminated.