

2nd January, 1961.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris, John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty,
and Nicholas P. Corish;

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Howlin, Patk.
Cullen and Thomas F. Byrne.

In attendance:- The Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough
Accountant.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish. the minutes of meeting of 5th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Kelly family of Killinick on the tragic death of their daughter by drowning at Wexford Quay during Christmas week. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were received from His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging receipt of the sympathy of the Corporation on the death of the Very Rev. Patrick Doyle, P.P., Kilmore; Dr. James Ryan, Minister of Finance, acknowledging the Council's resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother; from Alderman Kevin Morris, acknowledging the Council's expression of sympathy on the death of his brother; and from Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwellsfort, acknowledging receipt of the sympathy of the Council on the death of his sister.

UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS ACTS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a resolution of protest was adopted against the unfair discrimination to industrialists proposing to start industry on the east coast compared with those prepared to establish industry west of the Shannon and calling for equal treatment for all areas; a letter was read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution.

A letter was also read from the Enniscorthy Industrial Development Co-Operative Society Limited offering their full support to the Corporation in their efforts to have the Underdeveloped Areas Acts repealed especially in view of their effect on County Wexford.

This matter was discussed at length and it was eventually decided to convene a meeting of representatives of all Bodies in the County interested in the industrial development of the County to be held in the Municipal Buildings on Monday, 9th instant, at 8.00 p.m. the following Bodies were suggested:-

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The Wexford Chamber of Commerce;
The Wexford Trades Council;

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The Enniscorthy Urban District Council;
The New Ross Urban District Council;
Gorey Town Commissioners;
Wexford County Council;
Enniscorthy Development Association;
The Chamber of Commerce, New Ross;
The Chamber of Commerce, Enniscorthy;
The Chamber of Commerce, Gorey.

It was also decided that a copy of the Council's resolution of December be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland for inclusion on the agenda for their next meeting.

DERELICT SITES

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of circular P.L. 1/60, under date of the 7th ultimo, from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of Grants for the clearance of Derelict Sites and the provision of public amenities together with a memorandum on the procedure to be adopted to obtain such grants. Copies of these documents had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present meeting.

After some discussion it was unanimously decided that available reports on Derelict Sites in the town should be brought up to date for consideration by the Council so that they would be in a position to take immediate action when the Derelict Sites Act, 1960, and the necessary Regulations thereunder were available.

LAND AT WHITEMILL AND NEWTOWN

With reference to minutes of 8th August last when a revised offer of £500 was received from Mr. John Sinnott of Laurel Hill for approximately 11 acres of land at Newtown and Whitemill and it was decided that the necessary steps be taken to comply with the law relating to the disposal of Corporate property, it was now reported that these steps had been taken.

Before proceeding to deal with the matter on the agenda, however, the following communication from the County Manager was read:-

"With reference to item No. 4 on the agenda for the meeting on 2nd instant I feel it is my duty to bring the following to the notice of the Corporation, viz:-

1. The land in question was purchased with other land in the area some years ago by consent of the Corporation and the sanction of the Minister for the purpose of providing housing sites to meet the future needs of persons for whom the Corporation would have to provide houses;
2. It has always been the policy of the Corporation to build as far as possible on sites near to the Town centre and for the past few years more convenient sites have been available at William Street, Fisher's Row and John Street which the Corporation acquired compulsorily;
3. Apart from the John Street Site (on which building will commence as soon as sanction to plans and estimates is received) the only other suitable sites of any size in the possession of the Corporation are those at Whitemill and Slippery Green.
4. On the basis of recent information there would appear to be 216 families living in unfit dwellings who are in need of re-housing and of whom those who would otherwise qualify;
5. In these circumstances the Corporation have still considerable

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housing needs to meet in the years ahead and it is my opinion that any suitable sites in the Corporation's possession for these purposes should be retained for the purpose for which they were acquired, furthermore the land at Whitemill cost the Corporation approximately £1,300 and the proposal to dispose of it will involve a loss of approximately £800. If disposed of it should not be sold for a lesser figure than was paid for it and any funds thus made available could be used to reduce the loan balance still outstanding in respect of the original transaction.

It is further my opinion that if the Council acting in pursuance of the exercise of their reserved functions decide to proceed with the disposal of the land at Whitemill for £500 the names of Members voting for such a proposal would have to be recorded for the purposes of Section 16 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and could incur a surcharge for the amount so lost.

The fact that the Corporation disposed of land acquired by agreement for housing purposes could be used as an argument against any further compulsory acquisition of land for the same purpose."

Arising out of this matter Alderman Morris suggested that a plot of land at Batt Street could be acquired for the sum of £2,300 but the Town Clerk pointed out that the £2,300 referred to by the Alderman merely consisted of the interest of one person and that to acquire all the land necessary to give the Corporation a fee simple title would cost close on £5,000. The Borough Surveyor stated that approximately 30 houses only could be built on the Batt Street site which would make the acquisition of land and the final all-in cost of the houses prohibitive.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the land at Newtown be held by the Council.

JOHN STREET HOUSES

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the erection of houses at John Street.

The Town Clerk replied that under date of 9th September last the Minister for Local Government approved in principle the erection of 30 houses at John Street. He considered the estimated cost was high and the figures should be re-examined in the light of changes in the cost of materials and wages since 1958 when it was prepared. The Minister also stated that his technical advisers would be available to advise the Corporation's technical advisers in this regard. The Town Clerk further stated that on the 18th October he had communicated with the Department intimating that a revised estimate had been prepared and the Corporation's technical advisers were now ready to meet the Minister's advisers and requesting an appointment. Following the Town Clerk's letter an Inspector from the Department had visited Wexford and discussed the plans, specification and estimate with the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer. As a result of this meeting, which was held on the 3rd November, alterations were made to the plans and a revised estimate was given to the Department under date of the 5th December. This estimate amounted to £51,310 or £1,710 per house. During Christmas week the Inspector had again discussed the estimates with the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk in the light of labour costs but no decision had yet been received from the Department regarding the building of the dwellings. He (Town Clerk) had telephoned the Department this morning and had been informed that some information was being prepared in connection with the Scheme and the Officer to whom he had been speaking stated that if he had any definite word he would phone him before 5-00 this evening but he (Town Clerk) had received no message.

The Members were very annoyed that no sanction had yet been received to this Scheme which had been approved in principle on 9th September and pointed out that the cost of supervision for the erection of six houses at the present time was the same as if the 30 were under construction as well and that the longer this unsatis-

factory situation remained the higher the most of the houses would be.

It was agreed that if sanction to the erection of the John Street houses was not soon received that a special meeting of the Council should be convened to deal with the matter.

TOWN PLANNING

No objection was raised to an order of the County Manager placed before the meeting granting permission for the erection of a Store at William Street for Mrs. Barbara Wallace in accordance with the plans submitted.

CLEARANCE OF SITE AT PAYTHE

Three tenders were submitted for the clearance of a housing site at the Paythe and on being opened they were from:-

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| Mr. Phil. Doyle, Cools, Barntown, who quoted - | £194.10.0d |
| Mr. Denis O'Connor, 5 Upr. Rowe St., Wexford, who quoted | £234.16.0d |
| Messrs O'Rourke Bros., St. Ita's Tce., do. who quoted | £328. 0.0d |

The tenders were initialled by His Worship the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer for report and thence to the County Manager.

REPAIRS TO MARKET SHED

A recommendation by the Borough Surveyor that fresh tenders be sought for re-roofing half of the Market Shed in asbestos slates was agreed to, the object being that enough slates could be saved from half of the roof to repair the other half of the buildings.

REPAIRS TO STREETS AND FOOTPATHS

With reference to discussion at the last meeting on repairs to streets and footpaths a report was now received from the Borough Surveyor in accordance with the decision at that meeting.

In this report the Engineer recommended that having considered the advisability of changing the present arrangements with Statutory undertakings such as the Post Office, Gas Company and Electricity Supply Board he had come to the conclusion that there would be no advantage to be gained by the Corporation making any change. These Bodies did not carry any skilled staff who would undertake the work of reinstatement and he could foresee trouble where such work would be handed over to unskilled persons who would be difficult to supervise. In the circumstances he considered it advisable to carry on as at present whereby the Corporation Staff carried out the reinstatement work for the Statutory Bodies.

This recommendation was agreed to subject to the reinstatements being carried out more promptly than had been the practice in the past.

FIRE SIREN

Alderman O'Flaherty asked if the Fire Siren had been erected at the Fire Station; if it were in use and the cost of erecting same.

In reply the Town Clerk intimated that he could not give the information at once but that he would obtain same from the Chief Fire Officer.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Alderman O'Flaherty also asked the Borough Surveyor for a detailed explanation of the restrictions on the use of water at the present time and the Surveyor intimated that the consumption had reached just 1 million g.p.d. which meant that there was never sufficient water in the clear water tank at Coolree to enable the

filters to be washed, consequently it had been necessary to restrict the supply on 3 nights per week from midnight to 5-00 a.m. to enable the filters to be washed and a head of water built up for daytime consumption.

COMPLETION OF NEW STORES

In reply to Alderman Morris the Borough Surveyor stated that construction of the New Stores adjoining the Municipal Buildings had been practically completed and that the supplementary allocation made by the Corporation sometime ago would be ample to complete the work in accordance with the specification.

JOHN STREET FLOODING

Alderman Corish referred to recent flooding in John Street between the "Cook" Lane and Stafford's Licenced premises and was informed that this was a matter for the County Council and the Town Clerk was instructed to refer it to the County Engineer.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE IN DUKE STREET

Alderman Cullimore intimated that complaints were being received from the residents in Francis Street that trespass had occurred on their premises as a result of the demolition of a house at Duke Street and the Alderman was informed that this was a matter entirely between the residents in Francis Street and the owners of the property.

ACCIDENT ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Councillor Doran referred to an accident which had taken place outside the premises of the Loch Garman Co-Operative Society, Trinity Street, on Christmas Eve when two Postmen were injured. He complained that they were left lying on the ground for practically an hour and that eventually they had to be lifted into a lorry as no ambulance was available. Members pointed out, however, that they were aware that the three ambulances in the County were out on calls at the time of the accident. The County Hospital Staff when their own ambulance was not available tried to get the New Ross and Enniscorthy ambulances but without success and it was really nobody's fault that the men were left so long without being removed.

BUILDING SITES AT DAVITT ROAD

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had a few enquiries about building sites on Davitt Road South and he had given every information possible to the applicants but so far no definite proposals to build had been received from any of the persons whom he had interviewed.

NEW SCHOOL

In reply to a further query he stated that the Minister for Local Government had sometime ago sanctioned the disposal of a plot of ground at Davitt Road South for the erection of a School. He had informed the Select Vestry and their Solicitor as well as the Corporation Solicitor of this matter and it was up to them to arrange the legal transfer.

STANDING ORDERS

On the suggestion of Alderman Corish it was decided to forward a copy of the Standing Orders to each Member of the Council with the Town Clerk's observations on how they might be amended to bring them up to date.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Dunne the representative of the "Echo" Newspaper on his recent bereavement. This motion was supported by all the Members present and adopted in silence.

Mr. Dunne returned thanks for the vote of sympathy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor Doran moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Inspector Barr of the Garda Síochána on his promotion to the rank of Superintendent. The Members regretted that this would entail his removal from Wexford. Councillor Hall seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present.

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Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Kevin C. Morris and John G. O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Thomas F. Byrne, John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Doran and Patrick Cullen.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meeting of 2nd January, 1961, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Mr. William Kelly, Killinick, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy adopted by the Council on the 2nd ultimo with his family on the tragic death of their daughter during Christmas Week.

There was also a letter read from Superintendent H. Barr acknowledging the resolution of congratulation passed on his recent promotion to the rank of Superintendent.

LOAN FOR REINSTATEMENT OF WALL AT CLIFFORD STREET

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £1,150 proposed to be borrowed from the Bank to enable the wall at Clifford Street to be reconstructed and on the motion of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Hall, the following resolution was adopted -

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction, dated 9th day of December, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £1,150 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of the wall at Clifford Street 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 Deed of Mortgage was thereupon executed on the part of the Council.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that three members of the Committee, namely Alderman Corish, Councillor Bierney and Councillor Byrne had been disqualified from membership through absence from all meetings of the Committee for six consecutive months. The Committee at its meeting on the 30th ultimo unanimously decided to declare these positions vacant and they now asked the Corporation as soon as conveniently may be to elect persons to fill such positions.

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In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the vacancies could

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be filled at a present meeting. Thereupon Alderman Corish proposed that Councillor Frank Cullimore and Alderman John Cullimore be appointed to two of the vacancies. Councillor Howlin seconded.

The question then arose as to the filling of the third vacancy which would have to be filled by a non-Corporation Member. Alderman Byrne raised the question that the Corporation could not fill that vacancy to-night without rescinding the resolution adopted at the July Quarterly Meeting that eight Council Members and six non-Council Members should constitute the Committee.

The Town Clerk intimated that in his opinion the rescinding of this resolution was not necessary as the Statute did not require the Corporation to specifically decide by resolution the number of Council Members or non-Council members to be elected, provided the Council Members were not less than five nor more than eight. The resolution of July 9th last was therefore in his opinion unnecessary and would not have been proposed if the advice given by him (Town Clerk) that the Council 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, had not been given and in fact the resolution was only a matter of terminology. This opinion the Town Clerk intimated had been borne out by the Corporation Solicitor under date of 11th August, 1960.

Councillor Byrne, however, did not agree with this and insisted that the matter be referred back to the Corporation Solicitor for further consideration. He (The Councillor) was of opinion that the resolution should be rescinded.

At this stage Alderman O'Flaherty attended the meeting and asked that the filling of the three vacancies be adjourned to the March meeting as he had certain proposals to make which he thought would be acceptable to the Corporation. Alderman Corish thereupon withdrew his proposal and the adjournment was agreed to.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued in respect of the Abhey Cinema for the year ended 20th January, 1962. In this connection it was moved by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that we again appeal to the Minister for Justice to take steps to ensure that only appropriate films be exhibited at Children's Matinees.

PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS

There was submitted to the meeting a circular letter, G. 1/61, under date of the 3rd ultimo, from the Minister for Local Government suggesting that consideration might be given to the formulation of Schemes for the payment of rates by instalments which could be introduced for the financial year commencing 1st April next and future years.

In this connection Alderman Corish intimated that he did not see any reason for such a Scheme and any person who wished to pay rates by instalments had been facilitated both by the former Rate Collectors and by the Office Staff now dealing with the collection of rates.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in his opinion and in the opinion of the Officers concerned with the collection of rates there was no demand whatever for such a Scheme and if a general Scheme for the collection of rates by instalments was adopted it would mean increasing the Clerical Staff. He pointed out that the collection of the rates in the current year was very satisfactory; at the end of July the collection was 6.4 percent;

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| " | " | December | " | 72.27 | " |

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and at the 31st January the collection had reached the figure of 82.06% as against 72.22% at the 31st January, 1960.

The Town Clerk further pointed out that the checking of the collectors accounts would be more complicated and take up a considerable amount of time. A rates ledger would be needed to be kept in respect of each Ratepayer availing of the instalment system and the issue of receipts other than the official prepared receipts would weaken the system of control especially in the matter of prompt lodgment of monies received.

The majority of the Members, however, seemed to favour some Scheme for the collection of rates by instalments and on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should prepare a Scheme and submit it for consideration to the Finance Committee when they were considering the estimates for the coming financial year.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT JOHN STREET AND FAYTHE

Councillor Howlin asked why an advertisement was issued inviting tenders for the erection of 30 Houses at John Street and 7 Houses at The Faythe. In the opinion of the Councillor the Corporation had been led to believe last September that it was only a matter of the adjustment of the plans and estimates until these houses would be commenced and he complained bitterly of the delay in starting the Scheme at John Street.

The Councillor and other Members pointed out that tradesmen were leaving the Town weekly to take up employment in England in view of the fact that there was no sign of work for them in Wexford and if this Scheme had been sanctioned these men would now be available for work in the town.

In reply to the question the County Manager commented that there seemed to be a considerable amount of misapprehension regarding the position of the John Street Housing Scheme. Under date of 9th September last the Minister for Local Government had approved in principle the erection of 30 Houses at John Street but considered that the estimated cost was high and the figures should be re-examined in the light of changes in the cost of materials and wages since 1958 when it was prepared. The Minister had also intimated that technical advisers would be available to consult with the Corporation's technical advisers in this regard. The necessary re-examination of the plans and specifications had been made when a meeting was held on the 3rd November with an Inspector of the Department and the Officials of the Corporation and an alteration to the plan and a revised estimate was given to the Department of 5th December. During Christmas week the Inspector had again discussed the Estimates with the Housing Engineer, Town Clerk and himself but no decision had been received up to the 16th ultimo.

In the view of the Department, Direct Labour Estimates for these houses compared unfavourable with costs elsewhere and the costs of Scheme recently carried out by the Direct Labour Organisation at Fisher's Row and William Street even allowing for wages and material increases since. Economies had now been made in the design of the houses which might reasonably be expected to reduce building costs and the Department assumed that as in the case of Fisher's Row and William Street Schemes and in accordance with the practice obtaining in other areas where Direct Labour Organisations operated tenders for the proposed Schemes would be invited from competent Building Contractors in competition with the Direct Labour Organisation particularly as the successful estimate by Direct Labour estimate for William Street and Fisher's Row in competition with Builders showed an appreciable decrease on the estimate for the previous Scheme at Bishopswater. Continuing the County Manager stated that it was on the understanding that the Schemes would be put out to tender that the preparation of final contract documents was approved by the Department. In the circumstances he (County Manager) had decided to invite tenders for the erection of houses. These would be received not later than the 25th instant and it was proposed to hold a special meeting of the Corporation on Monday, 27th idem, to open any tenders received.

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In reply to a further query by Councillor Howlin the Manager stated if the tenders were received and opened on the 27th they would be examined.

immediately by the Corporation Officials and a report on them would be sent to the Department not later than the 1st March.

As it was seen nothing further could be done to expedite this matter the discussion ended.

FUEL SCHEMES

In reply to a request by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that in accordance with a direction received from the Department of Social Welfare persons who qualified for the new contributory Old Age Pension were no longer entitled to participate in the Cheap Fuel Scheme.

HOUSING LOANS

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the following housing loans were authorised to be raised from the Local Loans Fund:-

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| 1. | For land, legal and overhead expenses in connection with the erection of 54 Houses at the Faythe - | £7,050. |
| 2. | The erection of two extra houses at Faythe - | 5,600. |
| | Total | £10,650. |
| 3. | 17 Houses at William Street - For land, legal and overhead expenses - | £1,450. |
| 4. | Fisher's Row - For land, legal and overhead expenses in connection with the erection of 22 houses at Fisher's Row - | 3,750. |
| 5. | For the erection of four extra houses at Fisher's Row. | 7,000. |
| | Total | £10,750. |

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £30,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £50,000 was authorised up to 31st March next.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

Alderman Corish raised a question regarding the repairs to the roofs of a number of artizan's dwellings and the Town Clerk pointed out that the amount allowed - namely £1,500 - for the repair of approximately 1,100 houses had long since been overexpended and that no further repairs could be carried out until the Corporation made the necessary money and the Borough Surveyor promised to bring an estimate before the March monthly meeting setting out repairs which he considered necessary to various houses which were outstanding together with an estimate of the cost.

WET TIME FOR MASONS

Councillor Cullen raised the question of Wet Time for Masons employed on the Grant work and the Borough Surveyor intimated that according to verbal ruling he had received from the Local Officer of the Department of Social

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Welfare these men were not entitled to contribute to or receive benefit from the Wet Time Insurance Fund when employed on Road Works undertaken by the Council and after some discussion the Borough Surveyor promised to take this matter up further with the Department and obtain a ruling in writing.

POUND

Alderman O'Flaherty asked if it was correct that it was contemplated to establish a Pound at Abbey Street and the Town Clerk replied that the Officials proposed to make such a recommendation to the Corporation in the near future when a derelict site at present being cleared there was completed. The Alderman objected to this and it was decided to raise the matter again at the March meeting on a report from the Borough Surveyor on the costs of providing a Pound elsewhere and converting the Abbey Street site into a Car Park.

Alderman O'Flaherty asked permission to discuss the fluoridation of water supplies and was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

A similar ruling was given on the question raised by the Alderman regarding the issue of Medical Cards.

LIGHTING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

Alderman O'Flaherty gave notice of motion that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation take steps immediately to provide lights on the quay side of the entrance to Wexford Bridge.

LAND AT NEWTOWN

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the decision at last meeting of the Corporation not to dispose of land at Newtown, etc., to Mr. John Sinnott and asked if it would be possible to make arrangements with Mr. Sinnott to let him have a long term letting of this land and on the suggestion of the County Manager the matter was referred to the Town Clerk for consideration.

The meeting then terminated.

John Sinnott Mayor.

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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 a quarter-past eight o'clock p.m., to open tenders received for the erection of 30 Houses at John Street and 7 Houses at The Faythe. The Members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, John Howlin, John Bierney, Edward Hall and Thomas Byrne.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

Before the meeting commenced Alderman Byrne complained of the cost of supervision of the erection of 4 houses at Fisher's Row in view of the low amount of employment given and held that had the 37 houses been sanctioned before now the overhead expenses could have been more equitably apportioned.

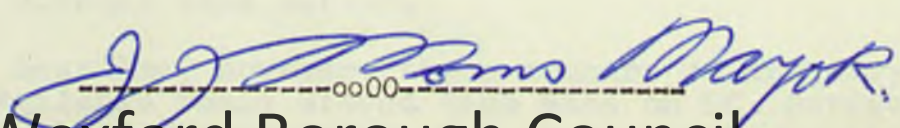
The Mayor then proceeded to open the three tenders received for the erection of these houses.

| | 30 Houses at <u>John Street</u> | 7 Houses at <u>The Faythe</u> |
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| Wexford Corporation Direct Labour Unit - | £51,310. | £11,676. |
| Mr. James Rossiter, New Ross. - | £53,375. | £11,829. |
| Consolidated Construction Company, Mt. Merrion, Dublin - | £55,580. | £13,368. |

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the tenders would be examined the following day and the decision of the County Manager thereon would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government not later than the 1st March.

Arising out of this reply Councillor Howlin moved, and the other Members agreed, that the Department of Local Government be asked to give top priority to consideration of the tenders.

The meeting then terminated.


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Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

6th March, 1961

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His Worship the Mayor, Clr. James J. Morris, in
the Chair
Aldermen John Cullimore, Kevin Morris, Nicholas Corish,
and John O'Flaherty;
Councillors Thomas Byrne, Ed. Hall, Patk. Doran,
John Howlin and John Bierney.
The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were
also in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Clr. Howlin, seconded by Clr. Byrne, the minutes of meetings of 6th and 27th 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, subject to the correction in the minutes of 6th ultimo that Clr. Byrne had dissented from the execution of a mortgage deed for giving security for a loan to repair the Clifford Street Wall.

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ald. Morris on the death of his niece. He also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Patrick Lacey who for a number of years was a faithful servant of the Council. Clr. Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and by the Borough Surveyor.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND
CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from Clr. Hall acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. Hall and himself at last meeting on the death of Mrs. Hall's father.

St. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A letter was read from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee requesting the Corporation to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 17th instant.

Following the reading of this request it was pointed out that a considerable number of the members were absent from Town on St. Patrick's Day and after some discussion it was decided to ask the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to meet his Worship the Mayor, with Alderman John O'Flaherty and Clr. Edward Hall to discuss this matter.

In the meantime, however, those members of the Corporation who would be available would attend High Mass on St. Patrick's Day at the request of the Aldermen as in previous years.

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EASTER COMMEMORATION

On the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Ald. Corish it was unanimously decided to attend the eleven o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday at the request of the Easter Commemoration Committee.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to fill three vacancies on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

Adverting to minutes of last meeting the Town Clerk read a letter from the Corporation Solicitor in which he stated that in his opinion it was not necessary to rescind the resolution of 9th July, 1960. He felt that the proper course would be that the Corporation should amend this resolution.

Thereupon Clr. Howlin moved that the resolution of the 9th July, 1960, fixing eight Council Members and six non-Council to form the Vocational Education Committee be amended to read seven Council Members and seven non-Council Members. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. Clr. Howlin also moved that the two Council vacancies be filled by Ald. John Cullimore and Clr. Frank Cullimore. Alderman Corish also seconded this motion. For the non-Council Members Ald. Morris proposed that Mrs. Mary Malone of John Street be appointed, Clr. Doran seconded.

Before passing from this business Clr. Byrne remarked that the advice of the Corporation Solicitor that the resolution need not be rescinded but amended made no difference. At this stage Ald. O'Flaherty explained his reason for asking that the filling of the vacancies on the Vocational Education Committee be adjourned from last meeting and intimated that he had hoped to ask the Members of the Labour Party to nominate some of their supporters to act on the Committee or that it might have been possible to prevail on the three disqualified Members to remain Members of the Committee but he found this was not legally possible.

LIGHTING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

In accordance with notice given Alderman O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation take steps to light the quay and of Wexford Bridge. Councillor Doran seconded this motion which was supported by Councillor Hall and Alderman Cullimore.

It was pointed out, however, that the County Council were responsible for lighting the Bridge and that a contract had been placed for the provision of the necessary standards. Considerable delay had taken place in obtaining these standards which had to be imported from outside the Country but it was confidently expected that they would be available in a short time when the necessary lighting would be provided. In the circumstances Alderman O'Flaherty agreed to adjourn this motion for the time being.

PROVISION OF A POUND

With reference to minutes of last meeting when allusion was made to the suggestion that a Pound should be established on the site at present being cleared at Abbey Street and when the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit a report and estimate on the provision of a pound at the Municipal Buildings, Mr. McNally reported.-

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"I do not consider it desirable to have a Pound erected at the front of the Building but suggest that there is a garden attached to the rear alongside the New Stores

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which would be more fitting as a Pound. There is an area of 880 sq. yds. there and I think this would be more than ample as a Pound. It would be necessary to build a wall on one side and repair the existing masonry wall on the other three sides. Replace the earth surface by a proper macadam one, provide a shelter, water and drainage, this I estimate would cost £1,760."

As regards the suggestion that the space being cleared at Abbey St. be converted into a Parking Place, Mr. McNally stated that whilst there is a need for such a Parking space the place in question is not easily accessible. It would, however, make an ideal site for lock-up garages which are required in this area but I would leave the development to private enterprise and it might be worth advertising the site for such development. The cost of converting it into an open space or car park would be £1,100. approx.

As regards the provision of a Pound the Members considered it would be madness for them to expend the sum of £1,700. even if such an amount were available on the provision of the Pound for the sake of compounding an odd stray animal in the Town, and it was unanimously agreed, to adjourn consideration of both the question of providing a Pound at the Municipal Buildings and a car park at Abbey St. - indefinitely.

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when the question of repairs to Artizan's Dwellings was raised and it was pointed out that the allocation made by the Co. in the current Financial Year was expended and that no more money was available for such repairs and when it was also agreed that the Borough Surveyor should submit a supplementary estimate for urgent repairs, to the present Meeting.

Such an estimate amounting to £639. was now submitted together with a report from the Borough Surveyor.

In view of the close proximity of the end of the Financial year it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Morris, to adjourn consideration of this report to the Estimates Meetings, and it was further agreed on the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to grant a supplementary allocation of £100. for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings up to 31st instant.

INSURANCE MEETING

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

ACCOUNTS OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Auditor's report and Abstract of Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1960. The Report and Accounts were adopted on the motion of Cllr. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

DERELICT SITE AT JOHN ST.

There was laid before the Meeting the copy of an Order made by the Wexford Co. Manager - that portion of a derelict site at Lr. John St. measuring approximately 375 sq. foot be demised in fee simple to Mr. Michael Jones of Lr. John St., Wexford, for the sum of £1., Mr. Jones to undertake the restoration of the gable-end of his dwellinghouse and to use the portion so demised for the purpose of extending his dwellinghouse.

A notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 of intention to dispose of this site was given to each of the members under date of 22nd ultimo and as there was no objection to the proposal it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the proposal of the Co. Manager to demise the site be approved.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSIONS

On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Town Planning permissions granted by the County Manager in respect of an extension of Messrs. Springs, Ltd., Maudlintown, and the erection of three bungalows at William St. for Mr. Leo. Lett of Batt Street were approved.

INSTALMENT SCHEME FOR RATES

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when a circular letter was read from the Dept. of Local Government recommending the formulation of a Scheme for the Payment of rates by instalments and when the Town Clerk had been asked to prepare such a Scheme, a Scheme was now submitted for consideration by the members. A copy of this Scheme was circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting and a further copy is attached to these Minutes.

Generally speaking the members considered this scheme satisfactory and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously adopted.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was sealed and signed in respect of the Capitol Cinema for the period ended 30th April, 1962.

KING STREET SEWERAGE

In reply to a query by Ald. Morris, on behalf of Councillor Cullimore the Town Clerk intimated that shortly after the Corporation had arrived at their decision sometime ago to request the Consulting Engineer to bring his estimate for the construction of the King Street tunnel up to date he had asked the Engineer to do so and last week he had requested him to expedite this matter but up to the present had not heard from him. He, Town Clerk, promised the Ald. that he would keep after the Consulting Engineer until he got the report.

INTRA MURAL GRAVEYARDS

Alderman O'Flaherty complained about the interference with St. Patrick's Church Yard and claimed that goats were grazing there and asked the Town Clerk to have the position examined.

The Alderman also complained that an entrance door to St. Michael's Graveyard had been broken down when children were playing therein and asked that steps be taken to have this state of affairs remedied.

Alderman O'Flaherty also complained of some person parking a motor bicycle against trees in the Faythe and requested that the registration number of the machine be obtained by some of the Corporation Officials and the name of the owner ascertained therefrom with a view to taking steps to prevent him parking the machine against the trees in the centre of Swan View.

Councillor Doran raised the question of the raising of a wall on the east side of the Car Park at Allen St. and the Borough Surveyor was asked to report thereon. He was also asked to report on a suspected water leakage in the house of Mr. J. K.

O'Connor adjoining this Car Park.

FUEL VOUCHERS

In reply to a question by Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk intimated that he had just received an intimation from the Dept. of Social Welfare that it would not be necessary to obtain refunds of the cost of fuel supplied to contributory Old Age Pensioners after the 6th January in the case of those who did not receive their pension books by that date.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. J. O'Brien's
Mayor.*

Copy/

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN.

16th March, 1961.

County Manager,
Wexford.

Dear Manager,

Our technical people have been examining the proposal to accept the estimates of the direct labour unit for the erection of 30 Houses at John Street, Wexford, and 7 Houses at The Faythe, Wexford. It appears from the Town Clerk's letter that the proposal was based on the assumption that the direct labour unit's estimates were lower than the lowest contractor's price. It is not certain that this is the position. It is understood from the Town Clerk that the direct labour estimates do not include the salaries of the Housing Engineer and his clerical assistant. These should have been included, of course, and they appear to have been charged to the cost of previous schemes. If you employ a Contractor, you will, of course, have to employ and pay a clerk of work but his salary would not offset the salaries of the Housing Engineer and his clerical assistant.

Another factor is that the direct labour estimate for John Street is the same as that submitted on 5th December, 1960, which was stated to take into account all modifications agreed upon between technical officers of the Borough Council and the Department at a discussion in Wexford on 3rd December, 1960. One of the modifications agreed upon was to reduce the width of the roadway from 20 feet to 16 feet. Yet the contract documents on which the contractors tendered showed a roadway 20 feet wide. Reduction of the width from 20 feet to 16 feet should result in a reduction in the price contained in the tenders of the contractors for that item.

Another item agreed upon and presumably reflected in the direct labour unit's estimates was revision of the upstairs plan. This revised plan was affixed to the house plan issued with the contract documents and described as "an alternative" but there was no provision in the tender form for an alternative price. It may be that the price given by the contractors is for the original plan and not for the alternative which should be cheaper.

It must also be borne in mind that the contractors' prices include for the cost of bonds which are a guarantee to the local authority that the job will be carried out at the price quoted. There is no such expense or guarantee in the case of the direct labour units estimates.

The rates for rock excavation quoted by the direct labour unit and by the contractors are considered excessive. Our technical people regard £2 per cubic yard as a normal price. It is common practice with tenders to seek a reduction in rates such as this before deciding to accept or reject a tender.

It is also noted by our technical people that no drawings or the development required were provided in the documents although the specifications stated that these were provided. You would need to ensure that any quotations received will cover the work envisaged. One or other of them may have quoted for a more elaborate development than was envisaged.

Generally, therefore, you will see that we find it impossible to rule on the proposal submitted until you have looked into the real comparisons involved between the lowest fixed price tenders received and the direct labour unit's estimates and we shall await your further views.

The tenders are returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,
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21st March, 1961.

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

A Chara,

I have read the letter from the Housing Department in connection with the proposal to build 30 Houses at John Street Upper and 7 at the Faythe. I set out below my observations on same and for convenience I have numbered the paragraphs in the letter.

Paragraph 1, refers to the question of overheads and does not concern me directly but it must be understood that if the work is carried out by Contract I am then liable for supervision of the Clerk of Works and the issuing of Certificates to the Contractor. In my opinion therefore some assessment should be made of the portion of my salary which would go towards such supervision, say 2½% of Contract sum in each case.

Paragraph 2 - There was no agreement with regard to reduction of the width of carriageway from 18 feet to 16 feet. From my experience such reductions offer very little reductions in cost and are undesirable under present traffic conditions. The only suggestion I made was to substitute Tarmacadam surfacing for a concrete slab.

Paragraph 3 - With regard to the alterations in the upstairs plan the alteration in my opinion gives no reduction in actual cost, in fact the cost of the stairs will be slightly higher.

Paragraph 4 - This is a matter for Administration.

Paragraph 5 - It would be impossible to excavate in solid rock by machinery and hand for the sum of £2 per cu. yard. The County price for such work is £3 per cu. yard. It will be seen therefore that the price quoted, viz. 65/0d would be about enough to cover the cost of such excavation in an Urban area.

Paragraph 6 - In my opinion there was sufficient information on the drawings for any experienced Contractor to arrive at a fair price. Of course a Bill of Quantities would have given a more precise basis on which to make an estimate, and this would not have made the houses cheaper.

Mise, le meas,

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

re: Housing Schemes at John Street and Paythe

Dear Sir,

In reply to letter of the 16th instant from Department of Local Government to the County Manager re the cost of the above scheme, I wish to say that having gone very carefully into the question of the alternative first floor plan suggested by the Department's Engineering Inspector, I was unable to make any reduction in my estimate of the 3rd December, 1960, owing to the fact that the stairs is more expensive.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas J. Millar

THOMAS J. MILLAR, M.I.B.E., M.I.R.A., F.I.A.S.,
Housing Engineer.

21st March, 1961.

T.F. Bros, Esq.,
Wexford County Manager,
County Hall,
Wexford.

A Chara,

As instructed by you copies of the Department's letter of 16th instant re proposed erection of 30 houses at John Street and 7 at Faythe have been supplied to the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer for observations. These observations are attached hereto and on the administrative matters referred to in paragraph's land 4 the following figures clearly demonstrate that the Direct Labour estimate is the cheaper.

Direct Labour:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Estimate for 30 Houses at John Street | £51,310. | |
| " 7 " Faythe | <u>11,676.</u> | £62,986. |

Overheads:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Housing Engineer - £27 x 88 weeks | £2,376. | |
| Clerical Officer for 88 weeks | <u>650.</u> | 3,026. ^x |
| | | £66,012. |

For purpose of comparison with lowest
tender add for Contract Guarantee
Bond @ $\frac{1}{4}\%$

158.
£66,170.

^x Covers the cost of supervision of houses at present in course of construction.

Lowest Tender Received:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Estimate for 30 Houses at John Street | £53,375. | |
| " 7 " Faythe | <u>11,829.</u> | £65,204. |

Overheads:

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------|
| Clerk of Works £17.17.0d for 80 weeks | £1,428. | |
| As Borough Surveyor will be responsible for supervision of Contract work a pro- portion of his salary must be charged to the Scheme, say 2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of contract price - | <u>£1,630.</u> | 3,068. |
| | | £68,262. |

Direct Labour less than lowest tender by - £2,092.

The view expressed in paragraph 4 that the bond would be a guarantee to the Council that the job would be carried out at the price expected in this case

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merely provides a guarantee that the work will be completed in accordance with the specification.

Mise, le meas,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

13th March, 1961.

A meeting of the Corporation acting as a Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8-45 p.m., the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James H. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris and John Cullimore;

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Bierny and Thomas F. Byrne.

The Town Clerk and Borough Accountant were in attendance.

The meeting had been convened for a preliminary examination of the County Manager's estimates of expenditure and receipts for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1962. Details of the estimated expenditure and receipts (excluding the demand of the Wexford County Council which was not yet available) had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the meeting.

A Copy of the statement of receipts and expenditure will be found attached to the minutes of the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 27th instant.

The estimated expenditure for the coming financial year apart from the County Council Demand amounted to £118,167 and the estimated receipts £67,576, leaving a net amount to be raised by rate of £50,591, which would require a rate of 31/7d as against the corresponding rate of 29/1d for the current year, showing a nett increase of 2/6d.

The four main headings of the estimate showed the following increases in pence per pound.

Roads - .11; Sanitary Services - .64; Housing of the Working Classes - 22.79; and General Urban Purposes - 6.19.

It was explained to the meeting that the reason for the heavy increase in the poundage rate for Housing of the Working Classes was that provision had been made in accordance with the estimate of the Borough Surveyor for an allocation of £5,000 for the repairs of Artizan's Dwellings which was an increase of £3,500 above the figure of £1,500 allowed in the current year. In the General Urban Purposes Account the main increase was under the heading of Salaries, Superannuations and Pensions, which showed an increase of £1,755. Of this £1,610 was in respect of provision for the lump-sum grant and superannuation in the current year and in the coming year for Mr. Patrick Curran, Rate Collector, so that the actual increase under this heading was only £145 and in reply to a query by Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that the estimate of £10,020 included provision for increases in the salaries of clerical and other Staffs which the Councillor stated had been adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting that day.

After examining the estimates in detail it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, 21st instant, at 8.30 p.m. and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to have available for the next meeting details of the cost of the new store at the Municipal Buildings. Details of the new system of food and drugs inspection and the expenditure thereunder. The Town Clerk was also asked to consider the advisability of providing a small lorry for the transport of the various materials used by the Corporation.

The above concluded the business of the Corporation as a Finance Committee and references were made to the following matters:-

- (1) The removal of lamp standards at Wolfe Tone Villas;
- (2) A dangerous inspection-cover outside the Boston Cleaners premises at South Main Street;
- (3) The arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In this connection the Mayor intimated that following a meeting between the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Alderman O'Flaherty and himself, it had been agreed that a platform would be erected in John Street at which the Mayor would take the salute of the Parade before proceeding to the 12-00 Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street.

The Meeting then terminated

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21st March, 1961.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Morris, in the Chair;

Alderman:- Nicholas P. Corish, John G. O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:- John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, John Bierney, Patrick Doran and Frank Cullimore.

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

At the outset the County Manager asked permission to read a letter he had received from the Department of Local Government regarding the proposal to erect 30 houses at John Street and 7 houses at the Faythe by Direct Labour. He also read for the meeting copies of the observations of the Borough Surveyor, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk on this letter. Copies of the correspondence will be found attached to these minutes.

The Manager informed the meeting that he proposed to reply to the Department's letter immediately on the lines of the information supplied by the Officials and Councillor Howlin intimated that unless definite sanction was received in the coming week he would request the Mayor to convene a special meeting of the Corporation to deal with the matter. Alderman Morris, Councillor Howlin and Councillor Byrne referred to what they termed overcrowding in the Parish Hall on a recent occasion and the Town Clerk intimated that following information he had received in this connection he had spoken to the Administrator and asked him to ensure for the future that there would be no overcrowding and made it perfectly clear that overcrowding would be followed by an automatic prosecution.

With reference to the minutes of meeting of 13th instant the Town Clerk gave particulars of the cost of Food and Drugs showing that the new system of regional analysis was much more costly to the Corporation than the old system. As a result it was not possible to give out the money available to take as many samples as previously.

The Town Clerk also gave details of the estimated allocations and expenditure on the provision of a new Store at the Municipal Buildings and the Borough Surveyor informed the meeting that he would finish the job within the estimate and it was decided to hold an inspection of the Store as soon as the work was finished.

An examination of the Estimates for 1961/62 was then taken up and Councillor Howlin proposed that the meeting ask the County Manager to accept the sum of £3,000 in the coming year for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings. Councillor Doran seconded this motion. A reduction of £2,000 would be equivalent of 1/3 in the pound in the rates.

The County Manager, however, pointed out that for some number of years past the Council had not been allowing sufficient money for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings but in view of the suggestion that the allocation be increased by 100% in the coming year if the Council reduced his estimate by £2,000 he would not take any steps to enforce the allocation of a greater sum.

Alderman O'Flaherty suggested that there should be a small truck purchased for the use of the Corporation and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had made some tentative inquiries in this connection and in his opinion thought that the most economic vehicle would be a diesel truck at a cost of about £1,200 and the Surveyor was instructed to draw up a specification and submit a report on such a vehicle as soon as possible.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to make permanent the system of Office rate collection which has been in operation since the current year.

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On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Committee unanimously recommended the Corporation to adopt the following revised salary scales suggested by the County Manager for Officers of the Corporation, with effect as from 1st August, 1960:-

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Town Clerk | £1,200 X £40 - £1,440 per annum; |
| Borough Accountant | £950 X £40 - £1,150 per annum; |
| Clerical Officers | £350 X £25 - £550 X £30 - £850 per annum; |
| Accounts Clerk | Same as Clerical Officers plus a basic differential of £75; |
| Clerk-typists | £320 X £18 - £500 X £20 - £520 per annum; |
| Town Sergeant | Revised remuneration to be related to that of road workers under Circular E.L. 76/50, plus the differential of 7/- per day allowed to Foremen under paragraph 14 of that Circular, less 6/6 per week in respect of emolument by way of free house. |
| Storekeeper and Rent Collectors | The remuneration of Storekeeper and Rent Collectors to be adjusted accordingly. |

At the request of Councillor Cullimore the Borough Surveyor was instructed to submit an estimate of cost of fencing the Corporation lands at Whitemill, &c.

The meeting then terminated.

27th March, 1961.

The Estimates Meeting of the Borough Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m. The Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Alderman:- Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Kevin C. Morris and John G. O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, Thomas F. Byrne and Edward Hall.

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

The County Council Demand for the coming financial year was not placed before the meeting and amounted to £30,080 an increase of £1,840 over the amount demanded in the current year.

The first business was to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee the first being that the sum estimated by the County Manager, namely £5,000 for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings in the financial year 1961/62 be reduced to £3,000.

This recommendation was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Doran. Councillor O'Flaherty proposed, however, that the allocation to Artizan's Dwellings be reduced to £2,740 which was £260 less than the amount agreed on by the Members of the Committee and would give an even rate of 49/0d in the Pound.

The County Manager, however, vehemently objected to this proposal and pointed out that at the meeting of the Finance Committee when he was requested to accept £3,000 in the coming year for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings he had reluctantly intimated that if it was the wish of the Corporation to reduce the estimate by £2,000 in the coming financial year he would take no steps to obtain a greater amount and had pointed out that the acceptance of £3,000 for the coming year was not to be taken as a precedent that a similar sum would be accepted in future years.

If, however, it was decided to reduce the amount to £2,740 as now proposed by Alderman O'Flaherty he would then take steps to have the Minister for Local Government decide whether or not such a sum was ample to maintain Corporate property in a good condition.

As there was no seconded for Alderman O'Flaherty's proposal the recommendation of the Finance Committee as proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, was unanimously adopted.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee that the system of collecting the rates through the Town Clerk's Office be made permanent was approved and the Office of Rate Collector formerly held by Mr. Patrick Curran, retired, be abolished was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran.

The following revised scales of Staff salaries as recommended by the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, with effect as on and from 1st August, 1960.-

Town Clerk - £1,200 x £40 - £1,440 per annum;

Borough Accountant - £950 x £40 - £1,150 per annum;

Clerical Officers - £350 x £25 - £550 x £30 - £850 per annum;

Accounts Clerk - Same as Clerical Officers plus a basic differential of £75.

Clerk-Typists - £320 x £18 - £500 x £20 - £520 per annum;

Town Sergeant - Revised remuneration to be related to that of road workers under Circular E.L. 76/50,

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- plus the differential of 7/0d per day allowed to Foremen under paragraph 14 of that Circular, less 6/6d per week in respect of emolument in respect of free house.

The remuneration of Storekeeper and Rent Collectors to be adjusted accordingly.

The position of the rates now was that the Estimates as submitted will require a rate of 49/2d in the Pound and various efforts were made to take the odd 2d off but nobody could point to what item could be reduced or receipt increased to enable this to be done.

After a lengthy discussion the County Manager asked for an adjournment to enable him to consult with the Town Clerk and Borough Account to see if it would be possible to vary the estimates so as to emit a rate of 49/0d in the Pound.

When the meeting was resumed it was reported to the meeting that the Officials had found it impossible to increase receipts by such a sum as would enable a rate of 49/-d in the Pound to be adopted.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted -

Table A, providing for a gross expenditure of £146,247, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish;

Table B, providing for estimated receipts of £67,756, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty; and

Table C, providing for a net sum of £78,491 to be raised by means of rates and required a rate of 49/-d in the Pound, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £60,000, in respect of the quarter ending 30th June next, was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Doran, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne were appointed to represent the Corporation at a meeting to arrange for a suitable celebration of the Patricial Year.

OVER-EXPENDITURE 1960/61

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, estimated over-expenditure of £2,000 on the Roads Account for 1960/61 was approved to cover Grant Work carried forward from 1959/60 and the New Urban Roads Improvement Grant.

Before the meeting concluded Alderman Byrne proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and all the Officials concerned on the manner in which the Estimates were prepared and presented to the Members and for the co-operation of the Officials during the past year. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members and unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

J. J. Morris
Mayor

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 19.....62.

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

| Service (1) | NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2) | AMOUNT ESTIMATED | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----|---|---------------------------------|----|---|
| | | Estimated by Manager (3) | | | Adopted by Council (4) | | |
| Urban Roads | Ordinary Road Works | 1420 | . | . | 1420 | . | . |
| | Special Grant Works | 5800 | . | . | 5800 | . | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 7,220 | . | . | 7220 | . | . |
| Sanitary | Sanitary | 20,760 | . | . | 20,760 | . | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 20,760 | . | . | 20,760 | . | . |
| Housing | Housing of the Working Classes | 60,100 | . | . | 58,100 | . | . |
| | Local Assistance Schemes | - | . | . | - | . | . |
| | Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts | 870 | . | . | 870 | . | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 60,970 | . | . | 58,970 | . | . |
| General Urban Purposes | | | | | | | |
| County Council Services | | | | | | | |
| Main Roads | Main Roads | 7,505 | 14 | 7 | 7505 | 14 | 7 |
| Public Assistance | Public Assistance | 2512 | 15 | 6 | 2512 | 15 | 6 |
| Mental Hospital | Mental Hospital | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Health (County) | Health (County) | 18,719 | 16 | 5 | 18,719 | 16 | 5 |
| General Purposes (County) | General Purposes (County) | 1,085 | 6 | 4 | 1,085 | 6 | 4 |
| Separate Charges | Separate Charges | 256 | 7 | 2 | 256 | 7 | 2 |
| Unemployment Assistance | Unemployment Assistance | 1,000 | . | . | 1,000 | . | . |
| | Public Libraries | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Tourist Development | 20 | . | . | 20 | . | . |
| | Town and Regional Planning | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Urban Purposes | Vocational Education | 3,067 | . | . | 3,067 | . | . |
| | Other Purposes | 22,630 | . | . | 22,630 | . | . |
| | Materials Expense (Balance) | 2,500 | . | . | 2500 | . | . |
| | Machinery Expense (Balance) | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL ... | 59,297 | . | . | 59297 | . | . |
| | Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note) | - | - | - | - | - | - |

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

| Service (1) | NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2) | AMOUNT ESTIMATED | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| | | Estimated by Manager (3) | | Adopted by Council (4) | |
| URBAN ROADS | State Grants (to be specified) | | | | |
| | <i>Estates Duty</i> | 50 | . | 50 | . |
| | <i>Special Employment Schemes.</i> | 3,950 | . | 3,950 | . |
| | <i>Urban Roads Improvement</i> | 1,300 | . | 1,300 | . |
| | Other Receipts | 100 | . | 100 | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 5,400 | . | 5,400 | . |
| SANITARY | State Grants (to be specified) | | | | |
| | <i>Sanitary Services Loan charges.</i> | 1,600 | . | 1,600 | . |
| | Other Receipts .. . | 2,726 | . | 2,726 | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 4,326 | . | 4,326 | . |
| | Housing of the Working Classes | | | | |
| HOUSING | Rents | 29,050 | . | 29,100 | . |
| | State Grants | 16,660 | . | 16,660 | . |
| | Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| | Local Assistance Schemes | - | - | - | - |
| | Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts | 800 | . | 800 | . |
| | TOTAL ... | 46,510 | . | 46,560 | . |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | State Grants (to be specified) <i>Cheep. Fuel Scheme</i> | 4,500 | . | 4,500 | . |
| | <i>Bounty in Lieu of Rates</i> | 775 | . | 785 | . |
| | <i>Education (promotor of deals) Acts</i> | 350 | . | 350 | . |
| | <i>Vocational Education</i> | 500 | . | 535 | . |
| | Other Receipts | 2,665 | . | 2,700 | . |
| | Materials Expense (Balance) | 2,550 | - | 2,600 | - |
| | Machinery Expense (Balance) | | | | |
| | TOTAL ... | 11,340 | . | 11,470 | . |

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 (£.32.040.....) (8) (pence) |
|-------------------------------|---|----|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|----|---|--|--|---|--|------------------------|------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5) | | Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6) | | Amount Leviable (7) | | |
| URBAN ROADS | 7,220 | . | . | 5,400 | . | . | 1,820 | . | . | | | | | 1,820 | . | 13.62. |
| SANITARY | 20,760 | . | . | 4,326 | . | . | 16,434 | . | . | | | | | 16,434 | . | 123.09 |
| HOUSING | 58,970 | . | . | 46,560 | . | . | 12,410 | . | . | | | | | 12,410 | . | 92.95 |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN ROADS | 7,505 | 14 | 7 | | | | 7,505 | 14 | 7 | | | | | 7,505 | 14.7 | 56.23 |
| PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | 2,512 | 15 | 6 | | | | 2,512 | 15 | 6 | | | | | 2,512 | 15.6 | 18.82. |
| MENTAL HOSPITAL | - | - | - | | | | - | - | - | | | | | - | - | - |
| HEALTH (County) | 18,719 | 16 | 5 | | | | 18,719 | 16 | 5 | | | | | 18,719 | 16.5 | 140.23. |
| GENERAL PURPOSES (County) | 1,085 | 6 | 4 | | | | 1,085 | 6 | 4 | | | | | 1,085 | 6.4 | 8.13. |
| SEPARATE CHARGES | 256 | 7 | 2 | | | | 256 | 7 | 2 | | | | | 256 | 7.2 | 1.92. 215.33 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE | 1,000 | . | . | | | | 1,000 | . | . | | | | | 1,000 | . | 7.49 |
| OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ... | 28,217 | . | . | 11,470 | . | . | 16,747 | . | . | | | | | 16,747 | . | 125.52 |
| 78,491 0 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL GENERAL RATE ... 588.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough ~~Urban District~~ Council held this 27th day of March 1961, 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, 1962.

Dated this 27th day of March 1961

Signed J. J. O'Brien Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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10th April, 1961.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish and John G. O'Flaherty, Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, John Howlin, John Bierney, Edward Hall and Patrick Doran.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Denis Allen, T.D. and the late Joseph Doris, County Engineer, whose unexpected deaths occurred since last meeting. Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Alderman O'Flaherty on his election as President of the Typographical Association. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members and for which Alderman O'Flaherty returned thanks.

Councillor Hall moved that the Corporation extended their congratulations to the juvenile boxers of the C.B.S. on their recent success in boxing tournaments. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members.

QUARTERLY MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously decided to hold a quarterly meeting of the Council on the 26th June, 1961 at seven thirty p.m.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

A letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, informing the Corporation of the formation of this Committee and its officers, and saying that they hoped to receive the continued support and goodwill of the Corporation in their efforts to attract tourists to the town.

It was unanimously decided to inform the Committee that they could rely on the continued support of the Corporation in their work.

WALL AT ALLEN STREET

A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a wall at the car park at Allen Street, pointing out that the wall in question was the property of the occupier or his landlord, and that the Corporation had no objection to the wall being raised to whatever height suited Mr. O'Connor's purpose.

It was pointed out, however, that as a result of the Corporation opening up this car park, Mr. O'Connor's premises were left open to trespass and it was thought that the Corporation should have built up the wall when they had opened up the ground and it was unanimously decided to ask the Borough

Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of raising the wall to a proper height

FAYTHE/JOHN STREET HOUSING SCHEMES

The Meeting was informed that the Minister for Local Government had now sanctioned the erection of thirty houses at John Street and seven at the Faythe, by the Direct Labour and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the following Loans be raised to finance both schemes.

- (1) A loan of £55,800 for the erection of thirty houses at John Street;
- (2) A loan of £13,000 for the erection of seven houses at the Faythe.

Arising out of this, the members expressed a hope that the work would be carried out within the stipulated time and when informed that this was twenty-two months most of them considered that the schemes should be completed in eighteen months.

KING STREET SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS

The next business was to receive an estimate from Mr. T.J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the construction of the King Street/Parnell Street tunnel and associated works at an estimated cost of £43,802.

This item was taken in conjunction with the next item on the Agenda, namely. to reconsider preliminary proposals (adjourned from last year) for the improvement of the water supply.

In this connection, the Town Clerk pointed out that in 1959, following the receipt of a Circular from the Minister for Local Government intimating increased grants and loan repayment periods for sanitary works. A preliminary estimate for the expenditure of approximately £50,000 on the improvement of the Waterworks had been submitted. This matter had been considered on various occasions and last year had been adjourned to the new Council.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the Department of Local Government would contribute 50% of the loan charges in each case and on the basis of both schemes being carried out for the sums mentioned above, he estimated that the cost to the Corporation of the Sewerage Scheme would be 11d in the £ and for the waterworks scheme approximately 1/0d.

After some discussion it was decided to refer both matters to the next meeting of the General purposes committee.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

The next business was to execute a deed of mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for repayment of a loan of £900 for the provision of traffic signs and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty the following resolution was unanimously adopted "that pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 8th day of March, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £900 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of traffic signs to be repaid within ten 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 Corporation be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed.

Arising out of this mortgage deed, reference was made to the prohibition on motor traffic in the Town on Saturday nights which was in existence up to some years ago and the Town Clerk stated that the Garda authorities felt that the Road Traffic Act had superseded the prohibition of motor traffic on the Main Street on Saturday nights from 6 o'clock to midnight and

they allowed the prohibition to drop.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that the Borough Surveyor had asked for quotations for the supply of the necessary traffic signs and it was decided to request Mr. McNally to submit a report on such quotations as soon as possible.

It was also decided to request the County Council to erect signs at the approaches to the Town requesting motorists to drive slowly.

GROUND RENTS

A letter was read from the Interdepartmental Committee on Ground Rents enquiring if the Corporation desired to make representations or offer comments on the subject matter of the Terms of Reference and on the motion of Aldorman Corish seconded by Councillor Hall it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should request the Committee to include in their report a recommendation that every owner of property in this country should have the opportunity to purchase a freehold interest.

RE-SURFACING CORNMARKE

A complaint by Councillor Howlin regarding the re-surfacing of Cornmarket was referred to the Borough Surveyor.

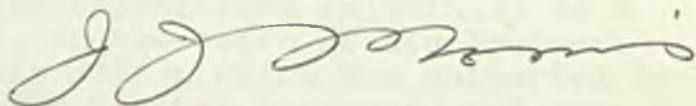
DERELICT SITES

It was unanimously decided to take steps to deal with a derelict site at South Main Street as soon as possible. It was also decided to inform Mr. Moran of Georges Street that unless he completed the transaction for the purchase of a derelict site in Monck Street in the near future, steps would be taken to dispose of it to another person. The Borough Surveyor is also to be asked to expedite the completion of the clearance of the derelict site at the junction of Rowe Street/John Street.

PUBLIC LIGHTS

The Town Clerk was asked to expedite the provision of a light at Tuskar View and the adjustment of lights at William Street.

The meeting then terminated and the Corporation met as an Old Pensions Committee. The deliberations of this committee will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.



17th April, 1961.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor, Jas. J. Morris,
in the Chair

Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty,
Kévin C. Morris

Councillors John Howlin, Edward Hall, Patk. Doran
and Thomas Byrne

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

KING STREET TUNNEL

The first business of the meeting was to consider matters referred to it from the quarterly meeting held on the 10th instant. The first was the provision of the King Street Tunnel and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration to the next meeting of the Committee for the attendance of the Consulting Engineer, and if he was unable to attend on that occasion the Town Clerk was to arrange for him to attend on the first available date.

WATER SUPPLY

As regards the improvement of the water supply it was pointed out to the meeting that the estimate of £50,000 given by the Borough Surveyor was merely a preliminary idea of what might be done to improve the supply but that no steps could be taken to act until a report was received from a Consultant.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the cost of a preliminary report by a Consultant on a scheme costing approximately £50,000 would be around £500 to £600 and after some further discussion, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation at their next meeting to authorise the County Manager to appoint a Consulting Engineer for the purpose of making a preliminary report and estimate of the cost of improving the Town Water supply.

SYMPATHY

Alderman O'Flaherty moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Cronin, who for a number of years had served the Corporation faithfully as a reporter for the local press, on the death of his brother. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Borough Surveyor, and the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Manager..

The resolution of sympathy was adopted in respectful silence.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

The next business was to consider the question of repairs to Artizans Dwellings and on the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor it was agreed that the repairs be carried out on a regional basis.

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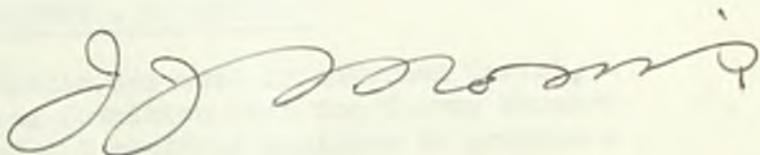
It was also agreed that a copy of the estimate submitted by the Borough Surveyor to the Estimates meeting be furnished to the members and monthly reports submitted to the Committee on the work done in the previous month together with the cost.

It was decided that fresh tenders be invited for repairs to the roof of the Market and that in the meantime loose slates be taken down.

Reference was made to the flooding of a house occupied by Mrs. O'Keefe at School Street and the meeting was assured that as far as could be ascertained this flooding was not caused by any burst of a Corporation watermain or a house service, and it was unanimously agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor to make a further inspection and try and establish definitely that it was not from the Corporation supply.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Howlin were appointed to meet the members of the Harbour Commissioners to discuss arrangements for the erection of a plaque in the Crescent Quay in memory of the sailors of Wexford who gave their lives during the second World War.

The meeting then terminated.



1st May, 1961.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Edward Hall, and Patrick Cullen.

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

MINUTES

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Mr. W. Cronin, Free Press, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the death of his brother.

A letter was also read from the Superior Christian Brothers thanking the Corporation for their vote of congratulation on their recent achievements of the Christian Brothers Schools Boxing Club.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas O'Connor, Consulting Engineer intimating that he would be present at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday May 15th to discuss the proposed King Street Tunnel.

CONSULTING ENGINEER - WATERWORKS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish, a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee that the County Manager be authorised to engage the services of a Consulting Engineer to prepare a preliminary report on the water supply was unanimously adopted.

FENCING OF CORPORATE LANDS

The Borough Surveyor reported that having examined the lands at Slippery Green and Whitmill South the property of the Corporation containing approximately 9½ statute acres with a view to restoring the perimeter fences, he estimated that it would cost £300 to restore these fences in a way that animal trespass would be prevented.

Councillor Howlin pointed out that if the Corporation were even in a position to spend £300 at the present time on such fencing it would be necessary to replace it within six months. He therefore, proposed that the Corporation again advertise this land for letting on the eleven months system. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed.

WALL AT CAR PARK AT ALLEN ST.

The Borough Surveyor reported on this wall as follows:-

"I consider it inadvisable and unnecessary to raise the wall. When the wall is raised it will block light to a window of the house, furthermore the wall is not the property of the Corporation and was part of a lean-to shed in the adjoining yard, and may cause water to leak into the shed. Trespass cannot occur as a strong link wire fence prevents same. He

estimated it would cost £5 to raise the wall provided the Corporation were not expected to extend the work to the flashing of the lean-to shed.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Howlin it was agreed to inform the tenant of the house in question, Mr. O'Connor, of the position.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

The Borough Surveyor also reported that he had received quotations for Traffic Signs (Parking and No Parking) from Irish Aluminium Company, Nenagh, and Curran Limited, Clonmel.

For signs the Irish Aluminium Company quoted £2. 4. 0 ex works and Messrs Curran £2. 4. 2. ex works.

For sign posts Curran Limited quoted for vitreous enamel signs in suitable colours at £2. 0. 6 each carriage paid and Fleming & Co., Ltd. Dublin, £2. 2. 2 each for tubular steel posts primed.

He had recommended to the County Manager the acceptance of the following quotations:-

Signs - Irish Aluminium Company Limited, Nenagh at

£2. 4. 0 ex works and

Posts - Curran Limited, Clonmel at

£2. 0. 6 each.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that the cost of each sign erected would be approximately £10.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that 72 of these sign posts were necessary and he believed they would have sufficient funds to enable other signs as stop signs to be erected at dangerous crossings in the Town as well.

This report was considered satisfactory.

ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1961/62

The Borough Surveyor suggested the following works to be carried out under the Roads Improvement Grant 1961/62.

- (1) Surface of tarmacadam at Batt Street/New Lane.
- (2) Widen and surface with tarmacadam Whitemill Road from Corish Park Houses to Urban Boundary at Whitemill.

In regard to the latter suggestion it was pointed out that the County Council were about to resurface Whitemill Road from the Borough Boundary to its junction with the Duncannon Road and it was thought advisable to have the work done by the County Council while their machinery was in the area.

The suggestions put forward by the Borough Surveyor were agreed to and he was asked to try and include within the ambit of the grant the resurfacing of Roserock which was in a deplorable condition.

DERELICT SITE AT MONCK STREET

It was reported that Mr. Francis Moran, George Street, who had made an offer of £100 for derelict site at Monck Street, which offer had been accepted and approved by the Minister for Local Government, had now withdrawn and intimated he was not prepared to proceed with the purchase. It was further intimated to the meeting that this building within the last couple of weeks had rapidly deteriorated and was in such a state that the officials had decided on the previous evening to barade and obstruct and demolish it, and it was now reported that it would be necessary to demolish the building, as it

was in a dangerous condition. Legal advice had been secured from the Corporation Solicitor as to the steps necessary to protect the Corporation as far as possible against any action by the owners of adjoining property, and the advice of the Corporation Solicitor had been acted upon.

It was estimated that the cost of demolishing the building would amount to £400 and that after some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne to authorise the expenditure of this amount in the current financial year if it was found necessary to demolish the building immediately, but in the meantime the Town Clerk was to communicate with Mr. Breen, Solicitor, and ask him if his client, who had also bid for the premises when Mr. Moran's offer had been accepted, was he still interested in the site.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR TRUCK

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had considered the question of acquiring additional transport for the Corporation and suggested that a 2/3 ton truck with steel body and diesel engine would be most economical. Approximate prices would be, pick-up truck 10/12 cwt load £750, petrol at 4/7d per gallon, 2/3 ton diesel truck £1,500 and diesel fuel 3/9 per gallon. It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin to advertise for tenders for this truck on the lines suggested by the Borough Surveyor. Arising out of this matter, questions were raised regarding the operation of the electric scavenging cart and it was pointed out that the trouble with it was that the batteries had run more than their guaranteed life and would have to be replaced soon at an approximate cost of £350.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk reported that excess expenditure on ordinary road works for the year 1959/1960 had been incurred and on special grant works £2,439 which was due to the receipt of a grant of £5,000 from Bord Failte towards the erection of a promenade at Ferrybank. As well, excess expenditure on water-works had also been incurred in that year but with savings on other heads, the net overexpenditure on the Sanitary Services Account had been £605. On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin, excess expenditure for the year 1959/1960 was agreed to as follows:-

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|
| Ordinary Road Works | £201 | |
| Special Grant Works | 2,439 | and |
| Sanitary Services | 605. | |

FERRYBANK PROMENADE

A letter was read from Bord Failte regarding the completion of the promenade at Ferrybank as well as the report from the Borough Surveyor intimating that "assuming the allocation under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for 1961/62 would be similar to that for 1960/61, I suggest that the provision of a concrete slab on the promenade at Ferrybank be considered as a desirable work to be carried out under such a scheme." The members pointed out that they did not consider it advisable last year to proceed with the provision of a concrete slab on the existing foundation, but unanimously agreed that they were committed to complete the promenade and instructed the Town Clerk to inform Bord Failte that the laying of the slab would be carried out under the 1961/62 Employment Scheme.

RAILINGS AT BARRY STATUE

It was unanimously agreed to have the railings at the Barry statue painted.

The County Manager reported that the derelict building at the Ferrybank end of the new Bridge had now been removed and the Council asked him to convey their thanks to the Mother General of St. John of God for having this derelict building demolished.

FERRYBANK ROAD

Councillor Hall referred to the condition of the road leading to St. Ibar's Cometary from Ferrybank and the County Manager promised to take the matter up with the Acting County Engineer with a view to having it resurfaced.

STANDING ORDERS

The next business was to consider any amendments necessary to the standing orders of the Council. A copy of the current standing orders had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting, showing in red, parts rendered obsolete or otherwise amended by law.

The Town Clerk further stated that some time ago the members of the now Council had asked him to send them copies of the standing orders. The present standing orders of the Council had been adopted on 2nd January, 1939 and confirmed on the 6th February of the same year. A slight amendment to Article 43 had been made on 7th September, 1942. Since then amendments in the law particularly in relation to the functions of the Council and the County Manager had rendered a considerable portion of the standing orders obsolete and his intention in circulating them now was to ask the members to examine them and if they considered any amendments necessary to let him know when any amendments suggested would be considered by the Council.

He, Town Clerk, had only one observation to make and he thought most of the members would agree with him that an order should be embodied restricting the passing of votes of condolence, congratulations or felicitations. He felt that the excessive use by the Council of these votes took considerably from their effect and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should draft a standing order for consideration by the members restricting the passing of votes of condolence, congratulations or felicitations.

Further consideration of the standing orders was adjourned sine die.

BISHOPSWATER FLOODING

A memorial was handed in from a considerable number of tenants at Bishopswater complaining about recent flooding of their houses there and in reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor intimated he was convinced that the pipes were jammed with sticks, sods, tins, etc., each time flooding had taken place. After some discussion it was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter with permission to raise it again, but in the meantime the Borough Surveyor was to prepare a report on the general condition of the sewerage and drainage at the Bishopswater area.

FLOODING AT O'KEEFFE'S SCHOOL STREET

In reply to a further query on this matter the Borough Surveyor reported that he could find no leak in the main or water service and it was eventually decided that Mr. McNally should consult with the Acting County Engineer with a view to trying to trace if the trouble was caused by springs.

MENAPIA AVENUE

In reply to a query by Alderman Morris it was stated that the Corporation had no proposal before them to widen this avenue.

BISHOPSWATER FENCE

In reply to a further query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Corporation had no liability for the maintenance of a fence between the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and the property of Mr. Clare.

HOUSE AT WATERLOO ROAD

Reference was made to the purchase of a house at Waterloo Road by itinerants and it was decided to have the Sanitary Inspector examine this dwelling with a view to ascertaining if it was fit for human habitation.

1st May, 1961.

PLAQUE TO WEXFORD SAILORS

His Worship the Mayor intimated that it was proposed to leave the unveiling of the plaque in memory of the Wexford Sailors who died during the 2nd World War until the Barry Commemoration in September.

REPAIRS ARTIZANS DWELLINGS

Alderman O'Flaherty urged the Borough Surveyor to commence the repairs to Artizans Dwellings as soon as possible.

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS FROM HOUSING SITE

Alderman O'Flaherty intimated that he had been informed by a person of integrity that concrete blocks and other materials were being removed by unauthorised person from the housing sites at Faythe and Fisher's Row. Councillor Byrne intimated that he had also been informed of this matter.

In reply the Town Clerk informed the meeting that consequent on reports he had received from the Housing Engineer and the Foreman he had interviewed the Carda Siachana and handed the reports to them with instructions to take every step within their power to ascertain if complaints made by Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne were true. This action was considered satisfactory.

The meeting then terminated.

J J O'Flaherty
Mayor.

5th June, 1961.

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 Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and John G. O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Edward Hall, John Bierney, John Howlin and Thomas F. Byrne.

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

MINUTES

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

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to Mr. Garrett Doyle, former employee, on the death of his brother, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, with Mr. H. Peare, an employee of the Corporation, on the death of his Mother.

All the Members present associated themselves with the votes of sympathy as did the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

The two votes were passed in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments and votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the families of the late Denis Allen, T.D. and the late Joseph Doris, County Engineer.

MUNICIPAL RATE 1961/62

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 49/-d in the £ be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1962, as agreed to on 27th March, 1961.

The Rate Book containing the foregoing rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, having been first certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the valuations in force.

HOUSES AT ABBEY STREET, ETC.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the possibility of erecting at least three houses on cleared site at Abbey Street. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was amended to cover the Abbey Street area; supported by all the Members present with the exception of Alderman Morris who said that he would only agree to an examination at this stage, and unanimously agreed.

SWIMMING POOL

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that in view of the recent statement by the Minister for Local Government that grants be made available for swimming pools, the Corporation examine the possibility of providing same.

In this connection a letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Chamber of Commerce urging the Corporation to consider the question of providing a swimming pool for the Town and after some discussion it was agreed that the following members be appointed to consult with the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to examine this possibility further, namely:-

His Worship the Mayor,
Alderman Kevin C. Morris and Councillor Thomas F. Byrne.

WATER SAFETY

Arising out of this question of a swimming pool the County Manager intimated that the water safety section of the Irish Red Cross Society had requested the County Council to provide facilities at Ferrybank for a Water Safety Week. Such facilities would cost approximately £150 and the County Council were anxious to know if the Corporation would be prepared to meet them in this matter.

The Manager having explained that the facilities to be provided would be of a semi-permanent nature which would enable bathing facilities to be carried on during the remainder of the Summer, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, to agree to make a contribution of £75 towards the cost of providing the necessary facilities to enable a Red Cross Water Safety Week to be held at Ferrybank.

PROVISION OF A POUND

Correspondence was read from the County Registrar and the Department of Justice enquiring the present position in regard to the provision of a suitable Pound in Wexford and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, to request the County Registrar to state -

- (1) If the Pound required would be only for the impounding of animals or goods seized within the boundaries of the Borough;
- (2) If the Pound would be used for the impounding of animals or goods seized outside the Borough Boundaries; and
- (3) The area and facilities required in any Pound to be provided.

When this information was received the meeting proposed to consider the matter further.

AGREEMENT WITH IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

An agreement providing for the payment of a contribution of £20 to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association in the Financial Year 1961/62 was sealed and signed on the part of the Council.

SCAVENGING VEHICLE

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of the scavenging truck. It appeared that the batteries had failed completely and were no longer of any use. The batteries were those provided with the vehicle when purchased some five or six years ago and their normal life is regarded as

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four years. The estimated net cost of replacement was £422.

The Members took a very serious view of this matter and intimated they were well aware that this truck had been failing for the past six months and they thought that a report should have been submitted by the Borough Surveyor long since to enable these batteries to be purchased and the truck kept in use. The present position appeared to be that the scavenging truck was out of commission and it would be necessary to hire a vehicle to carry out the domestic scavenging at a probable cost of £30 per week.

As the Surveyor's report intimated that it would be 12/14 weeks before the batteries were available the Members considered this a serious imposition on the rates which could have been avoided with a little foresight.

It was also suggested in view of the heavy cost of hiring a vehicle for carrying out domestic scavenging that the Borough Surveyor should examine the possibility of purchasing a second-hand vehicle which could be traded in against the new vehicle which the Corporation proposed to purchase to augment the scavenging equipment and eventually it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that a new set of batteries be ordered for the scavenging truck; that provision be made for the hiring or otherwise of a lorry to carry out domestic scavenging until the scavenging lorry was again in commission; and that extra expenditure of £422 be authorised for the provision of new batteries.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Orders made by the County Manager granting planning permissions to the following were approved:-

Houses at Ferrybank for Messrs T. Lawless and Walter O'Rahilly;

Houses for Belvedere for Messrs Kieran Hanley and Joseph Lambert; and

Dwelling House and Shop at Maudlintown for Mrs. M. Dempsey.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS

A number of tenders were submitted for building materials and before being opened the Town Clerk read a report from the Housing Engineer intimating that he found it impossible to get painters to complete the houses at Faythe and Fisher's Row. He had a painter employed up to the 27th ultimo but as he was unsatisfactory he had to dismiss him. He had asked three local painting contractors to tender for the painting of those houses and to give alternative prices for -

- (1) Labour only - Corporation supplying materials; and
- (2) Labour and Materials.

In reply to a query it was stated that this method of painting the houses was only being resorted to in an absolute emergency as no local painters were idle, and on condition that it would not be a general practice to purchase materials for direct labour schemes which could be made on the site the consideration of the tenders was agreed to.

The tenders were then opened and were from -

Messrs John Murphy & Sons;
Mr. James Doyle; and
Messrs Murphy and Roche;

and they were referred to the Housing Engineer for examination.

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Tenders were also opened for the clearance of the John Street Housing

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Sito and these were also referred to the Housing Engineer, as well as tenders for timber for John Street and Faythe Housing Schemes.

FIRE SIREN

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he understood from the Chief Fire Officer that the Electricity Supply Board were holding up the use of the Fire Siren at the Station at Davitt Road. He, Town Clerk, had signed the necessary request some considerable time ago and this had been transmitted by the Chief Fire Officer to the Electricity Supply Board Authorities.

The Town Clerk was asked to again request the Chief Fire Officer to explain what was the delay in having this siren connected.

DISTURBANCE OF FOOTPATHS

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that an application had been received from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for consent to the laying of an underground telegraphic cable from Anne Street, via Main Street, Rowe Street Lower, Rowe Street Upper, John Street, Duke Street, Waterloo Road, Talbot Street, Green Street and Whitemill Road to the Borough Boundary and beyond. This would involve the disturbance of all footpaths in these Streets and Roads mentioned and he, Town Clerk, was of the opinion that consent should only be given on condition that footpaths were restored in toto and not patch repaired.

The Meeting unanimously decided that consent should only be given on the condition that footpaths be replaced in toto and the Town Clerk was asked to convey this opinion to the County Manager.

The Meeting then went into Committee as an Old Age Pensions Committee.

Edward Hall

26th June, 1961.

In accordance with decision made on 10th April last, a Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Members present were -

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair;

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, John G. O'Flaherty, Kevin C. Morris and John Cullimore.

Councillors:- Frank Cullimore, Thomas F. Byrne, Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney and Edward Hall.

The Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Corporation Solicitor were in attendance.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1962, and until his successor had been appointed and had made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor then called for nominations for the Office of Mayor for the coming year.

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

His Worship the Mayor moved that Councillor Hall be elected Mayor for the coming year and Alderman Morris seconded.

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

For Councillor Byrne - Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Cullen and Bierney 5

For Councillor Hall - Aldermen Morris, O'Flaherty, Cullimore, Councillors Morris, Cullimore, Doran and Hall.. 7

His Worship the Mayor then declared Councillor Edward Hall to be Mayor for the ensuing year and to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1962, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Hall thereupon made the following declaration prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1940.

"I, Edward Hall, having been declared Mayor for the Borough of Wexford, do hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability."

The foregoing declaration was signed by the Mayor in the presence of Councillor Patrick Doran, Alderman John G. O'Flaherty and the Town Clerk.

Before leaving the Chair the outgoing Mayor Councillor James J. Morris thanked the Corporation, the County Manager, Town Clerk, the Bishop and Clergy and the various Clubs and Institutions in the Town and County for their cooperation and courtesy to him during the past twelve months.

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The new Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, was then vested with the

26th June, 1961.

Robe and Chain of Office and thanked his proposer and seconder and those who voted for him. He referred to the various projects facing the Corporation such as the Waterworks, Sewerage and Swimming Pool and expressed the hope that he would receive the co-operation and help of the entire Council during his year of Office.

All the Members present congratulated the new Mayor and assured him of their continued co-operation during the next twelve months.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours of three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1962, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk the following dates were fixed on the proposal of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, viz.:

Monday, 2nd October, 1961, at 8.15 p.m.,
Monday, 8th January, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.,
Monday, 2nd April, 1962, at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

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

10th July, 1961.

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

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

Aldermen - Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Kevin C. Morris

Councillors - Thomas Byrne, John Howlin, John Bierney and James J. Morris.

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

M I N U T E S

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of meeting of the 5th and 26th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF CONCRETE BLOCKS

With reference to minutes of 1st May last when complaint was made by Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne that they had information that concrete blocks had been removed from the Corporation Housing Site at the Faythe and (or) Fisher's Row and when the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had already received a complaint in this connection and had referred it to the Garda Síochána he, (Town Clerk) now read a letter from the Garda intimating that inquiries failed to establish that any blocks had been removed from the sites mentioned. Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne had been interviewed by Sergeant Kelly, but they stated they were not in a position to assist further.

In view of the refusal of Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne to give the name of their informant it was seen that nothing further could be done to establish whether or not the complaint made was justified.

In reply to a query however, the Town Clerk intimated that he was informed by the Housing Engineer that some time previous to the complaint, all the blocks had been removed from one site to another. They had then been counted and when the complaint was received further check had been made when it was established that none of the blocks had been unlawfully removed. The matter was dropped.

FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding recent flooding at Bishopswater. He stated that a recent inspection of the catch pit had shown that an amount of debris from the adjoining lands which were being prepared as a Golf Course had choked the outlet as a result of which the flooding had taken place.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had given instructions for periodic inspections of this area with a view to preventing a recurrence of the flooding.

PIECE OF WASTE GROUND AT DISTILLERY HOUSE

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that the piece of waste ground adjoining the premises occupied by Edward Howlin be attached to the Corporation and that Howlin be permitted to erect a wall around it to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

KING STREET RIVER

On the suggestion of Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should arrange to have the King Street River cleaned during the present dry season.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £60,000 was authorised in respect of the quarter ending 30th September, next.

PROPOSED HOUSING AT ABBEY STREET

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that owing to the narrow nature of the site it would only be possible to erect three houses of the NA 2 type with a slightly restricted frontage on this dwelling.

The members however said that some type of building should be put on the site as it was very unsightly at the present time and it was decided that the County Manager should request the Department of Local Government to have the site inspected with a view to intimating whether or not they would be prepared to permit building thereon.

PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the then Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, Alderman K. C. Morris and Councillor Byrne had been appointed to meet the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to discuss the provision of a swimming pool in the Town there was now submitted to the meeting a plan and estimate for such a pool which had been prepared for the Tourist Development Committee. A copy of the Engineer's report to the Committee had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting.

From this it was seen that the cost of such a pool as envisaged in the plan would be at least £35,000. This was only the Capital Expenditure and Caretakers, pumping plant, chlorination, etc., would be an Annual Charge. In this connection it was pointed out to the meeting that in a Circular letter of the 6th ultimo the Minister for Local Government intimated that applications for loan charges contributions would be considered if the estimated cost of the proposed pool was reasonable and the design satisfactory and if adequate steps had been or were being taken to deal with any water supply or sewerage works required in the area. The rate of subsidies save in exceptional circumstances would be 50% and loans from the Local Loans Fund would be available and repayable on the instalment system for periods up to a maximum of thirty years.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the Meeting that the annual charge on such loans at the present rate of interest would be £95. 16. 8d per £1000 for the first year or, say, a net amount of £48 per £1000 on the rates over a period of thirty years reducing by £1 per annum.

If the pool envisaged could be built for £35,000 the net annual charge on the rates would be £1,680 or 12.6 pence in the Pound.

While all the members felt that at least bathing and swimming facilities ought to be provided they could not contemplate an expenditure of £35,000 on such an amenity, having regard to the fact that they still had to face a possible heavy expenditure on the waterworks and sewerage systems.

Councillor Howlin suggested however, that the matter should be left in abeyance and that a Committee of liaison between the Corporation and the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce should be established to examine the possibilities of dealing with other matters of common concern to the two bodies and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed

that the following committee be appointed -

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Hall, and Alderman K.C. Morris
with Councillors Thomas Byrne, James J. Morris and John Howlin.

It was also agreed that the Town Clerk should act as advisor to the Corporation delegation at the first meeting and on future occasions if the necessity arose.

TOURIST OFFICE

A further letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce on the question of the establishment of a seasonal information service in Wexford. This letter quoted an extract from communication received from the General Manager of the Irish Tourist Association as follows:-

"As regards the establishment of a seasonal information service in Wexford under Irish Tourist Association Auspices during the 1962 season, I venture to say that my directors would be favourably disposed thereto, provided either the local Borough Corporation or County Council increased their respective contributions to the Irish Tourist Association, such increase to at least equate the cost involved i.e. £60 over a period of fifteen weeks."

This matter was also left to the Committee referred to above to discuss with the Tourist Development Committee.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

An intimation was received from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland that the annual Conference would be held in Castlebar from the 19th to the 21st September, and requesting any motions which the Council would wish to have discussed submitted before the 19th idem. The appointment of delegates to attend the Conference also appeared on the Agenda. Alderman Corish thereupon proposed that Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne be the delegates. Councillor Howlin seconded.

Alderman Morris, however, asked was it not a rule that the delegates appointed after an election to the Council held office as delegates for the lifetime of the Local Authority. The Town Clerk pointed out he was not aware of any such regulation, it might be a rule of the Association, but both Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne had been delegates to the Association and members of the Executive Council for years and they should be well aware of the rules of the Association. In his opinion however, the Council had the right to change their delegates at any time they wished.

Alderman Morris therefore proposed that Councillor Cullimore and himself be the two delegates as they were the two appointed last year, but as there was no seconder for this proposition Alderman Corish's proposal that Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne be delegates was declared carried.

Alderman Morris, however, asked that the Town Clerk take this matter up with the Secretary of the Association and enquire the exact position regarding the appointment of delegates.

USE OF COAT OF ARMS

An application was submitted on behalf of the President and Members of the Soroptomists Club Wexford for permission to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms in the Medallion to be worn by their President at Congresses etc.

The Town Clerk intimated that when he first received this application he had requested that a sketch of the proposed medallion showing how the coat of arms was to be embodied should be submitted. He received the sketch and it appeared to be quite satisfactory.

It was therefore agreed on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris seconded by His Worship the Mayor to grant the necessary permission to the Soroptomists Club to embody the Town Coat of Arms in the Medallion.

REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it had been decided that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs should be requested to replace all disturbed footpaths in toto the Town Clerk informed the meeting that following a discussion with the Manager after the last meeting, consent had been given to the laying of an underground telegraph cable from Anne Street Wexford through Main Street, Rowe Street Upper, Rowe Street Lower, John Street, Duke Street, Waterloo Road, Talbot Street, Green Street, Whitmill Road, etc., subject to all disturbed footpaths being replaced in toto.

Subsequent to the issue of this communication he had had an interview with the District Engineer of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and he had asked him to place his views to the meeting to be submitted to the Council.

The following communication was read from the District Engineer's Office:-

"The work involved is important. It is part of a scheme for the provision of a main telephone trunk line into Wexford. We are anxious to proceed with duct laying as soon as possible, but unfortunately your stipulation re resurfacing of the complete footpath presents some difficulty. In case there may be any doubt about one aspect of this question I would like to make one point clear, namely, it is our normal practice to ask the Local Authority concerned to resurface the portions of footpaths and roadways disturbed by our operations. This is done on the basis of an agreed area to be resurfaced and we pay for the work involved. Some of the footpaths concerned in the present case are of the order of five to six feet wide while generally they are not less than 4'6". We intend if at all possible to cut a trench no more than 12 to 18 inches wide. The breaking of the remainder of the footway and its complete replacement with a new footpath would be very costly and it would not be within the scope of our normal procedure to comply with such a request. If a trench carefully cut and filling matter firmly restored and the reinstatement carefully carried out it is felt that the reinstated paths would be satisfactory and give as much wear as the original ones. We normally cover the restoration for the width of the trench involved with some additional inches to cover marginal trimming where necessary in order to produce a neat finish. I would appreciate if you would have this matter considered in the light of the above with a view to getting agreement on the lines indicated".

This letter gave rise to a discussion on the reinstatement of footpaths in various parts of the Town disturbed by Statutory Bodies and it was seen that the position was most satisfactory. Particular reference was made to the condition of the William Street/Maudlintown footpath and the footpath at King Street and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Corporation insist on all footpaths disturbed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs or other Statutory Bodies being reinstated in toto.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A letter under date of the 29th June, 1961 No. L.12/61 regarding the provision of Public Conveniences was read from the Minister for Local Government.

The members considered that the two Public Conveniences at present situated in the North and South ends of the Town were enough and as well such conveniences were now provided at the Railway Station for the passengers on the train and bus services.

Arising out of this, however, it was decided to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have indicators erected pointing to the situation of the Public Conveniences at the North and South ends of the Town.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS DEBT

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners enclosing an extract from the Minister for Transport and Power in connection with the outstanding balance of £1,254. 8. Od. in the accounts of the Commissioners for a number of years and requesting the Corporation to have this amount written off.

The Town Clerk intimated that this accrued out of an agreement made a number of years ago between the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners whereby the Corporation agreed to maintain and light the streets leading from the Quays and the lighting (only) of the Quays for which the Commissioners were then responsible.

The account in question was made up to the 31st March, 1950 and would, of course, if there was any hope of its being paid, be subject to compound interest at 4% from that date. The Town Clerk also told the meeting that under the Harbour Acts the Corporation were now responsible for the maintenance and lighting of the streets leading from the Quays and that there was no possible hope of collecting this amount which had been dropped from the accounts of the Corporation for a number of years and was now statute barred. It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Howlin to wipe off the debt.

DUMPING AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

It was agreed that a notice should be erected warning the public against dumping on the Corporation housing site at Davitt Road South.

TRIBUTES TO CONTRACTOR

Correspondence between Timber Importers Limited and the Combined Purchasing Section of the Department of Local Government relating to the delivery of various articles for which this Firm were contractors were submitted to the meeting. It appears the Housing Engineer ordered casement stays for which the delivery period was three to four days on the 4th of February last and up to date he had not received them.

It was also pointed out that apart from the housing Engineer, similar complaints had been received from the Borough Surveyor's Department that -

- (1) On the 5th April last bib cocks with three to four days delivery were ordered and only received on the 30th June.
- (2) On 10th April, last 12 W.C. pans were ordered, also three to four days delivery, and were only received on the 13th May after lengthy correspondence.
- (3) On 13th April one dozen sash fastners (for maintenance) were ordered and not yet delivered.
- (4) On the 18th June, 1960 one dozen hand rail brackets were ordered and delivered about the 14th June, 1961 when they were returned.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that all these complaints had been submitted to the Combined Purchasing Section of the Department under date of the 5th July and it was decided to await a reply when the matter would be considered further.

TENDERS FOR LORRY

Four tenders were submitted and opened by the Mayor for the supply of a lorry, in accordance with specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor. They were from Messrs Stathams Limited; The Talbot Garage; Boggans Auto Service; and the North Devon Road Works. They were referred to the Borough Surveyor for examination and report and recommendation to the County Manager.

BUILDING MATERIALS

A number of tenders were also received for the supply of sewer pipes for housing schemes and these were referred to the Housing Engineer for examination, report and recommendation to the County Manager.

TRAIN SERVICE TO ROSSLARE

The Mayor proposed that we protest in strongest possible manner against the train service to Rosslare on Sunday 9th instant.

It appeared that some 1,600 people travelled from Wexford to Rosslare on the train. The train in question was the ordinary Dublin/Rosslare Harbour train which was filled up at Enniscorthy and then stopped at Wexford North and Wexford South to take on passengers at those stations. The conditions under which the people travelled, the Mayor said, were deplorable and could easily have caused panic and serious accident.

For some time past C.I.E. have been advertising a train service to Rosslare Strand and the People had promised their children to bring them there, but it appeared that in the local Cinemas on the Saturday night an advertisement appeared that only the one train, the normal Dublin train, would travel to the strand. Very few people saw this advertisement and the result was they brought their children to the station and even though they saw the train was packed they could not very well return home as children would not understand such explanations as they might be able to give. All the members strongly supported the Mayor in this protest and directed the Town Clerk to forward it to Coras Iompair Eireann.

CLIFFORD STREET WALL

In reply to a query from Alderman Morris the Town Clerk intimated that a tender had now been received and sanctioned for the reconstruction of the Clifford Street Wall and he had asked the Contractor during the week to produce the necessary bond.

SEAT AT CRESCENT QUAY

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have the seat at the Crescent Quay repaired.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

It was unanimously agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk should arrange the day and hour of the Barry Commemoration to be held on either the 10th or 17th September whichever day the tide suited.

WELL AT FERRYBANK

Complaint was made regarding an open well at Ferrybank and the Town Clerk requested to take the matter up with Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, the Agent for the sites there. The Town Clerk was also requested to ask the Health Inspector to have a dead dog, which had been at Ferrybank for some time past, removed and buried.

LITTER

Alderman Corish complained of the state of the Town with litter recently. The complaint was mostly from sweet papers, such as lollipops and paper bags in which chip potatoes were supplied. He suggested that an appeal should be made in the Churches to the people to refrain from throwing litter on the Streets and that a similar appeal might be made on the Screen in the local Cinemas.

It was also suggested that a number of empty paint tins could be obtained from the various local firms and if these were painted and marked LITTER and attached to various electric light or telegraph poles in the town, they might in time have the effect of getting people to deposit litter in them.

When the Schools resumed after the Summer holidays it would be possible to have a further appeal made to the children there.

The meeting then terminated.

10th July, 1961.

Edward Hall

14th August, 1961.

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

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

Aldermen: John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: John Howlin, John Biermey, Thomas Byrne, James J. Morris and Patrick Doran.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the minutes of last Meeting, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Joseph Gough, a former employee of the Council.

WAGES INCREASE

A recommendation was submitted by the Wexford County Manager that the basic wages of unskilled workers (other than Building Workers) be increased by 11/0d. per week as on and from 8th July, 1961, with appropriate alterations to overtime rates.

It was explained to the Meeting that following consultations between the Local Branch of the Federated Union of Employers and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union the following wage adjustments had been agreed to as on and from 8th July, 1961.

- (1) An increase of 11/0d. per week on the basic wages rate.
- (2) Overtime rates: time plus 25% for the first two hours; time plus 50% thereafter until midnight; double time from midnight to starting time next morning. Time plus 50% for all hours worked before starting time.

It was further explained to the Meeting that the estimated cost of this increase up to 31st March, 1962, would be £350., and on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne the recommendation of the County Manager was approved and extra expenditure of £350. on the Estimates for Sanitary Services authorised in the current Financial Year.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the wages of caretakers of toilets, gravediggers, and watchmen would be adjusted accordingly.

PURCHASE OF TRUCK

With reference to Minutes of 10th ultimo when four tenders for the supply of a 2/3 ton diesel truck were received and opened a report was read from the Borough Surveyor on his examination of same. In this report he recommended that the tender of Boggan's Auto Service be accepted for the supply of a 2/3 ton "Bedford" truck for £1,000. This tender was £200. higher than that submitted by the Talbot Garage for a Morris Commercial Truck

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the Surveyor was of opinion that the Morris had a mechanical disadvantage in that the valve-timing gear and fuel injection pump was chain-driven as opposed to gear-driven in the other engines. It was a well-known fact, he intimated, that chain drives were subject to stretch which eventually upsets the timing of the valves and fuel injection. Another feature on which the Surveyor judged the trucks was the height for manual loading, the Bedford being 4'7" over ground level and the Morris 5'6". on these two considerations he recommended that the tender for "Bedford" be given preference over that for "Morris".

The Meeting was also informed that acting on the recommendation of the Surveyor the County Manager had accepted the tender of Boggan's Auto Service, subject to the necessary finance being provided by the Council.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the acceptance of the Tender of Boggan's Auto Service be approved and the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a Loan of £1420. (cost of Vehicle plus Mortgage Costs) from the Treasurer, to be repaid over a period of seven years, with interest at the usual rate, to finance the purchase of the Vehicle.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Ald. Morris it was unanimously agreed that allocation of £3,800. from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1961/62, plus a local contribution of £550. bringing the total to £4,350. be expended on the provision of a concrete slab on promenade at Ferrybank.

WATERWORKS REGULATIONS

A recommendation was submitted from the Borough Surveyor that the Waterworks Regulations be amended to permit of the use of copper and P.V.C. pipes and after some discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran to adjourn this matter until next meeting as some members seemed to be doubtful about the life of copper pipes in the ground.

CONTRIBUTION TO TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The Committee in liaison with the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce recommended that "if the Irish Tourist Association operated the Tourist Office for the 1962 Season the Council would then consider making an increased contribution."

Arising out of this motion Councillor Howlin intimated that he had been unable to attend the previous Meeting of this Committee owing to other commitments nor would he be able to attend the Meeting which he had just received notice of and he suggested that he be replaced on the Committee by another member. It was therefore agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. Morris that the recommendation of the Committee regarding their contribution to the Irish Tourist Association be agreed and that Councillor Doran be substituted for Councillor Howlin on the Committee.

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RESTORATION OF FOOTPATHS

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when correspondence with the Dept. of Posts and Tolographs was read regarding the reinstatement of footpaths following proposed laying of telephone cable duct in Wexford, a further letter was read from the District Engineer in which he appreciated the concern of the Council about the footpaths in the Town and their anxiety to have them restored. If, however, he stated, the excavation is carefully and neatly carried out and the trench filled in firmly the reinstated footpaths should wear as well as the original footpath and not appear objectionable. When the trench was back-filled thoroughly the Department would pay all reasonable costs incurred by the Borough in putting a satisfactory surface on the trench and he was sure that the finished job would give rise to no complaints from the people of the Town. He asked that the matter be once more reconsidered by the Council and hoped for a favourable reply. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran to adhere to the original decision that disturbed footpaths must be reinstated in toto.

ROSSLARE STRAND TRAIN SERVICE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a complaint was made regarding the unsatisfactory train service to Rosslare Strand on the previous Sunday a letter was read from the Area Manager of Coras Iompair Eireann pointing out that the service had not been advertised originally to run on the Sunday in question. The reason for this was the very heavy commitments for rolling stock in connection with various functions throughout the State as a result of which all available rolling stock had to be utilised to meet these commitments and it was not possible to arrange the programme of seaside trains between Wexford and Rosslare Strand which had operated on Sunday, 2nd July. In view of the representations of the Council and under considerable difficulties a seaside train would operate on the following Sunday on which date their commitments would also be very heavy. He assured the Council that every possible effort would be made at all times to meet the requirements of the people of Wexford, but on the occasion referred to, it was regretted that the overall demands on rolling stock precluded the Company from providing a seaside service to Rosslare Strand which they did not advertise.

Arising out of this letter a further complaint was made regarding the unsatisfactory train service from Wexford to Kilkenny on Sunday, July, 16th. From the complaints it appeared that the Wexford Train left Kilkenny at 6-0 p.m. and did not arrive home until midnight. Arising further out of this letter it was decided to ask the Stationmaster at Wexford to announce on the arrival of the Dublin/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train at Wexford that it was not stopping at Wexford South Station, as it appeared that some passengers had recently been carried to Rosslare Strand before they could leave the train.

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

The report on the water supply for week ended 12th inst. was submitted by the Borough Surveyor. This showed that the reservoir was now 98% below top water level which left only 9 million gallons in store. He recommended that the supply should be cut off from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. but the members thought that this would be too drastic a reduction at once

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and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the supply be cut off between the hours of 8-0 p.m. and 6-0 a.m. but that if the situation deteriorated the officials be authorised to make a further cut in the hours of supply. Arising out of questions regarding water inspections, the County Manager intimated that he would have the Borough Surveyor examine to see if there were any cases where a prosecution for waste of water would be justified.

SURFACE OF NEW LANE

In reply to a query by Councillor Doran the Town Clerk intimated that the resurfacing of New Lane at Batt Street was included in the current year's programme of road improvements and until that programme was approved by the Dept. of Local Government no steps could be taken to resurface the Streets in question.

In reply to a query Councillor Howlin was informed that the resurfacing of Roscrook had been carried out. Councillor Doran complained regarding the scavenging of William St, Maudlintown and the Faytho on Saturdays and it was pointed out that the men could not cover as much on a half-day as they would normally cover in a full day's work. Arising out of this complaint Councillor Byrne suggested that the Corporation should adopt Anti-Litter Bye-Laws, but it was suggested that this would be a waste of time until the necessary bins to take waste paper were provided.

The Borough Surveyor promised to put out whatever litter baskets were available and the Town Clerk was asked to write to various firms in the Town with a view to securing unused paint drums which could be painted and used as litter bins.

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor promised to arrange with the County Council when they were working in the Trinity Street area to have the surface of Seaview Avenue Covered.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when delegates were appointed to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities and when Ald. Morris questioned the legality of changing the delegates the Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Secretary of the Association wherein he asked (1) if it was a rule of the Association that the two delegates appointed to attend the Annual Conference next hold after a quinquennial election were to remain delegates during the life of the Council and (2) if the answer to (1) was in the affirmative - have the Council no right to change their delegates if they so consider fit.

A letter was now read from the Secretary of the Association stating that the Town Clerk's letter of the 11th ultimo was considered at a recent Meeting of the Executive Committee and he was directed to inform the Council that the rule of the Association in regard to the period for which delegates are appointed to attend Annual Conferences is explicit and reads as follows:-

"Delegates of Borough Councils, Corporations, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners shall be appointed for the period ending with the appointing Council's term of office. Should a delegate die or resign or fail to attend at least one meeting in any one year, without reasonable cause, or be guilty of conduct not in the best interest of the Council, a vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred and a substitute may be appointed by the Council which he represented or by

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the Executive Committee. Any duly appointed Delegate to have the right, if ill or unable to attend, to nominate in writing any other member or officer of the Council to attend in his stead at the Annual Conference or Executive or other Committee Meetings."

The Committee had not given a ruling on the second query.

The members considered it very peculiar that the Association did not answer the second query of the Town Clerk and Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that the Corporation adhere to their original decision of 10th ultimo that Ald. Morris and Clr. Byrne be the two delegates. Clr. Doran seconded this motion.

Ald. Morris, however, proposed that the Council carry out the rules of the Association but as there was no seconder for his amendment the proposal of Councillor Howlin seconded by Clr. Doran was declared carried.

Arising out of further discussion on this matter Councillor Howlin moved that "if the Association refused to accept the two delegates appointed at the July Meeting that the Council send no delegates to the Conference." Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was adopted with Ald. Morris dissenting.

LIGHTING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

Clr. James J. Morris raised the question of the lighting of Wexford Bridge and was informed by the County Manager that the lights would be available shortly.

The Meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall
4th September 1961

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

4th September, 1961.

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

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

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore;

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Patk. Doran, John Howlin, and John Bierney.

Councillor James J. Morris, who was absent on leave sent his apologies.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Howlin, the minutes of the last meeting, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CONGRATULATIONS

A resolution of congratulations to the Very Rev. M. J. O'Neill, former Administrator Wexford, on his appointment as Parish Priest of Kilanerin was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne and adopted unanimously.

The Mayor proposed and Councillor Thomas Byrne seconded a resolution of congratulations to Rev. Thomas Murphy, on his appointment as Administrator and to Rev. M. Doyle on his appointment as Rector Church of the Assumption. Both resolutions were adopted unanimously.

C. I. E. TRAIN SERVICES

A letter from Wexford Stationmaster in connection with announcement of Station at Wexford on the Dublin/Rosslare Harbour Boat Train each night was read and noted. A letter from the C. I. E. Area Manager, Waterford in connection with train services to Football Matches, seaside etc., was read and noted.

BARRY MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION

A letter from the New York Wexfordmen's Association, intimating that one of their members, Mr. Louis Noble would be in Wexford for the Fifth Anniversary of the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Statue on 17th September, 1961.

A letter from His Excellency the American Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Grant Stockdale, stated that His Excellency would, if his duties permit, be present for the 17th September, 1961.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE ST. PETER'S SQUARE

The following resolution, proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor John Howlin was carried unanimously:-

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"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to erect a public telephone kiosk in the St. Peter's Square area".

ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS

On the proposal of Councillor Patrick Doran, who stated that traffic on the Main Street was chaotic, it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should be requested to expedite the erection of "No Waiting" signs.

LITTER BINS

On the proposal of Alderman Corish it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should examine the matter of providing litter bins throughout the Town.

REPAIRS - MARY'S LANE

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor it was agreed that the Acting Borough Surveyor should examine the laneway known as Mary's Lane between Peter Street and Bride Street to carry out repairs.

AMENDMENTS TO WATERWORKS REGULATIONS

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Howlin this question was again adjourned to the next meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edward Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

11th September, 1961.

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 Edward Hall,
in the Chair;

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty
and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillor: Patrick Doran

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

WATER SUPPLY POSITION

A report was read on the water supply position giving figures showing the level of water in the Reservoir, the supply period, inflow and consumption, with corresponding figures for the same period in 1959.

While the position was not considered dangerous, it was definitely considered serious and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by His Worship the Mayor that an official suggestion to reduce the hours of supply from 7.0 a.m. to 7.0 p.m. be approved, the officials to be given authority to further curtail the supply if the circumstances demanded it.

The officials were urged however, to do all in their power to give water to essential industries as far as possible.

MORTGAGE DEEDS

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation deeds of mortgage giving security to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for loans of -

(a) £28,000 for the completion of housing schemes
at Corish Park and

(b) a loan of £55,800 for the erection of thirty
Working-Class houses at John Street.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Doran the following two resolutions were unanimously adopted.

(a) "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 £28,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

The Mortgage Deed in connection with the foregoing loan was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation

(b) "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 £55,800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

The Mortgage Deed covering this loan was also sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation

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TOWN DECORATION

On the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty that a sum not exceeding £150 be expended during the financial year 1961/62 on the decoration of the Town.

The meeting then terminated.

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9th October, 1961.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

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

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and
Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Thomas B yrne, John B ierney, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In attendance: The B orough Surveyor, The Town Clerk and B orough Accountant.

M I N U T E S.

On the motion of Councillor B yrne seconded by Councillor James J. Morris the minutes of 4th and 11th September copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting where taken as having been read approved and signed by the Mayor.

S Y M P A T H Y.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Thomas and Nicholas Rossiter on the death of their brother Joseph. It was recalled that Mr. Thomas Rossiter, for a considerable number of years, served as an Alderman on the Corporation.

Councillor Byrne seconded his motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and other officials and adopted in respectful silence.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S.

Councillor B yrne moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Dr. Honoria Aughney, Chief Medical Officer, on her appointment to the Cancer Research Council. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was supported by the members and officials and adopted with acclamation.

T E L E P H O N E K I O S K.

A letter from the Department of Post & Telegraphs was read intimating that the revenue from public telephone kiosks in Wexford would not justify (at the present time) the erection of a kiosk in St. Peter's Square and it was unanimously decided to refer this back to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs pointing out to him the large area surrounding St. Peter's Square which is without a public telephone service.

V O C A T I O N A L C O M M I T T E E.

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. M. J. O'Neill, P.P., Kilanerin. Councillor Byrne proposed that the Rev. Thomas Murphy, Adm., be appointed and Alderman John O'Flaherty seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

P E N S I O N S A N D G R A T U I T I E S.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor B yrne extra expenditure on the G eneral Purposes Account in the financial year ending 31st March next was approved in respect of the provisional of pension for Francis Mason former Cartaker of the Vocational School in the sum of £55 (fifty-five pounds) and for marriage gratuities in respect of three female members of the Corporation staff in the sum of £1,050 (one thousand and fifty pounds).

Arising on this matter Councillor Byrne raised the question of making provision for retiring and marriage gratuities and this matter was referred to the Finance Committee to consider when preparing the estimates for 1962/63.

STAFF CHANGES.

The County Manager recommended that following the retirement of Miss M. C. Bolger, Clerical Officer, that the office of Clerical Officer be abolished and in lieu thereof that an extra office of Clerk-typist be created. This recommendation was approved on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne.

DIFFERENTIALS FOR EMPLOYEES.

Recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that the differentials paid to the Caretaker of the Water Works at Coolree; the Caretaker of the Cemetery and Carters under Circular E.L./76/50 of 23rd December, 1950, be increased by 50% was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish, and expenditure in the sum of £150 on the Sanitary Services account authorised.

Arising out of these matters the members asked if the remuneration of Caretaker's of Public Conveniences and Watchmen would be adjusted and the Town Clerk intimated that these would be adjusted.

Also arising out of this matter it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Corish that a couple of spare oil coats should be available for use by temporary employees in wet weather.

TOOL SHED AT CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

The Mayor referred to the condition of the Tool Shed at St. Iba's Cemetery Crosstown and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had a shed ready to erect there when he was finished with it at another job in town.

WATER WORKS REGULATIONS.

A recommendation from the Borough Surveyor that the Water Works regulations be amended to the permit of the use of plastic and copper pipes as follows:-

- (a). Pipes of unplasticized Polyvinyl chloride (hard P.V.C.);
- (b). Copper tubing not less than 18 gauge for half inch and three-quarter inch sizes and 16 gauge for one inch sizes;
- (c). Polythene tubing heavy gauge was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Doran.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

Much pleasure was expressed at the result of the Tidy Towns Competition and the hope is expressed that building on direct sites throughout the town would soon take place.

TELEPHONE CABLE CONDUITS.

With reference to minutes of previous meeting on the subject of the proposal of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to lay telephone conduits throughout the town, a revised proposal was now submitted from the Department and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Byrne permission was unanimously given for the provision of the conduit subject to the amendments suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

DAVITT ROAD, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Reference was made to the recent excavation made by the E.S.B. at Davitt Road South and St. John's Road and the meeting was informed that repairs would be carried out in the near future.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to take up with the E.S.B. the question of expediting the removal of the pole at the corner of John Street/Rowe Street.

AUDITORS REPORT.

The report of the Local Government Auditor re year 1959/60 was next submitted to the meeting but Councillor Byrne asked to have this adjourned to enable him to examine it.

DERELICT SITE GIBSON STREET.

Reference was made to a derelict site at Gibson Street and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have a dangerous eave gutter there removed.

JOHN STREET HOUSING.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked the Housing Engineer be requested to increase the labour force on the John Street Housing Scheme with a view to early completion.

FERRYBANK.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the Local Government Department Engineer had inspected the proposals for the Ferrybank promenade and he believed that the proposals would be sanctioned.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to ask what areas had been completed under the Repairs to Artizans Dwellings Scheme and as he was unable to give the information offhand, it was unanimously decided that it should be prepared and circulated to the members with the total expenditure to date.

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor intimated that the erection of the traffic signs would begin in the coming week.

URBAN ROAD GRANT.

The Borough Surveyor in reply to Councillor Doran intimated that the repair work of Batt St., upper and lower would depend on the availability of the County Council machinery as soon as the details had been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government.

FOOTPATHS.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was directed to a broken footpath in Gibson Street opposite Bergin's Hairdressing Saloon. Reference was made also to the condition of the Green and the Borough Surveyor promised to carry out repairs.

Councillor Byrne asked the Town Clerk to draw the attention of the Gardai to the practice of parking cars on Both footpaths in School Street and Lower John Street on Sunday mornings.

Alderman Flaherty asked the Town Clerk to enquire from the Gardai if under the new traffic act it was necessary to have lights on motor cars parked on streets during the night.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was authorised up to 31st December, 1961.

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6th November, 1961.

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

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

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish,
Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Patrick Bierney, John Howlin,
Frank Cullimore and Thomas Byrne.

In Attendance: The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish the minutes meeting held on 9th October, 1961, 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.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S.

An acknowledgement was read from Rev. Thomas Murphy Adm., thanking the Corporation for their recent vote of congratulations on his appointment as Administrator; and also intimating that he had accepted their invitation to fill the vacancy on the town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of his predecessor Very Rev. M. J. O'Neill, P.P., Kilenerin.

A letter was also read from Dr. Honoria Aughney, Chief Medical Officer, thanking the Corporation for their message of congratulations on her appointment to the Cancer Research Council.

W A G E S A D J U S T M E N T S.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman K. C. Morris, a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager was adopted that the wages and hours of work of building Trades Operatives be adjusted as from 4th October, 1961, as follows:-
Wages of craftsmen to be increased by 8d. per hour; wages of unskilled workers by 7d. per hour and the working hours of all such operatives be reduced to 45 hours.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish, the following wage adjustments recommended by the County Manager were also approved.

- (a). Rates of Wages for Apprentices.
- (b). That the present rate of £3. 9. 5d. per week paid to Caretakers of Public Conveniences be increased to £4. 0. 0d. per week, with effect as on and from 7th July last.
- (c). That the wages of Watchmen be increased to 1/7½d. per hour with effect as on and from 7th July last.
- (d). That the wages of Grave Diggers be increased by 11/- per week, as on and from 7th July last.
- (e). That the wages of the Foreman be increased to £12. 12. 11d. per week as on and from 7th July last.

It was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish that extra expenditure in the sum of £250 be authorised on the Sanitary Service account during the current year to cover the cost of the foregoing increases applicable to that account.

BUILDING SITES DAVITT ROAD SOUTH.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that subject to the necessary legal formalities being complied with that a recommendation from the County Manager to set aside building sites suitable for the erection of bungalows at Davitt Road South in fee simple for the sum of £60 be approved.

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LITTER BINS.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish to purchase twelve standard litter bins to be placed at strategic points throughout the town, and an extra expenditure on the Sanitary Services Account in the current year of £25 was authorised to cover the purchase and erection of these bins.

JOHN STREET HOUSES.

With reference to minutes of last meeting on a request was made that the Housing Engineer should be asked to increase the labour force on the John Street Housing Scheme, a letter was read from the Engineer intimating that owing to the impossibility of securing masons it was not possible to employ any further labour on this job.

This gave rise to a discussion on a recent notice issued by the Town Clerk to the existing tenants in John Street intimating that they would be required to vacate their dwellings temporarily pending the erection of the John Street houses, after some discussion it was decided to ask the Housing Engineer to meet the Council as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

TENDERS FOR MATERIALS.

Tenders for the supply of building materials for the John Street and Faythe Housing Scheme were opened and referred to the Housing Engineer for a recommendation.

BARRY MEMORIAL.

At this stage Alderman Morris moved that the Corporation protest against the failure of the American Ambassador to attend the Commodore John Barry Celebrations in September last. Councillor Byrne seconded. The Alderman in moving this motion said he had been asked to do so by the Wexford Mens' Association in New York who had been very active in securing the Barry Statute for Wexford.

The motion was not received favourably by the members, a number of whom appealed to the Alderman to withdraw it and have the whole matter struck out of the records, but he insisted in spite of the fact that it was pointed out to him by the Town Clerk that such protest, if any, would have much more effect if made by the Wexford Mens' Association in New York, and that it was not the function of the Corporation to criticize the action of the representative of another state in this country. The Town Clerk also pointed out that such action by the Corporation could embarrass the Minister for External Affairs.

Eventually Councillor Howlin moved an amendment that no action be taken on Alderman Morris's complaint, which amended was seconded by Councillor Doran and adopted by nine votes to 2 against.

HORSE RIVER.

Councillor Howlin asked if all the work had been completed on the Horse River and on been informed by the Borough Surveyor that all the work he could do at the moment had been completed, the Councillor complained that there were trees across the river at the rear of Leinster Terrace Houses which he thought should be removed by the Corporation as had been done in previous years. The Borough Surveyor denied that trees had ever been cut during his period of office and Councillor Howlin then intimated that he would raise the matter on another occasion and submit evidence that trees had been cut in recent years.

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that notice would be given by the Garda authorities as to when the new Traffic Regulations would be enforced. Arising out of this reference was made to the parking of cars in the market place in the Bull Ring and the Town Clerk was asked to examine this matter with a view to seeing if it would be possible to secure a revenue for the privilege of keeping cars there.

FOOTPATHS.

A complaint was made that a lorry load of sand had been dumped on the footpath of High Street for the past two weeks and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Foreman in connection with this matter.

DERELICT SITES.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of derelict sites at Cornmarket, Main Street and Gibson Street, and it was unanimously agreed that steps should be taken to deal with them under the Derelict Sites Act, 1960.

SINNOTT'S LANE.

The attention of the Foreman was to be drawn to the condition of Sinnott's Lane with a view to having it cleaned up.

DERELICT SITE MONCK STREET.

It was unanimously agreed to advertise for sale a cleared site at Monck Street, which had been acquired by the Corporation some years ago under the Derelict Sites Act and cleared and levelled.

COATS FOR WORKERS.

Attention was called to the fact that coats, which it had been said at the last meeting should be provided for casual workers had not yet been provided.

E.S.B. POLE.

A complaint was made with regard to the condition of an electric pole at Distillery Road and the attention of the E.S.B. was to be drawn thereto.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS DWELLINGS.

A report on the work done to date on the Repair of artizans dwellings, which had been circulated to the members, was examined. The Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine the house in Trinity Street occupied by Kelly where it was stated sewerage was bursting up in the hall at times.

R E N T S .

Alderman Corish asked applications for revision of rents under the graded rent scheme be examined, and decided as soon as possible.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the sanitary convenience at South Main Street and the Borough Surveyor was asked to report thereon.

DAVITT ROAD FOOTPATH.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to have the repairs carried out to the footpath at Davitt Road North and to the paths leading to some of the Firemens houses there.

CLIFFORD STREET.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to carry out temporary repairs to Clifford Street and open the street to traffic now that the wall there had been repaired.

PAINTING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to submit an estimate for painting the Council Chamber.

OLD TOWN WALL AND DUMPING GROUND.

Expenditure for the amount of £20 for repairs to the turret of the old Town Wall, Cornmarket was authorised, and the sum of £50 for the planting of trees in the dump at Park was also authorised on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT FERRYBANK, WEXFORD.

The following letter addressed to the Town Clerk was read from Bord Failte Eiroann:-

"Following the recent announcement and circular issued by the Department of Local Government relating to amenity schemes, we have had discussions with that Department. The case of the development at Ferrybank was raised and we have now been informed that this scheme will be eligible for the Local Government Grants Scheme. Your Corporation may wish therefore, to make a submission to the Department of Local Government in accordance with the memorandum of the Department, copy attached. We also are interested in this project, taking account of its tourist value, we would make a contribution of 25%. We hope therefore, that the Corporation will avail of these incentives to have the work carried out as quickly as possible".

Following the reading of this letter, the Town Clerk intimated that a meeting had been held between the development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Corporation, as a result of which it had been unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to take steps to secure these grants.

Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation take immediate steps to develop the Ferrybank area and that they agree to contribute 25% of the cost of the entire development; proposals to be prepared and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

PAINTING OF FORMER MAYOR.

At the request of Dr. Hadden, it was unanimously agreed to accept a portrait of a former Mayor which a relative of Dr. Hadden's wished to present to the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

4th December, 1961.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day in the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair. Aldermen John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, John Howlin, Patrick Doran, Patrick Cullen, James J. Morris.

In Attendance:- The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Housing Engineer.

MINUTES.

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

SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mrs. McLeod, widow of the former American Ambassador to Ireland on the sudden death of her husband. The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy on the death of Rev. Edward Wheeler. Councillor Byrne seconded both motions, which were adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Councillor Cullen moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Sarsfield Football Team on winning the County Championship. Alderman Morris seconded the motion and complimented the cross-country running team on winning the Leinster Championship. Both resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

JOHN STREET HOUSES.

With reference to minutes of last meeting it was decided that the Housing Engineer should meet the Corporation to consider the position regarding the temporary removal of the residents in the John Street houses pending the completion of the new scheme.

This matter was examined at length and it was seen that nothing could be done to keep the people in their houses until houses were available for them in the area, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Officials to deal with the people as sympathetically as possible having regard to the individual circumstances of each case.

BUILDING SITES - DAVITT ROAD.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it had been decided to dispose of building sites for bungalows at Davitt Road South in fee simple for the sum of £60 each. The necessary notice to comply with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 had been given to each member under date of the 9th ultimo and it was not unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish that the resolution of the 6th November be approved and that the building sites suitable for bungalows at Davitt Road South be disposed of in fee simple for £60 each subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEMAND.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee requesting the Council to agree to a contribution equal to the product of a rate of 1/3d. in the pound for the financial year 1962/63. In support of the application the estimates of the Committee were submitted and after examination it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman K.C. Morris seconded by Councillor John Howlin; that a local contribution of 1/3d (one shilling and threepence) in the pound on the rateable valuation of the Borough at 1st April 1961 be made to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the financial year commencing on 1st April 1962.

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Arising out of this matter it was decided to again request the Town Committee to take up with the County Vocational Committee the matter of rural students being accommodated in the town school without any contribution being made by the County Committee as is the practice in other areas.

SHELTER AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that to provide a proper shelter at St. Ibar's Cemetery Crossstown would cost £250, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Doran the provision of this shelter was unanimously approved, and the additional expenditure in 1961/62 agreed to, the amount involved to be raised in the rate estimate for the year 1962/63.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to have the gates leading to the cemetery proper cleaned and painted and to submit an estimate for the painting of the Council Chamber.

DUKE STREET AREA.

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk intimated that the Borough Surveyor was in the course of preparing maps for the proposed clearance of the Duke Street area.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

An estimate was submitted to the Borough Surveyor for the cost of painting the two public conveniences at a total cost of £70, and it was unanimously agreed that this should be done and the additional expenditure for 1961/62 approved; the amount to be raised in the rate estimate for 1962/63.

ABBEY STREET BUILDINGS.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the Department of Local Government had been requested to have the sites inspected with a view to determining if the Corporation would be permitted to build thereon, and so far he had not received any decision and promised to enquire further into the matter.

DRAIN AT TRINITY STREET.

The Borough Surveyor reported on the condition of the drain complained of by Mr. Kelly in No. 15 Trinity Street and intimated that he proposed to divert the drain question as soon as men were available.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne that a public light be placed opposite the Boys' Club at Bishopswater, and it was also agreed that lights be placed at the new housing scheme at Tuskar View and the Town Clerk was asked to examine the possibility of providing a light between the furniture factory at Belvedere Road and the Cross of Summerhill.

OLD TOWN WALL CORNMARKE

Councillor Doran on behalf of the Old Wexford Society congratulated the Corporation workmen on the splendid work done repairing the old town wall at Cornmarket.

ALTERATION OF E.S.B. POLES.

The question was again raised regarding the alteration of E.S.B. poles at the Junctions of Rowe Street/John Street and Mary Street/John Street. The Town Clerk intimated that he had been in touch on several occasions with the E.S.B. in connection with this matter. He had again been in touch with the local representative this afternoon and had arranged a meeting for the following day with the Area Engineer and he would impress on him the necessity of having these poles altered without delay.

MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

Reference was made to a deep depression in the top of the road at Byrne's Lane the condition of the street at the junction of the road with the main road in streets where the temporary tarmac covering had sunk, and the Borough Surveyor promised to deal with these matters as soon as possible.

X M A S T R E E .

A letter was read by His Worship the Mayor from Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan, Organising Secretary of the Christmas Vocal Recitals in the Bull Ring, requesting the Corporation to assist in the provision of a christmas tree and the lighting thereof, but after some discussion it was decided that this would be a matter better dealt with by the Wexford Chamber of Commerce who had assisted in this function on a previous occasion, and Mr. O'Sullivan was to be so informed.

COATS FOR WORKMEN .

In reply to a query by Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that he had given instructions some time ago for the purchase of 2 oilcoats for use by temporary workmen.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

11th December, 1961.

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 Councillor Edward Hall in the Chair. Aldermen K. C. Morris, Nicholas P. Corish, and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors - Patrick Doran, Thomas Byrne, John Howlin, James Morris, Frank Cullimore, Patrick Cullen and Patrick Bierney.

FERRYBANK - DEVELOPMENT.

With reference to minutes of 6th November last when it was unanimously decided to approve the development of the Ferrybank area at the approximate cost of £120,000. It was now reported that negotiations for the purchase of the land from the Sisters of the St. John of God had been completed. The Order at first asked a sum of £4,000, but after lengthy negotiations had agreed to dispose of the 10 acres (approximately) for the sum of £2,000, the Corporation to meet Auctioneer's fees and legal expenses.

This offer was considered reasonable and after a short discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman K. C. Morris seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne to accept the offer and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to purchase the land for the sum of £2,000 plus Auctioneer's fees and legal expenses.

The meeting also asked the Town Clerk to express the thanks of the Corporation to the sub-committee and in particular to Mr. Fitzpatrick who had carried out the negotiations.

Alderman Flaherty asked the Town Clerk to examine the Gaming & Lotteries Act with a view to ascertaining if it would be possible to prevent carnivals by outside bodies being held in town.

Before the meeting terminated His Worship the Mayor thanked Alderman Corish for presenting him with the Mayoral Chair.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

8th January, 1962.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m., The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the Chair.
Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, John Howlin and Patrick Doran. The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne the minutes of meetings of 4th and 11th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

A letter was read from Most. Rev. James Staunton, D.D., Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with himself and the clergy on the death of Rev. Fr. Wheeler.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Stephen Mahony, a former member of the Council. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion.

Councillor Byrne also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Presentation Order on the death of Rev. Mother Aquinas. Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

Both motions were supported by all the members and officials present and adopted in respectful silence.

LORRY LOAN.

There was submitted to the meeting a deed of mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a loan of £1,420 proposed to be borrowed for the purchase of a lorry and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved "that pursuant to the letter of sanction, dated 24th November, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,420 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a lorry for domestic scavenging and other purposes, to be repaid within seven 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 approved 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 Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

AUDITOR'S REPORT V.E.C.,

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee was submitted to the meeting and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the report was adopted.

GROUND RENTS COMMISSION

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ground Rents Commission, inquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to make representation and to give the benefit of their advice and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin that the Town Clerk should prepare a memorandum on this matter for consideration by the Corporation, before submitting evidence.

In the meantime the Town Clerk was to inform the Commission that the Council would be glad to give every assistance in their power as they favoured the abolition of Ground Rents.

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A report was submitted on steps which had been taken to deal with certain derelict sites in the town. The first site was one at South Main Street. The Town Clerk reported that the owner had been requested to submit proposals for preventing this site from continuing to be derelict and had replied that she proposed to build a wall around it as soon as possible. The Town Clerk was asked to make sure that this matter was not allowed to remain in abeyance too long.

The Town Clerk also reported that similar steps had been taken regarding two derelict sites at Abbey Street. In this case a letter was read from the Solicitors for the owners intimating that having had the sites inspected they were prepared to hand them over to the Corporation if they would be responsible for clearing, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept this offer.

MONCK STREET - DERELICT SITE

Two tenders were submitted for the purchase of derelict sites at Monck St., and on being opened they were found to be from Luke Murphy, The Cools, Barntown, Wexford, who offered the sum of £106 and Mr. Denis O'Connor, Upper Rowe St., who offered the sum of £60. These tenders were referred to the County Manager.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS.

A number of tenders were submitted for electric light installation and building materials for 7 houses at the Faythe and these were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer for consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Alderman Corish referred to the pressure of water in the town during the last few weeks and was informed that this was due to burst pipes as a result of the heavy frost.

Councillor Doran raised the question of the resurfacing of Batt. Street, and the Faythe Lane and Alderman Corish the resurfacing of Whitmill Road. In both cases the Borough Surveyor informed the members that he had made arrangements with the Co. Council to carry out the work on these roads and streets under the Urban Roads Improvement Grant as soon as the Co. Council machinery was in town to carry out work themselves on the continuation of the Whitmill Road from the Borough Boundary.

Alderman Morris raised the question of the surface of Clifford St., and the Borough Surveyor promised to carry out repairs there too.

Councillor Doran raised the question of lighting of William St., and Tuskar View, and the Town Clerk promised to deal with this matter as soon as possible. The Local representative of the E.S.B. had asked him to go out with him on the previous Friday with a view to determining the exact position of these lights and the one at Summerhill Cross, but the Town Clerk was unable to go on Friday but would make another appointment as soon as possible with a view to having these lights fixed.

A complaint was also made regarding the readjustment of the electric pole at the junction of John Street/Rowe Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a definite assurance from the E.S.B. before Christmas that this work would be carried out the first week in January, but up to the present nothing had been done.

The Mayor referred to the provision of school signs at the Faythe, and stated he understood that as a "speed limit" would shortly come into operation in the town that these would now be unnecessary.

As regards the parking regulations the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána asking what the position was.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was authorised up to 31st March, 1962.

Edmund Hall.

Edmund Hall

22nd January, 1962.

A special meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock, p.m., The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Cullen, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

The meeting had been convened at the request of His Worship the Mayor to consider whether or not it would be advisable to close down work on the E.S.V., scheme at Ferrybank pending more settled weather conditions.

A report was read on the matter from the Borough Surveyor who was unable to be present.

Mr. McNally stated - I have your notification re special meeting to consider the advisability of closing down work at Ferrybank pending more settled weather conditions. I had this in mind myself and had no intention of carrying out concreting work until such time as reasonably calm weather ~~prev~~ prevailed. Only preparatory work is at present in hands and I have made arrangements to cease work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week. I am unwilling to stop work for the full week as it would mean that the following week the men would have no money at the weekend. In any event, any work for the next week or so would consist of concrete work in forms at each side to form concrete kerbs and this work could be protected reasonably well.

This matter was discussed at length and eventually it was moved by Councillor Howlin Seconded by Alderman K. C. Morris and unanimously agreed that the question of whether or not work on the promenade should proceed in the present weather be left entirely for the Borough Surveyor to decide.

In this connection however, the Town Clerk was asked to point out to the Borough Surveyor that in the view of the members care should be taken to ensure that no work would be carried out under unfavourable conditions which might afterwards render such work defective.

Councillor Doran asked the Town Clerk to draw the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the out-fall sewer from Maudlintown.

A complaint was made that one of the parking signs had been broken down in Allen St., and had been left in the adjoining carpark.

A complaint was also made that the public tap in Green St., was leaking.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also to be drawn to the cutting at the Junction of King St., and Main St., by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs which, it was stated, was dangerous.

The meeting then terminated.

Edward Hall

5th February, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- K. C. Morris, Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Cullen, James J. Morris and Frank Cullimore.

In Attendance:- The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of meetings of 8th and 27th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to His Lordship Most. Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, on the occasion of the 23rd Anniversary of his Consecration as Bishop, which event took place this day, and wishing him many years of health and happiness to rule over the See of Saint Aidan. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager who was unavoidably absent, and on his own behalf and adopted with acclamation.

The Mayor also moved that congratulations be extended to the Wexford Boxers who had recently reached success in boxing contests. This motion was also seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Very Rev. M. J. O'Neill, P.P., Kilanerin, formerly Administrator of Wexford, on the death of his brother. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Joseph Sinnott, an old employee of the Corporation. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was also supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

An acknowledgement of a vote of sympathy passed at a previous meeting was read from the relatives of the late Stephen Mahony, Bride Street.

DUKE STREET AREA

There was submitted to the meeting a plan of the proposed acquisition of property in the John Street/Duke Street and Francis Street area. The Duke Street portion of it was 75% a derelict and the houses in the other parts of the area were considered as unfit for human habitation. On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the plan as submitted was unanimously approved and directions given that whatever steps were necessary be taken without delay to deal with the acquisition and clearance of the areas as shown thereon.

GROUND AT FISHER'S ROW

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that a plot of ground at the rear of his dwelling be sold to Mr. Patrick Morris, Fisher's Row for the sum of £10 and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the necessary notice under Section 83 of the

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Local Government Act, 1946 be issued to the members so that the proposal could be legally adopted at the next meeting.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

A letter from the Garda Síochána regarding the traffic bye-laws was read intimating that as the bye-laws were not in force at the time of the coming into operation of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, they could not now be enforced but would have to be redrafted in accordance with the new Act. The Commissioner intimated that the question of the redrafting of the bye-laws had been referred to the Chief Supt., Wexford.

It was unanimously decided to request the Chief Supt., to state what the present position was.

PENSIONERS

In accordance with notice given, Alderman O'Flaherty moved "having regard to the steep increase in the cost of living, we request the Ministers for Finance and Social Welfare to consider the position of Old Age Pensioners when framing the budget proposals for next year". Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present and amended to include other state pensioners at the request of Alderman Morris and unanimously adopted.

HOUSING SURVEY

In accordance with notice given, Alderman O'Flaherty also moved that the Corporation direct the carrying out of a housing survey of the northern portion of the town with a view to erecting houses in the area. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this motion a suggestion by Councillor Doran that the question of the erection of flats should be considered, was not favoured.

TENDERS FOR GATES AND FENCES

Tenders were submitted for the supply of gates and fencing for 30 houses at John St., and 7 houses at the Faythe and were opened and initialled by his Worship the Mayor.

RATE COLLECTION

In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that the rate collection at present time was 79% as against 82% in 1961 and 72% in 1960.

In reply to a further question by the Alderman the Town Clerk stated that he was satisfied with the rate collection. The small drop in percentage was accounted for by the fact that the office collection had developed into a more normal pattern and a considerable number of people were now paying the first moiety of the rate in the first half of the year, rather than waiting to pay the total rate in the second half.

The attention of the ratepaying public was again directed to the fact that the first moiety of the rate was due and payable on demand and the second moiety due and payable on 1st October each year, and not in full on 31st March as a number of people seemed to be under the impression.

COST OF REPAIRS TO HOUSES

In reply to a further query by Alderman O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that the total cost of repairs to artisans dwellings up to 27th ultimo was £2,526, comprised of wages £1,788 and materials £738. Arising out of this, reference was made to the condition of Mr. Dunne's house at Upper William Street where repairs to a wall had been commenced some three weeks ago and left unfinished since. A complaint was also made regarding the condition of the roof of Mr. Leeson's house, Parnell St., which was regarded as dangerous, and the Borough Surveyor stated it required reroofing. A complaint was also made regarding the condition of the gable end of Miss Wholan's house at 18, Distiller's Road and the Borough Surveyor promised to look into this immediately.

R O A D S

The following matters in connection with roads were raised:-

The condition of the junction of the Faythe and Fisher's Row; the junction of Oyster Lane and Main Street and the Whitemill Road portion inside the Borough and the Borough Surveyor was asked to deal with these matters immediately.

A complaint was also made regarding the dangerous condition of a cutting by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs at the Junction of Main Street and King St., and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the Co. Engineer's Office.

There was laid before the meeting copies of plans for the following buildings for which planning permission had been granted by the Manager:-

House at Ferrybank for Mr. Fogarty of Enniscorthy,
House at "Strandfield" for Mr. F. X. Butler,
A workshop at Redmond Road for the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs; and
a proposed development for two houses at the Junction of Spawell Road and Hill Street.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin the decision of the Manager in these cases was approved.

RESOLUTION FROM SINN FEIN

The business of the meeting having been concluded Councillor Byrne asked if a resolution had been received from the Padraig O'Pearaill Cumann of Sinn Fein and if so, why it had not been included on the agenda.

In reply the Town Clerk stated that some years ago the Corporation had directed him not to place on the agenda resolutions or motions from outside public bodies or organisations, and consequently, this resolution amongst others, which he had received during the previous month did not appear on the agenda for this meeting.

In reply to a further query as to whether or not the letter could be read and discussed, the Town Clerk stated that his instructions were not to place it on the agenda, what the Council done afterwards was entirely a matter for themselves to decide.

His Worship the Mayor then moved that the letter be discussed. Councillor Byrne seconded and on a vote being taken, six voted for the motion, four against and Alderman O'Flaherty asked to be recorded as not voting.

The resolution called for (1) The Immediate abolition of the Offences against the State Act, 1939.

(2) The immediate and unconditional release of all Republican prisoners in Irish and British Jails; and

(3) The immediate termination of the collaboration of the 26-County Government with the British Crown Forces in the occupied portion of our territory.

After the letter and resolution had been read, His Worship the Mayor also moved its adoption. Councillor Byrne seconded. It was supported by Councillors Howlin, Cullen, Doran and Alderman Corish.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris opposed the adoption of the resolution and on a vote being taken they voted, six for, four against, with Alderman O'Flaherty not voting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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Edward Hall
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5th March, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m. The members present being His worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Kevin Morris, John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Howlin, John Bierney, Thomas Byrne and Patrick Doran.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of meeting of the 5th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor, subject to the correction, at the request of Alderman Morris, to the effect that he had asked at last meeting when the question of the clearance of the Duke Street/John Street area was under consideration that special consideration be given to the cases of Mr. Stamp and Mr. Wilson who had established businesses in the area.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting had commenced His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor James J. Morris and Mr. Daniel Nolan on the death of Miss Anastasia Nolan, an aunt of the Councillor's. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of voted of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the Community of the Presentation Convent, Wexford, and from the widow of the late Scott McLeod former United States Ambassador to Ireland.

A letter was also read from His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns returning his sincere thanks to the Corporation and Officials for their kind message of congratulations on the occasion of his 23rd Anniversary as Bishop of Ferns.

Letters were read from the Minister of Social Welfare and the Minister for Finance acknowledging receipt of resolutions regarding Old Age Pensioners.

A letter was read from the Minister of Post and Telegraphs intimating that he was not prepared to accede to the request of the Council that a telephone kiosk should be erected at St. Peter's Square.

In this connection it was decided to suggest to the Minister that the kiosk at Redmond Monument would be more suitable sited in St. Peter's Square than in its present position.

I. P. B. MUTUAL INSURANCES.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Howlin should be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

It was also agreed at the request of some of the members that Councillor Howlin should represent the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee at this meeting.

PROPOSED MUSEUM.

A letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce seeking the support of the Corporation for the provision of a museum.

When this letter was read Councillor Howlin suggested that the matter should be taken up with the Liaison Committee to ascertain what help would be expected from the Corporation in the matter of providing and maintaining such a museum.

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CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued in respect of the Abbey Cinema at George's Street.

FISHING RIGHTS COOLREE RESERVOIR.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to renew the fishing rights at Coolree Reservoir for the Loch Garman Sea and River Angling Club.

GUIDE TO WEXFORD.

Correspondence was read from the sentinel Press Ltd., and the Home Publishing Co. requesting permission to publish an official guide to Wexford.

In this connection Alderman O'Flaherty stated he understood that the local Chamber of Commerce who had already published a guide to Wexford were preparing a second edition and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Morris it was decided to refer this matter to the Liaison Committee between the Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Development Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTS.

Correspondence was read from the E.S.B. regarding the provision of public lights at Tuskar view, Summer Hill, Bishopswater, William St. and Trinity Place. The board quoted the following figures as initial contributions payable on completion of the work:- Tuskar View £4.15s., Summer Hill £14., Bishopswater £18., William St. nil. and Trinity Place £14.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to provide the lights at Tuskar View at a capital cost of £4. 15s. and to alter one of the existing lights to a new position at William St. for which no charge would be made. As regards the Bishopswater light the members could not understand why a charge of £18. was necessary as there was a pole where the light was required and the Town Clerk was asked to make further inquiries.

STOP SIGNS.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the question of the provision of stop signs at Davitt Road/St. John's Rd and Summerhill Rd/Talbot St., be examined, Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was agreed to. Arising out of this matter Councillor Doran referred to the provision of School Signs at the Faythe and the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit an estimate of cost.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a formal acknowledgement of his letter to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda inquiring what the present position was regarding the Traffic bye-laws, and at the request of the Council promised to take the matter up again with the Superintendent.

GROUND AT FISHER'S ROW.

A recommendation of the Co. Manager "that a plot of ground containing approximately six perches be demised to Mr. Patrick Morris, Fishers Row for the sum of £10." was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Arising out of this, reference was made to the ground adjoining Mr. Morris's residence which is at present being used as a dump and the officials were asked to examine this with a view to seeing if it would be used by Mr. Morris and Mr. P. Brady pending its requirement by the Corporation for Building purposes.

NORTH END HOUSING SURVEY.

In reply to a query by Councillor Doran the Town Clerk intimated that the officials had not yet time to go into the question of survey in the North end of the town.

SICK LEAVE SCHEME.

Councillor Howlin asked the County Manager to examine the existing sick leave scheme for Corporation employees which at present only applied to certain employees who were on the Superannuation Register in February, 1956 and pending such an examination he also asked the Manager if he would deal with individual applications for sick leave on their merits.

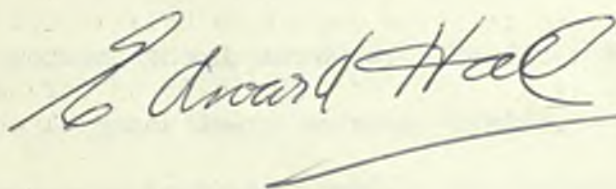
The Manager agreed to this course.

MISCELLANEOUS

In reply to a question by the Mayor the Borough Surveyor intimated that the footpath at Barrack St. was in a bad condition but it was not due to an action by the Corporation employees but by lorries driving over it. The mayor also referred to dumping at Davitt Road South and the Town Clerk promised to draw the foreman's attention to this matter.

Councillor Howlin referred to a recent discussion at a meeting of the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee during which it appeared that the Chief Executive Officer was recommending that Irish Scholarships should be tenable in the Gaelteach rather than at Coloiste Charman and proposed that the members of the Vocational Educational Committee be asked not to permit such a change. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present including the members of the Vocational Educational Committee and adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edward Hall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

12th March, 1962.

A Meeting of the Corporation Acting as a Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 p.m. for a preliminary examination of the estimates of expenditure and receipts for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1963. The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair, Alderman: John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty, and Kevin C. Morris; Councillors: Patrick Doran, John Bierney, James J. Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Before the business proper of the meeting commenced an invitation from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for the Corporation to take part in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was read, but it was decided that the Corporation would attend the Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the usual way.

The first business was to consider an application from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union on behalf of the unskilled workers employed by the Corporation (other than Building Trades Workers) for an increase of 11/- per week. It was explained that this increase had been granted by the other employers in the town through the Federated Union of Employers and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to grant this increase.

An application was also submitted for a salary increase by the Borough Surveyor and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris this application was refused.

A further application was submitted from the Committee of the Redmond Memorial Park asking the Corporation to grant them a subsidy towards the maintenance of the Park and after some discussion this matter was adjourned to enable the Corporation to consult the Committee on the future of this Park.

The next business of the meeting was to consider details of sums voted in the current year for inclusion in the estimates for 1962/63. These were:-

- | | |
|--|---------|
| (1) Batteries for Scavenging Truck. | £422. |
| (2) Clearance of derelict site at Monk Street, | £400. |
| (3) Hire of Lorry in lieu of electric Truck. | £180. |
| (4) Wages increases. | £750. |
| (5) Pensions and Gratuities. | £1,105. |
| (6) Shelter at St. Ibar's Cemetery, | 250. |
| (7), Painting Public Sanitary Conveniences | 70. |
| (8) Planting Dump. | 50. |
| (9) Repairs to Town Hall | 20. |

TOTAL.

£3,247.

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In addition to the foregoing the Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for repairs to the outfall sewer at Maudlintown amounting to £750 and for the erection of a wall adjoining the railway property at Maudlintown amounting to £1,000.

After examining the foregoing figures in detail it was agreed to adjourn consideration of them until the next meeting which is to be held on the 19th instant and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to attend to give an explanation regarding various matters contained in the estimates of expenses.

THE MEETING TERMINATED.

Edward Hall

19th March, 1962.

A further meeting of the Corporation acting as a Finance Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m. The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall, in the chair; Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and John Cullimore, Councillors: Patrick Doran, James J. Morris, John Bierney, Thomas Byrne.

Apologies were read from Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin. The County Manager and Borough Surveyor were in attendance.

The over-expenditure for 1961/62 and the detailed estimates for 1962/3 were carefully examined item by item.

On the matter of the clearance of the derelict site at Monck Street it appeared that following the intimation of a grant of £100 towards the cost of clearing the site, the estimate of £400 could be reduced by £120.

As regards the Scavenging Truck and the hire of a lorry in lieu of same while awaiting the new batteries the Borough Surveyor's explanations given at the time of the failure of the batteries were again read and it was seen that nothing could be done as the money had already been spent, with the consent of the council. On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Bierney it was agreed to reduce the estimate for the provision of a shelter at St. Ibar's Cemetery by £50, the Borough Surveyor having intimated that by erecting part of it on the existing wall he would be able to save £50.

It was also decided that tenders should be obtained for the work of erection of the shelter.

As regards the estimate of £750 for the outfall sewer at Maudlintown it was agreed that tenders should be invited for this work on the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Alderman Morris.

As regards the provision of the Maudlintown wall adjoining the property of Coras Iompair Eireann the Borough Surveyor submitted a revised estimate for this work at a cost of £1,200 and this matter was referred to the Corporation for consideration.

The Borough Surveyor reported on the number of houses repaired during the year and it was agreed that a copy of this be circulated to the members. He also reported that he had found defective timber in the door and window frame of some of the new houses and this report was referred to the Corporation, for consideration.

After careful consideration of all the figures it was seen that nothing could be done to reduce the estimates and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should meet at 7.15 p.m. as an Estimates Committee on the 26th instant, before the formal Estimates Meeting to be held at 8.15. p.m.

Before the meeting terminated Alderman Morris intimated that he wished to protest against half the members being absent from this very important meeting.

Edward Hall

26th March, 1962.

The Estimates Meeting of the Corporation (at first in Committee) was held this day the the Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7.15 p.m. The members present being his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair, Aldermen R.C. Morris, John Cullimore, Nicholas Corish and John O'Flaherty; Councillors James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, and Frank Cullimore, The County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were also in attendance.

WAGES INCREASE.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by his Worship the Mayor it was unanimously decided to approve the recommendation of the County Manager and the finance Committee that the wages of unskilled workers (other than building workers) be increased by 11/- per week as from 3rd March, 1962.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S SALARY.

After some discussion Councillor Howlin proposed and Alderman Corish seconded the adoption of a recommendation from the County Manager that the salary for the Office of Borough Surveyor, be fixed at £1,350 x 57 to £1,635, per annum as on and from 1st August, 1960. Councillor Doran however proposed the rejection of this recommendation and Alderman Morris seconded. On a vote been taken seven voted for the recommendation of the County Manager and four against. The recommendation was declared carried.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK.

A letter was read from the Committee of the Redmond Memorial Park requesting financial assistance from the Corporation towards the maintenance of the Park and it was unanimously decided to adjourn this to a meeting of the Corporation to arrange for discussion with the Park Committee.

After some further discussion it was seen that the rate now required would amount to 52/9 in the £, but following consultation with the County Manager and Town Clerk it was agreed to recommend the Corporation at the formal Estimates Meeting to adopt a rate of 52/6 for the financial year 1962/63.

A formal Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held at the close of the above meeting, the same persons being in attendance.

After explaining the various reasons for the current years increase in the estimates mainly through increase in the County Council Demand, the Demand of Vocational Educational Committee and unexpected expenditure in the Current Financial year, the Mayor intimated that there was nothing the Corporation could do but to agree on a rate of 52/6 in the £. and the following resolutions were put to the Meeting:-

Table A. Providing for a gross expenditure of £155,594 was adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Table B. Providing for estimated receipts of £71,160 was adopted on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

Adjustments of Credit and Debit Balances as between the Roads, Sanitary and Housing Accounts on the Credit Side and the General Urban Purposes Account on the Debit side amounting to £10,900 were approved on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Corish.

On the question of the adoption of Table C providing for a nett sum of £84,434 to be raised by rate and requiring a rate of 52/6 in the £, His Worship the Mayor moved the adoption of such a rate of 52/6 for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1963 and this was seconded by Councillor Howlin. Alderman Morris however, proposed a rate of 52/- and Councillor Doran seconded but despite a request by the County Manager to indicate where the savings of 6d in the £ could be effected no such information was forthcoming.

On a show of hands however four voted for the motion of Alderman Morris that a rate of 52/- in the £ be agreed upon and seven voted for the proposal of the Mayor and Councillor Howlin that a rate of 52/6 be agreed on. The adoption of a rate of 52/6 in the £ for the financial year 1962/3 was there upon declared carried.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin over-draft accommodation on the ordinary account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was unanimously approved for the quarter ended 30 th June next.

Before the Meeting terminated His Worship the Mayor thanked the County Manager and Town Clerk for the very able and lucid manner in which they had presented the estimates and for the assistance given to the workers in dealing with the very large sums which had to be voted for the coming financial year.

It was also unanimously agreed that the Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 2nd instant should be adjourned to the 9th instant owing to the Parish Retreat being held in the week commencing 1st.

Edward Hall

THE MEETING 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, 1963....

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

| Service (1) | NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2) | AMOUNT ESTIMATED | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| | | Estimated by Manager (3) | | Adopted by Council (4) | |
| Urban Roads | Ordinary Road Works | 1,620 | · · | 1,787 | · · |
| | Special Grant Works | 5,930 | · · | 5,930 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 7,550 | · · | 7,717 | · · |
| Sanitary | Sanitary | 23,957 | · · | 24,227 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 23,957 | · · | 24,227 | · · |
| Housing | Housing of the Working Classes | 60,000 | · · | 59,900 | · · |
| | Local Assistance Schemes | - | - - | - | - - |
| | Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts | 855 | · · | 855 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 60,855 | · · | 60,755 | · · |
| General Urban Purposes | | | | | |
| County Council Services | | | | | |
| Main Roads | Main Roads | 2,712 | · · | 2,712 | · · |
| Public Assistance | Public Assistance | 2,012 | · · | 2,012 | · · |
| Mental Hospital | Mental Hospital | - | - - | - | - - |
| Health (County) | Health (County) | 22,412 | · · | 22,412 | · · |
| General Purposes (County) | General Purposes (County) | 5,721 | · · | 5,721 | · · |
| Separate Charges | Separate Charges | 43 | · · | 43 | · · |
| Unemployment Assistance | Unemployment Assistance | 1,000 | · · | 1,000 | · · |
| | Public Libraries | - | - - | - | - - |
| | Tourist Development | 20 | · · | 20 | · · |
| | Town and Regional Planning | - | - - | - | - - |
| Other Urban Purposes | Vocational Education | 3,313 | · · | 3,313 | · · |
| | Other Purposes | 22,995 | · · | 23,162 | · · |
| | Materials Expense (Balance) | 2,500 | · · | 2,500 | · · |
| | Machinery Expense (Balance) | | | | |
| | TOTAL ... | 62,728 | · · | 62,895 | · · |
| Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note) | | | | | |

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

| Service (1) | NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2) | AMOUNT ESTIMATED | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| | | Estimated by Manager (3) | | Adopted by Council (4) | |
| URBAN ROADS | State Grants (to be specified) | | | | |
| | <i>Employment & Emergency Schemes</i> | 3,950 | · · | 3,950 | · · |
| | <i>Urban Roads Improvement</i> | 1,430 | · · | 1,430 | · · |
| | | | | | |
| | Other Receipts | 300 | · · | 350 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 5,680 | | 5,730 | · · |
| SANITARY | State Grants (to be specified) | | | | |
| | <i>Sanitary Services Loans</i> | 1,500 | · · | 1,550 | · · |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | Other Receipts | 2,590 | · · | 2,715 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 4,090 | · · | 4,265 | · · |
| HOUSING | Housing of the Working Classes | | | | |
| | Rents | 30,200 | · · | 30,300 | · · |
| | State Grants | 18,000 | · · | 18,000 | · · |
| | Other Receipts | — | — | — | — |
| | Local Assistance Schemes | — | — | — | — |
| | Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts | 1,100 | · · | 1,100 | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 49,300 | · · | 49,400 | · · |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | State Grants (to be specified) <i>Cheap Fuel Scheme</i> ... | 4,500 | · · | 4,500 | · · |
| | <i>Bounty in Lieu of Rates £800. School Meals £350</i> | 1,150 | · · | 1,150 | · · |
| | <i>Vocational Education</i> | 650 | · · | 650 | · · |
| | <i>Clearance of Derelict Sites</i> | — | — | 100 | · · |
| | Other Receipts | 2,765 | · · | 2,765 | · · |
| | Materials Expense (Balance) | 2,600 | · · | 2,600 | · · |
| | Machinery Expense (Balance) | · | · · | · | · · |
| | TOTAL ... | 11,665 | · · | 11,765 | · · |

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 (8) (£ 32.16.0...) (pence) |
|---------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|--|
| | | | | Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5) | Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6) | Amount Leviable (7) | |
| URBAN ROADS | 7,717 . . | 5,730 . . | 1,987 . . | 900 . . | | 1,087 . . | 8.10 |
| SANITARY | 24,227 . . | 4,265 . . | 19,962 . . | 4,000 . . | | 15,962 . . | 119.10 |
| HOUSING | 60,755 . . | 49,400 . . | 11,355 . . | 6,000 . . | | 5,355 . . | 39.95 |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| MAIN ROADS | 2,712 . . | | 2,712 . . | | | 2,712 . . | 20.24 |
| PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | 2,012 . . | | 2,012 . . | | | 2,012 . . | 15.02 |
| MENTAL HOSPITAL | | | | | | | - - |
| HEALTH (County) | 22,412 . . | | 22,412 . . | | | 22,412 . . | 167.25 |
| GENERAL PURPOSES (County) | 5,721 . . | | 5,721 . . | | | 5,721 . . | 42.69 |
| SEPARATE CHARGES | 43 . . | | 43 . . | | | 43 . . | .32 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE | 1,000 . . | | 1,000 . . | | | 1,000 . . | 7.43 |
| OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ... | 28,995 . . | 11,765 . . | 17,230 . . | | 10,900 . . | 28,130 . . | 209.90 |
| TOTAL GENERAL RATE ... | | | | | | | 630.00 |

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 26th day of March 1962, 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, 1963.

Dated this 26th day of March 1962.

Signed Edward Hall Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned James Byrne Town Clerk.

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9th April, 1962.

A quarterly Meeting of the Council 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 and Councillor Edward Hall in the chair. Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris, Councillors: John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Doran, Thomas Byrne and James J. Morris, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the minutes of previous meetings, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, was taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced his Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Michael Flusk, former member of the Council on the death of his sister Mrs. Shiggins, Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf, and by the Borough Surveyor.

Alderman O'Flaherty moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Revd. Mother and community of Convent of Mercy on the death of Sister Brendan, who for a number of years had been principal of the Sisters of Mercy Schools in the town, Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the Very Revd. M.J. O'Neill, Kilanerin and Councillor James J. Morris.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty a quarterly meeting of the Council was fixed to be held on Monday 25th June, 1962, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

It was also agreed that the business of the July statutory Meeting which would be due to be held on the following Monday night should be transacted at the quarterly meeting and the July Meeting abandoned.

MORTGAGE DEEDS.

There was submitted at the meeting mortgage Deeds from the Corporation to the Commissioners of Public works to secure repayment of loans of:-

- (a) £13,000 for the erection of seven houses at Faythe.
- (b) £10,600 for the completion of 54 houses at Faythe and the erection of 2 additional houses.

Thereupon the following two resolutions were proposed by Councillor Thomas Byrne seconded by Councillor John Howlin and unanimously resolved:-

(a) That our Corporate Seal be fixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £13,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 and 1958.

(b) 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 £10,600 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and 1958.

The town Mortgage Deeds were thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

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EASTER MASS.

A letter was read from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Corporation to attend the Annual Easter Commemoration Celebrations on Easter Sunday next, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street on Easter Sunday morning, which would be offered for all those who fell in the fight for Irish freedom.

OUTFALL SEWER AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The question of the condition of the outfall sewer at Maudlintown which had been referred to the present meeting by the Estimates Meeting was now taken up. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost at approximately £750 to permanently secure this sewer, but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should point the sewer as a similar job previously had lasted some 12 to 13 years.

RAILWAY FENCE MAUDLINTOWN.

The question of the provision of a fence between the Corporation property and the Railway at Maudlintown also referred to the present meeting by the Estimates Meeting was ~~not~~ taken up and after some discussion on the question of cost the matter was adjourned on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne.

REDMOND PARK.

An application from the Redmond Memorial Park for financial assistance in the maintenance of the Park which had also been referred from the Estimates Meeting was next considered and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously agreed that a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne should meet the Park Committee for a general discussion on the future of the park.

SPEED LIMIT.

A letter read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council intimating that on the recommendation of the Department of Local Government, the Co. Manager had set up a Technical Committee consisting of the County Engineer, the Town Surveyors for the Urban Districts and Towns and representatives of the Garda Síochána to submit a report recommending the list of roads to be excluded from each Municipal Area for Speed Limit Purposes.

The Committee recommended that a speed limit of 30 miles per hour be applied to Wexford amongst other towns and requests that this recommendation be examined by the Corporation and any observations they may have wished to have sent to the Minister be forwarded to the Co. Secretary.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to approve of the recommendation of the Technical Committee that a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. be applied to motor traffic within the Borough.

PARKING REGULATIONS.

Arising out of the above matter the Town Clerk was asked what was the present position regarding the redrafting of the Wexford (Parking and Waiting) bye-Laws, 1955 and he intimated that he had written to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda on 6th February and the 14th March, last but had only received formal printed replies that the matter was receiving attention.

The members expressed disappointment at the nature of the replies to the Town Clerk's letters and instructed him to again ask the chief Superintendent to state what the present position was regarding the redrafting of the Bye-Laws and if a satisfactory reply was not received a deputation be appointed to wait on the Commissioner of the Gardai

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

The question was raised regarding the damage to traffic signs in the town and the Town Clerk intimated that in only one case had he been informed of damage to a traffic sign in time to have the Garda ascertain the person who caused the damage. This day he had received an intimation from the Gardai of the name and address of the owner of a lorry which recently damaged a traffic sign outside the premises of the E.S.B. and an account for its replacement had been forwarded to the person concerned.

It was also agreed that the Authority of the Garda Síochána should be obtained for the erection of "Stop" signs at the Junction of St. John's Road, with Davitt Road North and South, at the junction of Talbot St. Waterloo Rd., Summerhill Rd., and Grogan's Rd.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the possibility of moving the traffic sign at the junction of Howe St. and Main St. with a view to facilitate the lorry of the furniture factory in Church Lane.

The Borough Surveyor was also instructed to have the white lines indicating Stop repainted before the summer.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENSES.

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

TIMBER IN HOUSES.

The following letter report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding timber in new housing schemes.

"For some time I have been receiving complaints of defective timber in windows and doors of houses at Corish Park. I examined some of the timber and I found that it was in an advanced state of decay. The remarkable thing about the defective timber was the fact that the rot took place in the interior of the scantling and gradually spread to the surfaces of the piece.

I discussed the matter with the Housing Engineer and he informs me that it is impossible to get good quality timber for external use. There have been 10 or 12 cases of defective timber in windows and external doors and it looks to me that the maintenance of these and more recently built houses is going to be a serious financial liability.

I suggest that the use of red deal timber for external purposes be cut to a minimum. That is we should stop using wooden sashes and frames, and use windows made from rust proofed steel instead. External doors and frames could be made from Columbian pine if we cannot get good red deal. This would in my opinion help to reduce your yearly maintenance figure or would enable the annual amount granted to be spread over a greater number of houses."

This matter gave rise to a long discussion at the end of which it was decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Morris to forward a copy of the Engineer's report to the Department of Local Government and the Department Industry and Commerce and ask if any complaints of a similar nature had been received from other parts of the country and when this information was received a special meeting was to be convened at which the Housing Engineer was to be present.

Alderman Morris asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the house of Thomas Morris either 52 or 54 Corish Park where he intimated there were serious defects.

TOWN HALL.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received an application for the use of the Town Hall from the Cavandish Furnishing Co. Ltd. Dublin for the purpose of holding an exhibition of their goods and on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Company be informed that the Corporation was not prepared to rent the hall for this purpose.

TENDERS FOR WATERMAINS.

A number of tenders for the Supply of Watermains for the John St. Housing Scheme were opened by his Worship the Mayor; initialled by him and referred to the Housing Engineer and Co. Manager to deal with.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the two houses at Hill St. occupied by McGuinness and Thomas and have necessary repairs carried out.

His Worship the Mayor read a letter addressed to him from the North End Development Committee protesting against a remark passed at a previous meeting, regarding this Committee and the letter was marked read.

HOUSING SURVEY.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the North End Housing Survey had not yet been completed but they were at present engaged on general housing survey of the town to ascertain the number of houses required reference was also made to the Duke Street area and the Town Clerk intimated that this would take a considerable time to deal with.

The Town Clerk was asked to convey to the County Manager the anxiety of the members to avoid further building in the Corish Park Area, until some houses were erected in the North End of the Town.

DUMPING.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to take steps to have the dump at Brien's Hill cleared away.

DERELICT HOUSE.

In reply to a query regarding derelict house at Waterloo Rd. the Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the owner, Miss Johnson or otherwise to have the house condemned.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the out-break of Smallpox in England and asked the Town Clerk to inform the Department of Health that in the opinion of the Corporation the Rugby match between Wales and Ireland should not be held having regard to the fact that a considerable number of the Welsh people would travel by Fishguard - Rosslare to the match Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was agreed.

WATER PRESSURE.

Alderman O'Flaherty also drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the low water pressure at Corish Park.

HOUSE, PARNELL STREET.

Alderman Morris drew the attention of the Surveyor to the condition of the house of Mr. Gleeson at Parnell St.

The Meeting then Terminated.

Edward Hall

7th May, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, at half-past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair; Aldermen Kevin Morris, John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Nicholas P. Corish; Councillors: James Morris, Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, and Thomas Byrne. The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the minutes of Meeting of the 9th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the County Manager and Mrs. Broe on the death of her father.

He also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Community of the Christian Brothers, Wexford on the death of Rev. Brother McCarthy.

He was further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Community of the Presentation Order, Wexford on the death of Sister Ita.

He also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Stafford family on the death of Mrs. Fortune.

He further moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Chief Supt. T. Collins, Garda Siochana, on the death of his wife.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motions which were supported by all the members and Officials present and adopted in respectful silence.

The County Manager returned thanks to the Mayor and members for the vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. Broe and himself on the death of his father-in-law.

CONGRATULATIONS.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Christian Brothers Schools on their recent success with the Hurling and Football teams, and their magnificent record of four All-Irelands by the Boxing Club.

The Mayor further moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to St. Peter's College on winning the Senior All-Ireland Hurling College Championship, Councillor Doran seconded these two motions which were supported by all the members present.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Wexford, returning thanks to the Corporation on their expression of sympathy on the death of Sister Brendan.

TOWN PLANNING.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish an Order of the County Manager granting permission to the Loc Garmain Co-Operative Agriculture Society Limited to extend and renovate the night-watchman's house on their premises was approved.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

A letter was submitted from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce referring to reports in the Local Press that it was intended to re-draft the Parking and Waiting Bye-Laws for the Town and that the subject had been under discussion at several Meetings of the Council of the Chamber. The Council felt that it was one of supreme importance for the Members of the Chamber and decided to convene a Special Meeting to ascertain the views of the General Body on the Matter. This Special General Meeting was held on the 5th ultimo and as a result the majority of the members expressed the view that there was no necessity for the introduction of Special Traffic Bye-Laws for Wexford Town.

The present meeting expressed considerable surprise at such a letter from a Body with the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the letter was marked read with Alderman Morris dissenting from the decision to mark it read although he disagreed with the views expressed by the Chamber.

W A T E R W O R K S.

The next business was to consider the preliminary report of the Consulting Engineer appointed to examine the water system of the town. A summary of this document was given by the Town Clerk and further explanations by the Borough Surveyor but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should prepare and circulate to the members a summary in non-technical terms and a special meeting convened as soon as possible to consider it.

SEATS IN THE TOWN.

Councillor Byrne asked the Borough Surveyor to renew the seats on the Quays and it was decided that he should prepare an estimate of the cost of preparing concrete seats on the lines of those provided by the County Council, at Enniscorthy.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to convert old piles at Ferrybank into seats.

DERELICT SITE, SOUTH MAIN ST.

On the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously decided that positive action should be taken to acquire a derelict site at South Main Street the property of Mrs. Bridget Doyle.

HOUSING IN THE NORTH END.

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question of the Survey of Housing needs in the North end of the Town and this matter was referred to a Special Meeting to be held in connection with the Water-works when a Comprehensive report on the housing position was to be submitted.

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

The question of providing a Stop Sign at the Junction of Hill St. and John St. was referred to the Borough Surveyor to take up with the County Council and Garda Authorities. The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine the question of providing a sign at Swan View pointing down Castle-hill Street towards the town centre.

JOHN STREET HOUSES.

A complaint was made regarding the refusal of the Corporation Officials to permit some of the people from John St., who had been moved from John Street to take away with them fixtures from the dwellings. It was pointed out that these were Corporation property and that the fixtures in the houses had been sold to one person on the recommendation of the Housing Engineer. It was also pointed out that it would be costly and a dangerous procedure to allow individuals to remove merely what they wished from the dwellings and leave them semi-derelict and dangerous.

A Meeting of the Council Acting as an Old Age Pensions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting. The business of the Old Age Pensions Committee will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

THE MEETING TERMINATED.

Edward Hall

21st May, 1962.

In accordance with the decision of the Corporation on the 7th instant a Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to consider the Housing position in the town and the reports of the Borough Surveyor and Consulting Engineer on the water-works.

The members present were his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair, Aldermen; Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty; Councillors; Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, James Morris, and Frank Cullimore. The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk were in attendance.

A comprehensive report HOUSING.

A comprehensive report giving a brief history of the erection of houses in the Borough from 1889 to date together with details of the 1944/45 Survey as well as an up-to-date Survey showing the housing needs and the land available for building which was circulated to the members with the Agenda for the meeting is attached to these minutes.

It was also reported to the Meeting that negotiations had been completed for the purchase of a housing site adjoining the Municipal Buildings, which, with a small piece of ground attached to the Buildings, would enable 24 houses to be erected. It was further intimated that application had been made that evening to the Minister for Local Government to sanction the Purchase of this ground and the lay-out plan for the erection of houses which had been prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

As regards building in the North end members were very anxious that as many houses as possible should be erected there. First of all it was pointed out that with the present trend of erection houses in the Southern and Western end Churches and Schools there had become overcrowded while those in the North Eastern end were practically empty.

It was unanimously decided that priorities be given to the erection of houses at Davitt Rd. North, part of Davitt Road South and if Sanctioned, a small number at Corish Park.

As well the Town Clerk was urged to expedite as much as possible the preparation of the necessary orders for the Clearance of the Duke St./John St. area.

It was further reported that the engineers had examined a couple of potential housing sites at the North End of the Town but for various reasons did not consider them suitable and it was decided that a comprehensive survey should be made of the Upper John St. area, with a view to laying down a building line and clearing out any unfit houses there.

WATER-WORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The meeting then took up the question of the Water-Works Improvement Scheme. As requested at last meeting a report in non-technical terms from the Borough Surveyor had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting and this was discussed at length.

Two matters seemed to cause the members much concern, the first was the fact that on so many occasions in the past they had approved of schemes for the improvement of the Wexford Water Works on the understanding that such schemes would be the end to all trouble in this connection. These assurances however had not turned out to be correct and the members seemed very difficult to convince that the present scheme would not be the same.

Their second difficulty was the question of Finance but even though this appeared heavy if they could be convinced that the scheme now set out would end all question of a shortage of water for some years to come they would be prepared to face the financial Burden.

After some little discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish to forward the Consulting Engineer's Report to the Department of Local Government with a request that the views of the Minister's Technical Experts on the Scheme should be made available to the Corporation before a final decision was made on whether or not to adopt the scheme. Arising out of this report figures were given showing the present abnormal consumption of water in the Borough particularly over the night period. The Borough Surveyor, appeared to be convinced that a considerable amount of this was due to defective service pipes and suggested that a terrasclope for detecting such leaking services should be purchased at a cost of approximately £200. On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the sum of approximately £200 be provided in the current year for the purchase of this instrument.

THE MEETING TERMINATED.

Edward Hall

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.
REPORT ON GENERAL HOUSING POSITION.

The provision of Working Class Houses by the Corporation was inaugurated in 1889 when the first scheme of 26 dwellings at Carrigeen and Roche's Road was erected. This work was continued at intervals up to the outbreak of the first World War when 136 houses had been provided and the site acquired for the 18 dwellings now known as "St Ibar's Villas" which were erected in 1922/23. From 1925 to 1932 a further 91 were erected, so that when the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, was enacted the Corporation had provided 243 dwellings in the 43 years from 1889 to 1932.

With the powers of control conferred by the Act of 1931 and the financial provisions of the Act of 1932 greater progress was made and up to the outbreak of World War II a further 421 dwellings had been erected making the total stock of Council houses 664. During the war years house-building was at a standstill.

In 1944/45 a comprehensive survey of the housing needs of the Borough was carried out. This showed:-

| | |
|--|-------------|
| No. of unfit houses. | <u>535.</u> |
| No. of houses required to re-house persons residing in unfit houses. | 696. |
| No. required to meet unsatisfied demands. | <u>176.</u> |
| Total No. of Houses required. | <u>872.</u> |

Since 1943 the following dwellings have been erected.

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| St. Aidan's Crescent. | 88. |
| Distillery Road. | 7. |
| Waterloo Road. | 22. |
| Bishopswater. | 128. |
| Hill St. / Monument Place. | 10. |
| Thomas Street. | 10. |
| Spafield Avenue. | 6. |
| Corish Park. | 132. |
| Faythe. | 54. |
| Distillery Road. | 10. |
| William Street. | 17. |
| Fishers Row. | 26. |

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| | fwd. | 519. |
| John Street (in course of Construction) | | <u>30.</u> |
| Total provided (and in course) since 1944/5 Survey | | 549. |
| Leaving a balance to complete the needs shown by the | | |
| 1944/5 Survey of | | <u>323.</u> |
| | | <u>872.</u> |

A recent Survey of the housing needs showed:-

| | | |
|--|------|-------------|
| Unfit houses (demolition class) | 218. | |
| No. of houses required for families therein. | | 230. |
| Unfit houses which could be made fit. | | 48. |
| Overcrowding as certified by C.M.O. | | 63. |
| Applications awaiting examination. | | <u>40.</u> |
| | | 381. |
| Less houses in course of construction. | | <u>50.</u> |
| Net Needs. | | <u>351.</u> |

Assuming that the 48 houses which are regarded as capable of being made fit, were, in fact, so made, the estimated needs would be reduced to 303 so that for practical purpose the Council must aim at providing 300 houses, this figure does not take into account wastage which could be set at a conservative figure of 10 per annum.

The number of houses erected by the Council to date is 1,183 with 30 in course of construction making a total of 1,213. These have been disposed of as follows:-

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Let to Weekly Tenants. | 1,043. | |
| Being Acquired on Tenant | | |
| Purchase. | 73. | |
| Sold out-and-out. | 67. | |
| In course of construction. | 30. | 1,213. |

The 1,043 houses occupied by weekly tenants are let at the following basic rents:-

| Weekly Rents. | Number. | Weekly Rents. | Number. |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| s. d. | | s. d. | |
| 1. 9. | 59. | 6. 0. | 25. |
| 1. 11. | 7. | 6. 3. | 36. |
| 2. 11. | 77. | 6. 6. | 5. |
| 3. 0. | 22. | 6. 8. | 49. |
| 3. 3. | 42. | 7. 6. | 13. |
| 3. 5. | 8. | 8. 0. | 10. |
| 3. 6. | 20. | 9. 0. | 94. |
| 3. 8. | 3. | 11. 0. | 113. |
| 3. 9. | 32. | 12. 6. | 30. |
| 3. 11. | 1. | 13. 0. | 13. |
| 4. 0. | 85. | 15. 0. | 49. |
| 4. 2. | 24. | 16. 6. | 13. |
| 4. 8. | 2. | 17. 6. | 10. |
| 4. 9. | 14. | 18. 0. | 60. |
| 4. 11. | 16. | 20. 0. | 52. |
| 5. 0. | 5. | 25. 0. | 34. |
| 5. 2. | 2. | 27. 6. | 5. |
| 5. 3. | 1. | 35. 0. | 1. |
| 5. 11. | 8. | 40. 0. | 3. |

From the above table you will observe that:-

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|-----|-----|----|-------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 417 | houses | are | let | at | rents | not | exceeding | 5/- |
| 243 | " | " | " | " | " | exceeding | 5/- | but not exceeding 10/- |
| 205 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 10/- | " " " 15/- |
| 135 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 15/- | " " " 20/- |
| 43 | " | " | " | " | " | exceeding | | 20/- |

In addition to the foregoing the Council acquired 57 houses which have been disposed of as herounder.

Let to Weekly Tenants. 47.

Sold on Tenant-Purchase. 1.

Occupied by Town Sergeant. 1.

The 47 houses are let at the following rents:-

| Weekly Rent. | Number. | Weekly Rent. | Number. |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| s. d. | | s. d. | |
| 1. 6. | 1. | 6. 2. | 1. |
| 2. 0. | 2. | 7. 5. | 1. |
| 3. 7. | 1. | 8. 3. | 2. |
| 3. 9. | 2. | 10. 0. | 16. 28. |
| 4. 0. | 1. | 10. 6. | 1. |
| 4. 2. | 1. | 11. 0. | 3. |
| 4. 7. | 2. 10. | 12. 6. | 2. |
| 5. 2. | 1. | 13. 0. | 2. |
| 5. 5. | 1. | 15. 0. | 1. 9. |
| 5. 8. | 3. | | |

The net cost of Housing over the five years to 31st March, 1961 amounted £29,750 or £5,950 per annum and represented an average rate in the £ of 47.15 pence.

The Council are the owners of land in the Newtown/Slippery Green area capable of accommodating some 230 dwellings. Detailed lay-out and house plans for 124 houses in the area are at present with the Department of Local Government for approval. The Council however does not appear anxious to erect further houses there at the present time and has expressed a desire that building efforts should be concentrated in the North end of the Borough. This is a difficult problem, as an examination of the Ordnance Map will show that there is little available building ground in either the St. Iberius or St. Selskar Wards. In fact there is no site on which a substantial number of dwellings could be erected. We must therefore look to small sites to try and meet such demand and small quantities of building ground are both costly to acquire and some what uneconomic to build on due to the relatively small spread of overhead expenses.

Negotiations have now been completed for the purchase of about 1.75 acres adjoining the Municipal Buildings which with some of the ground attached to the Offices will enable a Scheme of 26 houses to be undertaken. As well the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer have been asked to examine two further sites in the North end and it is hoped to have their views on these in time for your special meeting.

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With the exception of these three sites any further building operations in the North end would be confined to derelict sites. Apart from the cost of acquiring and clearing such sites it is not always desirable to erect dwelling-houses on them as some consideration must be given to the provision of open spaces especially in the more densely populated areas.

Finally there is one area in the Town which must be dealt with as such in the near future, that is Talbot Street/Green Street. This area contains some 60 unfit houses and to enable it to be dealt with in a comprehensive way about 60/70 houses would be needed to re-house the people residing there.

17th May, 1962.

4th June, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the Chair; Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, and John O'Flaherty; Councillors John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, John Bierney and Patrick Doran.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of the Meetings of the 7th and 21st 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.

SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy on the death of the Very Rev. Fr. Allan, P.P. Templetown who had served in Wexford for a number of years.

The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Mother and Community of the St. John of God on the death of Sister Pascal he also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Loretto Order on the sudden death of Rev. Mother Declan.

Councillor Byrne seconded these motions which were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwellsfort and the Superior Christian Brothers.

An acknowledgement was read from the President, St. Peters College, acknowledging the congratulations of the Corporation on the recent victory of the College team in the College Hurling Finals. A letter was also read from the Superior Christian Brothers acknowledging the resolution of congratulations on the recent successes of the School in Boxing, Hurling and Football.

A letter was read from Councillor James J. Morris intimating that owing to being a delegate to the Vocational Educational Congress in Athlone he would be unable to attend the present meeting.

WILLIAM STREET LIGHTING.

A petition was read from twelve of the residents of William St. protesting against the recent transfer of a public light from its original position to a new position.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter to the next meeting for examination.

Municipal Rates 1962/3.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 52/6 in the £ be made on the rateable property thereto in the Borough for the service of the local financial year ending on the 31st March, 1963, as agreed to on the 26th March last.

The Book containing the various items of rate was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

A C C O U N T S.

In accordance with the provisions of the public Bodies Order 1946 the Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1962 was laid before the meeting and initialled by His Worship the Mayor.

SELSKAR GRAVEYARD.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation take over that portion of St. Selskar Graveyard that was not vested in the Commissioners of Public Works as an Ancient Monument.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities requesting an increase in the Annual Subscriptions payable by the Corporation.

This gave rise to a discussion regarding the Rule of the Association that the members appointed to attend the Annual Conference at the first meeting following an election should be the delegates for future conference until next election. A number of the members of the Council did not agree with this Rule and the Town Clerk was to take the matter up again with the Association.

As regards an increase subscription His Worship the Mayor proposed that the subscription be increased to the maximum of £10. and Councillor Howlin seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to.

TOWN PLANNING.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish orders by the County Manager granting Planning permission for the alteration to premises of Messrs. Healy & Collins, South Main Street and the premises of the Electricity Board, North Main Street, were unanimously approved.

SUB-POSTMASTERS STRIKE.

Councillor Byrne requested permission to raise a matter of urgent public importance and moved "That we call on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to take immediate steps to settle the strike of Sub-Postmasters". Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted unanimously.

It was further decided that the Town Clerk should transmit this resolution by telegram first thing on the morning of the 5th instant.

S T R E E T S.

The Mayor complained to the Borough Surveyor regarding the mixture of tar and stones at present being put on the Streets and stated that it was disintegrating rapidly which he presumed was due to too little tar and the Borough Surveyor promised to look into the matter.

Councillor Howlin referred to the decision at the last meeting to have old concrete piles at Ferrybank used for seats and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had made inquiries and ascertained the piles in question had been acquired by Mr. Harry Wilson from Ascon. He had approached Mr. Wilson about the matter and Mr. Wilson had asked for a substantial offer for them.

It was decided the members of the Corporation in the Harbour Board should raise the matter at a meeting of that Board with a view to having these piles removed from the foreshore at Ferrybank.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

At this stage the Corporation went into Committee to meet Supt. John Crotty of the Garda Siochana for a preliminary discussion on the revision of the 1950 Traffic Bye-Laws.

Supt. Crotty pointed out that since the Bye-Laws were drafted in 1954 the No. of motor vehicles in the Co. Wexford had increased from 7,500 to 11,500 in 1962, which was a big increase and made the revision of the Bye-Laws necessary.

The Supt. then intimated that the Garda considered that one way traffic in the Main Street with an extension of existing parking places appeared to be the only solution for the traffic problem in Wexford, and he asked if the Corporation would approve of this in principle.

After some general discussion it was unanimously agreed that the suggestion of the Superintendent for one-way traffic in the Main St. be agreed in Principle and that the Borough Surveyor and Supt. examine the position regarding the parking places and non-parking places as soon as possible.

FERRYBANK PROMENADE.

In reply to a query by His Worship the Mayor the Town Clerk intimated that the cost to-date of providing the promenade at Ferrybank was ⁱⁿ 1958/9 £5,750, to-date in the Current year £3,050 and there was a balance of £1,300 to be spent in the current year which would bring the total to £10,100.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would not be able to finish the promenade due to a considerable amount of the work having been washed away in recent storms, but he would not be much short at the finish.

HOUSE AT KING ST.

Councillor Byrne questioned the letting of a house to a man named Broaders from King Street and it was pointed out that the position in King Street area was that Counsel had advised that the Corporation were not in a position to make demolition orders regarding these dwellings, merely on the grounds that they were subject to periodic flooding. The case referred to by Councillor Byrne, however, was one in which the letting was made on compassionate grounds. This man's wife had been medically certified as suffering from arthritis ~~for~~ a number of years and he had been constantly appealing for a house out of King Street to enable this disease to be eased if not altogether cured.

THE MEETING TERMINATED.

Edward Hall

25th June, 1962.

The quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Edward Hall in the chair; Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty and John Cullimore. Councillors: James J. Morris, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Patrick Cullen and John Bierney. In attendance: The Corporation Solicitor, Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Borough Surveyor.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty the minutes of the meeting of the 4th instant, 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.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until quarterly meeting to be held not earlier than the 23rd June, nor later than 1st July, 1963, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

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

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Edward Hall) proposed that Alderman John Cullimore be elected Mayor; Councillor James J. Morris seconded. On a vote been taken they voted for Councillor Byrne: Alderman Corish, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Howlin, Councillor Cullen, Councillor Bierney (five). For Alderman Cullimore: Alderman Morris, O'Flaherty, Cullimore; Councillors, James J. Morris, Doran and Hall, (six).

Alderman Cullimore was thereupon declared elected Mayor until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June or later than 1st July, 1963 and until his successor was appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Alderman Cullimore then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 and the Local Government Act, 1941. This declaration was witnessed by Councillors: Hall and James J. Morris and by the Town Clerk.

Before vacating the chair Councillor Hall thanked the members for their co-operation during his term of Office. He also thanked the County Manager, Town Clerk, His Lordship the Bishop and all those who had invited him to various functions during the past year.

He was sorry, he continued, that his term of office coincided with a lean time for the workers and people of Wexford generally, due to a falling off in employment in the Agricultural Machinery Firms and hoped that things would improve in the coming twelve months. He was firmly convinced that the prosperity of the town depended largely on the improvement of the Harbour and the Industrial Development Committee had tried hard to bring new industries to Wexford but had failed. It seems strange to him that in an adjoining County they had a project which had cost millions of pounds received from the State and were now looking for a further £600,000 to carry on for another few years, while one million or less would put Wexford Harbour in a very sound state. Instead of giving people the dole he continued the Government would do better to give them work, even for three days a week.

Alderman Cullimore, the New Mayor was then invested with the Robe and chain of Office and thanked his proposer and seconders as well as those who had voted for him.

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Councillor Byrne also thanked those who had proposed and seconded him and voted for him and congratulated the new Mayor. Councillors: Howlin, Doran, James J. Morris and Hall as well as Aldermen: Corish, O'Flaherty and K.C. Morris also congratulated the new Mayor and assured him of their co-operation during his term of office.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the motion of Alderman K.C. Morris seconded by Councillor James J. Morris three quarterly meetings of the Council were fixed to be held on Monday 1st October, 1962 at 8.15 p.m., Monday 7th January, 1963 at 7.30 p.m. and Monday 1st April, 1963 at 8.15 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from the Communities of Presentation and Loretto Orders.

TOURIST GRANT.

A letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Chamber of Commerce requesting the Corporation to consider an increased grant to the Irish Tourist Association and on the motion of Alderman K.C. Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne this matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

MUSEUM.

A letter from the Tourist Development Committee, Chamber of Commerce on the subject of a museum was read intimating that at the last meeting it was decided that in view of the establishment of a museum in Enniscorthy they considered this was sufficient for the County.

LITTER.

A further lengthy letter was read from the Tourist Committee, Chamber of Commerce regarding litter and untidiness in the town and it was decided to inform the Chamber that last year the Council did consider the adoption of anti-litter Bye-Laws but having regard to the absence of litter-bins it was agreed to await the erection of these before finally deciding on Bye-Laws. A number of litter-bins have now been purchased and would shortly be erected. When this was done and if the bins did not achieve the desired effect, the question of the adoption of Bye-Laws would be further considered.

As regards various other points raised by the Committee it was decided to point out that :-

- (1) The Main Street and Approaches to the Churches were swept on Sunday mornings.
- (2) There did not appear to be any specific law to deal with posters on hoardings. The Council could adopt Bye-Laws to control advertising hoardings but such Bye-Laws would not apply to existing hoardings for 3 to 5 years.
- (3) The matter of C.I.E. and repairs to the Quays was outside the jurisdiction of the Council and should be taken up with the Harbour Commissioners.
- (4) There were no general Cleansing Bye-Laws but it was an offence to sweep any refuse onto a footpath.
- (5) The Lanes referred to the Committee were constantly been cleaned by the Council's Staff.

Generally speaking the Corporation's Cleansing Staff was doing a good job which would be even better with a little co-operation from the citizens. The efforts of the Corporation to keep the Streets clean and tidy were to a large extent nullified by people who carelessly or deliberately deposited litter or rubbish on the Streets and lane-ways of the town.

25th June, 1962.

HOUSING SITES DAVITT ROAD SOUTH.

With reference to proposal last year of the Council to dispose of in fee simple for the sum of £60 each, building sites at Davitt Road South, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he considered the proposed terms entirely inadequate and suggested that a site fine of £100 with an annual ground rent of £10 per annum in the case of a lease and £250 in the case of an outright sale in fee simple would represent fair and reasonable disposal terms for these sites.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously decided to refer this matter back to the Minister for re-consideration and to point out that the suggestion of a fine of a hundred pounds with a ground rent of ten pounds per annum was totally unacceptable to the Council who were opposed to the perpetuation or creation of ground rents.

- (2) The Council considered £250 for a fee simple title to approximately one-eight of an acre excessive.
- (3) The proposed sale price of £60 pounds was based on what the Council believed the potential builders would be able to pay and the price of £130 sanctioned by the Minister for 2½ roods of the same site sold in 1960 to the Wexford Select Vestry as a site for a School.

It was also decided to point out to the Minister that the reasons which prompted the Council to dispose of the land on the terms proposed were:-

- (a) The erection of houses there by private enterprise would relieve the Council of providing so many dwellings.
- (b) The erection of such private dwellings would increase the valuation of the Borough and provide a substantial rate revenue for the future.
- (c) The erection of houses there would clear up an unsightly piece of ground which could practically be regarded as a derelict site.
- (d) The development of the site (due to rock) for Local Authority Houses would be very expensive as it would be impossible to avoid same in the erection of blocks of houses.

Finally, it was also decided to point out to the Minister that the Council do not pay supplementary grants and this would more than compensate for the difference between the prices suggested by the Council and the Minister.

BAND CONTRIBUTION.

An application was read from the organisation of National ex-Service men for an Annual Grant of £10. towards the pipers band which they had established and after some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne, but with Alderman Morris dissenting to make the same grant to this band of £10. as was made to the other three town bands in the current financial year.

CINEMA LICENCE.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was executed in respect of the Palace Cinema.

ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL.

A report prepared by the Officers of the Corporation setting out the activities of the Council during the year 1961/2 under various headings was submitted to the meeting and a copy of same is attached to these minutes.

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Alderman O'Flaherty congratulated the Officials responsible for the preparation and presentation of the report which set out in detail the activities of Corporation over the past twelve months. Councillor Byrne said it was a priceless document as far as the rate-payers were concerned and something which could be taken up by other public bodies in the County Wexford.

TOUR PLANNING.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the order of the County Manager granting Planning Permission for the erection of a house at Wygram was approved.

STOP SIGNS.

Questions of Stop Signs at John Street and Hill Street, Summer Hill and Talbot Street and North Main Street opposite St. Iberias Church were raised by members and referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

John Cullen

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

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

For some time past it has been felt that the citizens of Wexford might be interested in learning more about the work of the Corporation than has been possible to bring out at general meetings of the Local Authority and at annual estimates. The following information, some of which may have appeared in another context, is therefore submitted in connection with the annual meeting 1962.

POPULATION AND AREA.

Wexford Borough has a population (according to the preliminary report of the 1961 Census) of 11,298, consisting of 5,338 males and 5,960 females. The area of the Town comprises 562 acres with a population density of 20 persons per acre. Before the recent extension the area was 505 acres and the population within the legally defined limits 10,838 or 21.4 persons per acre. The average (1956 Census) for all urban and borough districts in the State (excluding the four County Boroughs) was 4.5. persons per acre.

VALUATION.

The Valuation of the Borough for 1961/62 was £33,156 and represented £2.95 per head of the population. The average for all the boroughs and urban districts in the State (excluding the four County Boroughs) in 1959/60 was £3.66. The Valuation of the Council's houses was £6,300 or 19% of the total. The gross Valuation is not effective however for rating, as, apart from vacant and derelict property, Statutory reductions must be made in respect of new buildings, reconstructed premises, half-rents, land, &c. In the year 1961/62 these reductions amounted to £1,336 and represented a rate revenue loss of £3,273.

RECEIPTS.

The gross revenue receipts for the year amounted to £150,425, of which £78,325 or 52.07% was received from rates. It is of interest to note that £16,544 or 21.12% of the total rates collected was contributed by the tenants of Corporation houses. Government grants accounted for £33,448 or 22.23% of the total revenue, while rents amounted to £30,386 or 20.20%. The balance of £8,266 or 5.5% was derived from Corporate Estate, loan repayments, burial grounds, public sanitary conveniences and various repayments for work done by the Council.

The general rate levied for the year 1961/62 was £18.25 and the rent and rates on Council houses 99.44%.

The total revenue expenditure for the year was £121,129 or £12.77 per capita. This amount was expended on the following services.

ROADS.

There are 13½ miles of roads in the Borough consisting of 11 miles of urban and 2½ miles of main roads. The latter are the responsibility of the ^{County} Council who maintain them but the cleansing is carried out by the Corporation staff on a repayment basis. The main roads consist of: Redmond Road, Wellington Place, The Quays, Trinity Street, William Street, Maudlintown, John Street, School Street, Carrigeon Street, Joseph Street, King Street Lower, King Street Upper, and Distillery Road. The Expenditure on the maintenance and improvement of urban roads, together with the cleansing and lighting of all roads amounted to £8,040 or £.71 per capita. In addition, a sum of £3,292 was expended on amenity schemes consisting of the clearance of derelict sites, new footpaths and partial construction of the Ferrybank Promenade.

SANITARY SERVICES.

WATERWORKS: The total expenditure on the water system including the repayment of capital charges amounted to £6,918. The receipts from the sale of water were £2,007, so that the net charge for this service was £4,911 or £.43 per capita. During the year 300 million gallons were used of which 15 million gallons were for industrial purposes and outside the Borough, leaving the net domestic use inside the Borough 285 million gallons. The gross cost represented 5½d. per thousand gallons and the net cost 3½d.

SEWERS: The Corporation maintain about 15 miles of sewers and during the year the cost, including debt charges, amounted to £3,422 or £228 per mile and £.30 per capita.

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES: The total expenditure on this service, including debt charges, amounted to £1,320 less receipts of £211 or a net sum of £1,109.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING cost £3,283 or £.29 per capita. For this sum 2,500 bins were emptied daily and weekly containing approximately 4,160 tons of rubbish in the year.

BURIAL GROUNDS: The gross expenditure on St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Old Town Graveyards was £1,707 less receipts of £465 leaving a net charge of £1,242. During the year 115 interments took place in St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Graveyards were made ready for the annual patterns

HOUSING SERVICES.

The gross expenditure on housing of the working classes during the year amounted to £56,981 with receipts of £50,765, leaving a net rate charge of £6,216 representing an average loss of £5. 6. 11d per house. The expenditure consisted of Loan charges £52,134 (91.49%) Repairs £3,133 (5.50%) Collection £1,325 (2.33%) and rents, insurance, taxes and miscellaneous expenditure £389 (.68%).

The Sum of £46,670 (rent and rates) accrued on the Housing Estate during the year, of which 99.44% was collected at a cost of 2.86%. During the year repairs were carried out to 700 houses. At the 31st March last the stock of houses was 1,165 with 30 in course of construction. A general review of the housing position in the Borough was presented to you a short time ago.

GENERAL BOROUGH SERVICES.

COUNTY SERVICES: The Corporation also contribute towards the cost of some services administered by the County Council. These are: Main Roads, Public Assistance, Health Services, General County Services and Criminal Injury Decrees levied on the County-at-large or on the Borough. The proportion of the cost of these services for which the Corporation is liable is based on the net product of a penny in the pound and in 1961/62 amounted to £30,080, representing 48.91% of the rates collected or £2.66 per head.

In addition to the foregoing which might be termed the principal services, the Borough Council contributes the equivalent of ninepence in the pound to the Unemployment Assistance Fund, and provide for the administration of Cheap Fuel Schemes, Vocational Education, Fire Brigade, School meals, Inspection and sampling of Food and Drugs, all types of nuisances, as well as numerous minor items.

It is hoped that this brief review of the work of the Council will stimulate interest in the Activities of the Local Authority and that suggestions for improvement will be forthcoming which will encourage the production of future reviews.

June, 1962.

5th July, 1962.

A Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee appointed to consider the application of the Redmond Park Committee for a grant towards its maintenance was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 3-0 p.m. The members present being His Worship the Mayor (Alderman John Cullimore) in the chair with Ald. K.C. Morris, Councillors T. Byrne and Edward Hall.

Messrs. S. Galvin and H. Coffey represented the Park Committee.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

M/s. Galvin and Coffey gave / details of the work done on the Park and pointed out that all money from the Original Major Willie Redmond Memorial Fund had been expended on maintenance. They were now in the position that they were unable to employ a caretaker, and suggested that a contribution of £6. per week from the rates would not be an unreasonable sum to maintain the Park as an amenity for the Town.

All the Council Members agreed that such a contribution should be made and on the motion of Councillor Thomas Byrne, seconded by Ald. K.C. Morris, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to

- (1) make a grant of £6. (Six Pounds) per week towards the maintenance of the Park; and
- (2) to consider the allocation of portion of grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote towards the repair of Walks and cleansing of the Pond in the Park.

Mr. Galvin returned thanks to the members for receiving Mr. Coffey and himself and the meeting terminated.

John Cullimore

20th July, 1962.

A Special Committee Meeting of the members of the Borough Council was held this day at the request of His Worship the Mayor in the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Bierney, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

The meeting had been convened to consider a suggestion that General Eisenhower President emeritus of the United States of America should be invited to lay a wreath at the Commodore John Barry Memorial during the period of his forthcoming visit to Ireland. The Town Clerk explained to the Meeting that the Mayor had received a message from Sir Anthony Esmonde, T.D., to the effect that the General would be coming to Ireland and it might be possible to arrange for him to visit Wexford. Following a consultation with the Mayor, he (Town Clerk) had contacted the American Embassy by phone of the 16th inst. with a view to ascertaining if the General's time-table would permit of his coming to Wexford if invited. He ascertained that Sir Anthony Esmonde had also been in contact with the Embassy. As a result the Embassy had contacted Washington and in a letter dated 18th instant addressed to Sir Anthony Esmonde (a copy of which had been forwarded to the Town Clerk and was now read) intimated that General Eisenhower was agreeable to visit Wexford and that he might be accompanied by other members of his party. The General requested that transport for the Dublin-Wexford road trip be arranged. He planned to arrive in Dublin on 21st August and depart by ship from Cobh on the 24th inst. He had a mid-day commitment on the 22nd and that mid-day on August 23rd would appear appropriate for the Wexford Ceremony. The General would arrive in Copenhagen on July 24th and Official Communications from Wexford should be addressed to him care of the American Embassy, Copenhagen, not later than July, 25th.

This matter was considered at length during which several members pointed out that as August 23rd (Thursday) was mid-week there would be a danger that a large gathering of the general public would be extremely doubtful. As well, on such occasions a guard of honour was usually provided by the F.C.A. and as most of the members of this Organisation would be employed on a Thursday difficulty would be experienced in providing the necessary Honour Guard. The question of the attendance of bands was also mentioned and it was feared that a similar difficulty would be experienced as most of the members would also be employed on the occasion.

After considering all aspects of the suggestion that General Eisenhower should be invited to lay a wreath at the Barry Statue on August 23rd it was finally agreed that it would not be possible at a mid-week ceremony to properly honour a person of General Eisenhower's standing by ensuring a large attendance of the general public; the provision of a suitable Honour Guard and the provision of bands to render appropriate and necessary music on the occasion.

It was then agreed that the United States Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. McCloskey should be invited to visit Wexford on Sunday September 23rd to lay the Commemoration Wreath at the Annual Commemoration Ceremony.



2nd August, 1962.

A special meeting (by direction of his Worship the Mayor) of the Council was held this day at half-past eight o'clock, p.m. to again consider the question of inviting General Eisenhower to Wexford on 23rd instant to lay a wreath on the Commodore John Barry Memorial.

The members present were:

His worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair.

Alderman: John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Howlin, John Bierney, James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Frank Cullimore and Thomas Byrne.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

The Town Clerk intimated that Ald. Morris had requested him to apologise for his absence as he was out of Town, and Councillor Howlin stated that his colleague Ald. Corish would not attend due to the absence of the press as completely erroneous statements had been made by some person present at the last meeting. It was then suggested that the press should be admitted to the present meeting but when it was pointed out that such a course would entail an adjournment the suggestion was not pressed to a decision. Ald. O'Flaherty also vehemently criticised the action of members in making false and slanderous statements about his actions at last meeting.

The Mayor explained that he had been approached by several members of the Council and by the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to convene this meeting and the question of inviting the General to Wexford was now open to discussion as no formal resolution had been taken on the 20th ultimo which would need rescission.

From the outset it appeared, having regard to the overwhelming support for such a visit assured of from all sections of the Community, that the Council would be able to render full honours to such a distinguished visitor and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor John Howlin seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne that General Eisenhower be invited to visit Wexford on 23rd August, to lay a wreath on the Commodore John Barry Memorial.

Finally the members agreed to issue a statement to the representatives of the press who were in precincts and the following was drawn up and approved by the meeting.

"The Corporation having reviewed the matter of inviting General Eisenhower to Wexford, wish it to be clearly understood that they did not refuse to receive the General. When the matter was first considered the members genuinely felt that they could not do justice to such a distinguished person in mid-week.

In view of the overwhelming support they have been assured of from all sections of the community, the Corporation have unanimously decided to issue an invitation to General Eisenhower to visit Wexford on the 23rd of this month to lay a wreath at the Commodore Barry Memorial".

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7th August, 1962.

A special Meeting of the Borough Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 8.30 p.m. to consider a message from the American Embassy regarding the proposed visit of General Eisenhower to Wexford. The members present were:-

In the Chair: Ald. John Cullimore, Mayor.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Frank Cullimore, Thomas F. Byrne,
John Howlin, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney and Edward Hall.

With reference to minutes of 2nd instant, the Town Clerk read a copy of the invitation he had issued on 3rd idem through the American Embassy to General Dwight D. Eisenhower to visit Wexford on 23rd of this month to lay a wreath on the Commodore John Barry Memorial.

He (Town Clerk) then intimated that at 4-15 p.m. that day he had received a phone message from the United States Embassy to the effect that the General would visit Wexford on the 23rd but as his schedule was very tight the visit would have to be an early morning one. If possible the General would like to travel in a light aircraft and inquiry was made as to whether or not an airstrip was available in or near Wexford. As no such airstrip was available, the suggestion was made that he might travel by road to arrive in Wexford at 10.0 a.m. and depart by 11-0 to enable him to be in Dublin again by 1.0 p.m. He (Town Clerk) informed the Embassy that he would convene a special meeting of the Council for that evening and phone the decision of the members on the following morning. At 4-28 p.m. a further message was received from the Embassy that they wished to be informed of the Council's decision immediately after the meeting and he (Town Clerk) promised to do so. At 8-0 p.m. a third message was received from the Embassy to the effect that as no airstrip was available in or near Wexford a road journey to and from Wexford would overstrain the General's already tight schedule and he regretted he must decline the Corporation's invitation to visit the town.

The members expressed sincere regret he had found it impossible to include a visit to the Barry Memorial during his stay in Ireland and felt that with the support they had been assured of by all sections of the community such a visit would have been an unqualified success. The Council would have been very happy to receive the General even at an early morning ceremony and render him the full Ceremonial Honours due to such a distinguished person.

The meeting then prepared a statement for release to the press not earlier than Thursday afternoon, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The meeting then examined the question of a date for the Annual Barry Commemoration and ascertained that the date fixed, September 23rd, would not be suitable as the all-Ireland Football Final would be held on the same day. Several other dates having been examined and found unsuitable it was unanimously decided on the motion of Ald. K.C. Morris seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne to hold the Ceremony on Sunday, 9th September at 12-0 noon and to invite the American Ambassador to lay the Commemoration wreath.



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Press Release.

At a special meeting of Wexford Corporation held on Tuesday night of this week in connection with the invitation issued to General Dwight D. Eisenhower to lay a wreath on the Commodore John Barry Memorial, the members were informed that a telephone message had been received that afternoon from the American Embassy to the effect that the General would visit Wexford on the 23rd but as his schedule was very tight the visit would have to be an early morning one. The General would like to travel in a light aircraft and inquiry was made as to whether or not an airstrip was available in or near Wexford.

As no such airstrip was available, it was suggested that he might travel by road to arrive in Wexford at 10-0 a.m. and depart at 11-0 to enable him to be in Dublin again by 1-0 p.m. This tentative arrangement was to be considered at the special meeting and the decision of the Corporation conveyed to the Embassy by phone immediately afterwards to enable final arrangements to be made without delay.

Shortly before the meeting commenced a further message was received from the Embassy that as no airstrip was available a road journey to and from Wexford would overstrain the General's already tight schedule and in the circumstances he regretted he must decline the Corporation's invitation to visit the town.

The members expressed sincere regret he had found it impossible to include a visit to the Barry Memorial during his stay in Ireland as they felt that with the support they had been assured of by all sections of the community such a visit would have been an unqualified success.

The Council would have been very happy to receive the General even at an early morning ceremony and render him the Full Ceremonial honours due to such a distinguished person.

15th August, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Ald. John Cullimore in the chair; Aldermen John O'Flaherty, and Kevin O. Morris; Councillors John Bierney, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, Frank Cullimore, Thomas Byrne and John Howlin. The County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Hall 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; namely minutes of meetings held on 25th June, 5th and 20th July, 2nd and 7th August, 1962.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Howlin moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Lacey family, Sligo, and Mr. Brendan Corish, T.D., on the death of Mrs. Lacey, who was a sister of the late Ald. Richard Corish, and an aunt of Mr. Brendan Corish.

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who had not arrived, and on his own behalf, and was adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

A letter was read from the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy passed by the Corporation on the death of the Very Rev. Fr. L. Allen.

REDMOND PARK.

The first business was a recommendation from a Special Committee that a grant of £6 per week be made towards the maintenance of the Redmond Memorial Park, and to consider the allocation of portion of grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes vote towards the repair of Paths and cleansing of pond in the Park.

Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of this recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Hall. Councillor Howlin raised the question of the Corporation being represented on the Management Committee of this Park. He felt that where public funds were being allocated for any purpose the Corporation should be represented on the body expending such money. Alderman O'Flaherty agreed with Councillor Howlin.

After some further discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation approve in principle the granting of a sum of £6. per week towards the maintenance of the park, and that such a sum be included in the estimates for 1963/4, and it was further agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Ald. O'Flaherty that the sub-committee again meet representatives of the Park Committee and discuss with them the question of

- (a) Representation of the Corporation on the management Committee.
- (b) The suggestion that work be carried out on walks and the cleansing of the pond in the Park with the aid of the Employment and Emergency Schemes vote.

CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The next business was to appoint Delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held in Courtown Harbour on 18th, 19th and 20th of September next. Councillor Howlin moved that Ald. Morris and Councillor Byrne be the delegates, Councillor Bierney seconded.

This matter gave rise to a discussion similar to that which took place in 1961 when it was suggested, in accordance to the Rules and Regulations of the Association, that the Delegates appointed to the first Conference after the election of members of the Local Authority remained the delegates for the lifetime of the Authority. In 1961 the members did not agree with the interpretation of this rule and directed the Town Clerk to take the matter up with the Secretary of the Association. The Town Clerk now read correspondence he had with the Secretary. He (Town Clerk) pointed out that when the Secretary of the Association issued a letter under date of 29th April, 1939, quoting, inter alia, Article II of the Constitution and Rules of the Association he had stated; "Unless the Council decide to change the representatives for any reason or because of death or resignation it is not necessary to appoint new delegates".

He (Town Clerk) had always held that the Council could change their representatives and for that reason had consistently inserted on the agenda each year the appointment of these delegates.

The Secretary of the Association had informed him in June last that he would bring the matter before the Executive at the next meeting which he hoped would be held by the end of July but up to date this meeting had not been held and the Secretary of the Association was not in a position to give an authoritative ruling on the point of issue.

It was therefore agreed to decide this matter, now, by vote and as an amendment Ald. Morris moved that the original delegates, Councillor Cullen and himself be appointed to attend the 1962 Conference; Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposal. On the show of hands there voted for the amendment two, and for the original motion that Ald. Morris and Councillor Byrne be the delegates, six, which was declared carried.

SALARY OF HOUSING ENGINEER.

A proposal by the Wexford County Manager that the Salary of the Temporary Housing Engineer be fixed at £29. per week as from 1st April, 1961 was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

E. & E. SCHEMES VOTE.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government, intimating that the Council's allocation under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1962/3 amounted to £2,750 with a local contribution of £395 making the total amount available for employment schemes £3,145. The allocation for 1961/2 was £3,800 with a local contribution of £550 making the total £4,350 so that the allocation for the current year was down by £1,205 or 27.7%.

After a short discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Ald. O'Flaherty, but with Ald. Morris dissenting, to adjourn consideration of this matter until next meeting and in the mean-time the Borough Surveyor was to prepare schemes to absorb the amount allocated.

DEVELOPMENT OF FERRYBANK.

The next business was to consider plans together with a preliminary estimate of the cost of developing Ferrybank as a recreation centre.

These plans and estimates had been carefully examined by the members of the Corporation in conjunction with the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce. The joint body was well satisfied with the plans prepared by the Bord Failte Architect, but considered that some of the items making up the total of approximately £120,000 were excessive. The Committee thought that the estimate of £17,000 for a cafe unit should be reduced to approximately £8,000 and

that other items could also be revised.

Councillor Howlin then moved that the necessary steps be taken forthwith to implement the scheme and that the Architect be requested to revise or re-examine the estimate as the Council consider some of the items excessive. His particular attention was to be drawn to the cafe item, and he was to be informed that the Council considered that this item should not exceed approximately £8,000. Alderman Morris seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES IN ABBEY ST.

An estimate was submitted by the Borough Surveyor of the cost of repairing the house in Abbey Street occupied by Thomas Howlin. This amounted to no less a sum than £220 and in reply to query the Town Clerk intimated that the rent at present being paid by the tenant was small and he was not quite certain of the exact figure.

It was therefore decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Ald. O'Flaherty to adjourn consideration of this until next meeting and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to calculate the rent increase which would be necessary if the Corporation expended the amount estimated by the Borough Surveyor and to find out if the tenant would be prepared to meet the increased rent.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor the planning permissions proposed by the County Manager in respect of the following buildings were approved. House at Coolcots for Mr. Joseph O'Toole, Houses at Belvedere for Mr. P. Cullen and Mr. William Turner. Reconstruction at South Main Street for Mrs. Travers-Purcell and reconstruction at Elmfield, Spawell Road for Mr. Hugh Walsh.

DUKE STREET AREA.

In reply to a query by Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk intimated he would be hoped to be in a position to have the necessary order in connection with the Duke Street area ready for execution during the next week or so.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS.

Councillor Doran raised with the Borough Surveyor the question of repairs to house at Trinity Street occupied by Goodison and to a nuisance at King Street, as well as repairs to the house at Croke Avenue occupied by William Murphy.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of derelict house at Gibson St. and the Town Clerk promised to examine the place with the Borough Surveyor as soon as possible.

A complaint regarding the toilet in Carroll's of Roche's Terrace was made and the Borough Surveyor explained that he was awaiting a supply of W.C. pans which he had ordered some time ago from the Trade List.

In reply to a query regarding the erection of litter bins it was explained that locks had to be provided for these and that a set of locks which one or two keys would operate were on order and as soon as they were received the bins would be put out. For the present time the bins could not be put out in the Streets as it was not possible to lock the containers.

A general discussion took place regarding the repairs of houses by tenants and most of the members favoured the assistance at present being given to tenants to carry out improvements and repairs to their houses.

Councillor Hall asked the Borough Surveyor to have "Stop Signs" provided in Abbey Street, North and South where it joined with George Street.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would advertise for tenders for the erection of a hotel at Crossdown Cemetery.

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In reply to a further query by Alderman O'Flaherty the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have sufficient money to complete the promenade at Ferrybank.

In reply to Councillor James J. Morris the Town Clerk intimated that he had no further information as to when the new Traffic Regulations would be ready for examination by the Council. Alderman O'Flaherty complained about the condition of footpath at Maudlintown which had been disturbed some time ago by the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs and instead of being replaced in concrete had been replaced in tar macadam as a result of which the tar was being carried on the feet of the tenants into their houses. This matter was to be taken up with the County Engineer.

A question was raised regarding Holiday pay and the Town Clerk pointed out that there was a difference in cessor pay and holiday pay in respect of persons employed on the basis of a five and six-day week. In the case of cessor they are paid 1/6th of a weeks pay in respect of each day's holidays due and in the case of men who had worked the full 12 months and were paid holiday pay, they were allowed 2 full weeks wages.

A question was raised regarding the application of Mr. Patrick Brady of Fisher's Row for permission to erect a garage for his motor wheel-chair and the County Manager intimated that having received a report on this matter he was prepared to grant a tenancy to Mr. Brady of a small plot of ground in Fisher's Row (but not the one he asked for) on which he would be permitted to erect a house for the wheel-chair. This was regarded as satisfactory and unanimously agreed to.

BUILDING SITES AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the representations made by the Corporation in this matter and suggested that the Corporation might re-consider it with a view to fixing a more realistic price, and on the motion of Councillor Frank Cullimore seconded by Councillor James J. Morris it was unanimously agreed to increase the price of the sites from £60 to £100 and to request the Minister for Local Government to sanction this proposal.

HANDBALL COURT.

A letter was read from the St. Mary's Handball Club asking the Corporation to give them permission to run the Ball Court at Trinity Street but it was pointed out that the ball court had been provided from public funds and it would be absolutely essential that the Corporation be represented on any committee having the management thereof, so it was unanimously decided that the committee of the St. Mary's Handball Club be granted permission to run the handball court but with Councillor's Hall and James J. Morris as ex officio members.

It was also decided that any alterations to the court should be submitted to the Corporation for approval by the committee before being carried out.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.



3rd September, 1962.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's office at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the Chair.

Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, and John O'Flaherty. Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Frank Cullimore, John Bierney, Patrick Doran, James J. Morris, Edward Hall and John Howlin.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish 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.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman K.C. Morris on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Patrick Kiernan.

Councillor Cullimore seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, and on his own behalf and by the Borough Surveyor, and adopted in respectful silence.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the appointment of delegates to attend the annual conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Courtown Harbour on the 18th 19th and 20th instant, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Association under date of the 1st instant, intimating that the Executive Committee had ruled that a Council had no right to change its delegates to Annual Conference except in the circumstances provided for, in Article 2 of the Constitution and Rules; that is, on the death or resignation of a delegate or of his failure to attend at least one meeting in any one year or on his being guilty of conduct not in the best interest of the association.

The ruling therefore, was that the Executive Association held that the delegates appointed to attend the first conference after the election of members of the Local Authority remained the delegates for the lifetime of that authority.

The members disputed the interpretation of this Rule by the Executive Committee, particularly having regard to the interpretation placed thereon, in 1939 by the then Executive Committee, and after some discussion Councillor Howlin moved that unless both the delegates appointed (Ald. K.C. Morris and Councillor Thomas Byrne) to attend this year's Annual Conference in Courtown Harbour were accepted by the association with full rights of discussion and voting that no representatives from Wexford Corporation should attend. Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

Councillor Frank Cullimore, however, proposed that the Corporation abide by the Rules of the Association, but as there was no seconder for this proposition, Councillor Howlin's motion was declared carried, but with Councillor Frank Cullimore dissenting.

LIGHT AT WILLIAM STREET

A letter was read on behalf of the residents of William Street, complaining about the changing of a light there, and as well, a memorial from the tenants of Lambert Place was read by Councillor Doran.

After some discussion on this matter during which it was pointed out that it would not be feasible to change any further lights in the street. Councillor Doran proposed that an extra light be provided. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1962/63.

This matter which was adjourned at the last meeting was again brought forward for discussion and it was decided to ask the Department of Local Government the reasons for the reduction of the grant and at what period of the year, the number of persons in receipt of Unemployment Assistance was assessed.

The Meeting then, considered proposals by the Borough Surveyor for the absorption of the Grant allocated and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Surveyor's proposal to expend £2,600 on completion of the Promenade at Ferrybank was approved and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Surveyor's proposals to clear a derelict site at Cornmarket, at a cost of £335. and to provide a concrete footpath at Belvedere at a cost of £210 were also approved.

RENT OF HOUSE AT ABBEY STREET

With reference to minutes of the last meeting when it was pointed out that if the sum of £220 estimated by the Borough Surveyor were to be spent on repairs to the house at Abbey Street, occupied by Mr. Thomas Howlin, the rent would have to be increased, the Town Clerk now reported that Mr. Howlin's basic rent at present was 3/9d. On the basis of repairs at £220. spread over a period of 20 years, the new rent would be 11/- per week. The Town Clerk intimated that he had informed Mr. Howlin of what the increased rent would be and he had intimated his agreement to pay 11/- per week basic rent when the repairs were carried out.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to carry out the repairs and to approve an increase in rent to 11/- per week.

HOUSING LOANS

There was submitted to the meeting two Deeds of Mortgage, whereby, security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for loans of £10,750 and £1,450.

Thereupon, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne as follows:

(a) That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage on this date now read, whereby security will be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a loan of £10,750. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1958, for the completion of 22 houses at Fisher's Row, Wexford and the erection of four further houses.

(b) That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security will be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a loan of £1,450 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1958, for

the completion of 17 houses at William Street, Wexford.

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

P L A N N I N G P E R M I S S I O N .

On a motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin, an Order of the Wexford County Manager approving in principle (subject to the submission and approval of detailed plans) of a proposal by Mr. John Loney to erect a Cafe at Commercial Quay, Wexford, was agreed.

TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF SHELTER AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Three tenders were received for the erection of a Workmen's Shelter and Toolhouse at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown. They were from:-

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| Mr. Patrick La Roche; | who quoted | £153; |
| Mr. William Larkin; | " " | £196. and |
| Mr. John Burke | " " | £198. 15. Od. |

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty these tenders were referred to the County Manager for attention and in the meantime, Mr. La Roche was to be asked within what time he would carry out the work if his tender were accepted.

VISIT OF GENERAL EISENHOWER

Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation congratulate the Town Clerk on the excellent arrangements he had made for the recent visit of General Eisenhower to the town. He also wished to include in the congratulations, the F.C.A., the Bands, the Knights of Malta, the Boy Scouts etc., and all who had helped to make the visit such a success. The Mayor seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S M A T T E R S

The following Miscellaneous matters were raised by Members. The condition of the house at Cornmarket occupied by Mr. John Murphy. The Borough Surveyor was to examine and report on this.

DERELICT SITE AT GIBSON STREET

The Town Clerk promised to take up this matter with the owner of the ground and request him to expedite the alterations he proposed to make there.

The condition of a gully trap at Roche's Road was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

A suggestion was made that a "Go Slow" sign should be erected at Whitemill Road but the Borough Surveyor pointed out that the Council had no legal authority to erect such signs or to control the speed of vehicles in the Town.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to damage to traffic signs and arising out of this, the Town Clerk intimated he had been informed by the local Garda Authorities that their recommendations for revised Traffic Bye-Laws had been sent to the Commissioner on 29th June last and he (Town Clerk) was requested to take this matter up with the Commissioner with a view to expediting the making of the new Bye-Laws.

Alderman Corish pointed out that the stop sign at Summerhill Cross was in the wrong position and requested the Borough Surveyor to alter it.

Councillor Howlin referred to the dangerous condition of the old houses at Keyser's Lane and the Town Clerk promised to draw the attention of the owner to them.

Councillor Doran referred to the dangerous condition of the derelict house at Lower King Street and asked the Town Clerk to take the matter up with the owners.

Alderman O'Flaherty asked that the Borough Surveyor submit a report to the next meeting showing the amount expended on repairs to artisans dwellings to the end of September, together with the areas where the work was carried out.

Alderman O'Flaherty also referred to dumping at St. Aidan's Crescent and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and submit a report.

Alderman O'Flaherty also referred to the condition of part of the Cinema Lane where there was an entrance to the back of private property and asked to have it properly scavenged.

Reference was made to a vacant plot of ground at the south eastern end of Fisher's Row and the Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation had proposed to build on this plot some time ago, but they had been refused permission by the Department of Local Government. The Town Clerk promised to discuss this matter again with the Housing Inspector of the Department when he next visits Wexford.

Reference was made to the condition of the surface of Oyster Lane and Keyser's Lane by Alderman O'Flaherty and the Borough Surveyor pointed out that in Oyster Lane a new sewer was required and he was asked to submit a proposal for any new sewers required in the town so that they could be dealt with and the streets properly surfaced.

The condition of Michael Street was referred to and the Town Clerk was asked to deal with this under the Derelict Sites Act as soon as possible on the proposal of Councillor Doran seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Reference was also made to the condition of the footpath outside of the Post Office at Anne Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to take up the matter with the Engineering Branch of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs who were responsible for the damage with a view to having the footpath reinstated.

MAYOR'S SALARY

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Mayor for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1962, be fixed at £275. and for the remainder of the year 1962/63 at £150. per annum.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR HURLING TEAM.

Councillor James J. Morris moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Senior Hurling Team on their magnificent display in Croke Park on the previous day. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted with acclamation.



1st October, 1962.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, at quarter-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman John Cullimore in the chair,
Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris, and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, Edward Hall, John Bierney,
Frank Cullimore, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In attendance: The County Manager, Town Clerk and Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. Thomas J. Millar.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne the Minutes of Meeting of 3rd September, 1962, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns on the death of his brother. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Acting Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor on the death of his uncle. This motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Acting Borough Surveyor and was also adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation congratulate His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, and an Honorary Freeman of the Borough on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Episcopacy and expressed sincere wishes that God may long spare him to continue the wise and paternal guidance which had characterised his Rule over the Archdiocese of Melbourne for so many years. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and Officials present and adopted with acclamation.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the allocation to the Borough from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for 1962/63 was under consideration a letter was read from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance stating that the Grants were related to the numbers of unemployed as recorded at a Special Census taken for the whole country in the month of January each year, when the unemployment figures are greatest,

Some of the members were of opinion that January was a bad month for Wexford in as much as there was a considerable amount of seasonable employment at malting and after some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne to ask the Minister to carry out this Census at a date nearer to the allocation of Grants than January or to make the allocation on the basis of the average number of unemployed during the first six months of the year.

TIDY TOWNS

The report of the Adjudicators under the Tidy Towns Competition organised by Bord Fáilte showed that Wexford had tied for fourth place in the section with Ennisconthy at 75% each. The Adjudicators intimated

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that Wexford did not appear to have progressed sufficiently since last year to keep pace with rising standards of other entries. The fly-posting facing the New Bridge and on the old toilet at the Crescent was very unsightly. There were still very many derelict sites notably beyond the Pierce Factory, at Partridge Street, Michael Street, near the Theatre Royal, and in many of the narrow streets leading off the Main Street. The Crescent was an unusual feature but the streets should be kept free of weeds. Gardens in the main were good but Public Gardens were so far lacking. The members generally speaking, considered the report satisfactory but asked that more action be taken during the coming year under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961.

T O W N D E C O R A T I O N .

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that a sum of £150. be authorised for Town decoration in the current financial year. In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that they were awaiting locks for the litter bins and immediately they were received they would be placed on the streets.

P U B L I C L I G H T A T K I N G S T .

The Town Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of providing a public light at the end of the Water Lane, Upper King Street.

T R A F F I C B Y E - L A W S .

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that on the 11th September, he had written to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána inquiring when he would be in a position to let the Corporation have a draft of the new proposals for Traffic control. Up to the present he had not received a reply and undertook to again communicate with the Commissioner.

T O W N P L A N N I N G P E R M I S S I O N S

Orders by the Wexford County Manager granting Planning Permission for the following proposals were unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by the Mayor.

1. Dwelling House at Spawell Road for Mr. Eugene McCarthy.
2. A Dwelling house at Ferrybank for Mr. J. McEvoy.
3. A new shop front at North Main Street for Messrs. W. & G. Haddens.
4. Alterations to a store at Anne Street for Mr. Murth Joyce

T E N D E R S F O R E L E C T R I C W I R I N G J O H N S T R E E T H O U S E S

The following tenders were received for electric wiring of 30 houses at John Street:-

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| James Ennis, Kevin Barry Street, | £397. 10. 0d. |
| Alf. Cadigan, Sth. Main Street, | £566. 7. 6d. |
| Eddie Slevin, Sth. Main Street, | £570. 0. 0d. |
| D.L. Willis, Rowe Street, | £609. 17. 6d. |
| Byrne & Doyle, Ballybeg, Taghmon. | £1050. 0. 0d. |

These tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer for attention.

TENDERS FOR PAINTING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The tenders received for painting the Council Chamber were referred to the Borough Surveyor for segregation and necessary action by the County Manager

VISIT OF GENERAL EISENHOWER.

Councillor Hall referred to a statement which appeared in the local press recently that the Corporation would be better off looking after the workers than entertaining ex-President Eisenhower. He stated the remark had been made at a recent meeting of Sinn Fein and he thought this should not be left unchallenged. After some discussion however, it was agreed that no notice be taken of the remark in question.

RETIREMENT OF ALDERMAN CORISH.

All the members and officials joined in congratulating Alderman Nicholas P. Corish on his recent retirement from the post of **Secondary** Teacher in the Christian Brothers Schools which he had held for a considerable number of years.

The Alderman returned thanks.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Town Clerk intimated that due to the absence of the Borough Surveyor on Annual Leave and to the fact that the financial half-year only ended on the previous day he had deferred submitting a detailed report of the repairs carried out to artizans dwellings until next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Reference was made to the condition of a derelict site at King Street, owned by Messrs. Staffords and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with Mr. Stafford regarding its condition.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was called to a break in the concrete at Cinema Lane.

Attention was also called to a defective roof at No. 76 Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by O'Brien and the roof at No. 38 Antelope Road.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also directed to a defective gullytrap outside the premises of Mr. Frank Murphy at Wolfe Tone.

Attention was also called to the fact that the eave chutes on the Corporation property at the end of Gibson Street, occupied by Mr. Lowney were gone.

The Borough Surveyor was to submit a full report and estimate by next meeting, of the cost of repairing the annexes to the Croke Avenue houses. The condition of the surface of John Street was referred to and the Corporation members on the County Council were asked to take the matter up with that body.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Byrne,
overdraft accommodation on the revenue Account in the sum of
£40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000 was
authorised up to 31st December, 1962.

The meeting then terminated.

John Cullen

~~3rd December 1962~~
4/5 November 1962

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

The Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair;
Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish; Kevin Morris and John O'Flaherty;
Councillors: John Bierney, Patrick Doran, Thomas Byrne, John Howlin
James J. Morris and Edward Hall.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish the minutes of Meeting of 1st ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Ferns, the family of the late Mr. Patrick Kiernan and Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

With reference to minutes of the last meeting when it was decided to suggest to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, who is in charge of the Special Employment Schemes Office, that the Census of unemployed should be taken at a date nearer to the time when Grants were allocated or that Grants should be allocated on the average unemployed for the first six months of the year.

Under date of 2nd instant the Director of the Special Employment Schemes Office intimated that the Special Census of Unemployed men on which grants were based was taken by his Office in the 3rd week of January when the incidence of unemployment in the country as a whole was greatest. It had been their experience over the years that this pattern of seasonal unemployment does not change and as the schemes are intended to provide employment during the winter it was obviously appropriate that the grants should be based on the winter figures. The average of the Unemployment figures for the first six months of the year would not be a practical basis of allocation for the reasons that the monthly unemployment statistics normally available did not give separate figures for all the areas qualifying for Employment Schemes Grants, so that a special census would have to be taken each month. Also, the average monthly figure for the six months period would be lower than the January figure. Councillor Howlin who had suggested a change in the time for taking the census of unemployed, intimated that he appreciated the difficulties set out by the Parliamentary Secretary in altering the system, but intimated that he had in mind the special circumstances which had arisen in Wexford over the past six or eight months due to abnormal unemployment in the Agricultural Machinery Industry. Employment in this industry had not been at such a low ebb for some forty years when a special grant was made from Central Funds to help those men out of work. The workers in this industry had now been unemployed for such a long period that their Unemployment Insurance benefit had been exhausted and they had had to revert to Unemployment Assistance. As far as could be ascertained, these workers face Christmas and the New Year without any hope of employment.

He therefore, proposed that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to make available a substantial grant which would enable some Public Works to be undertaken to tide these workers over the winter period, and that copies of the resolution be sent to the Minister for Finance and his Parliamentary Secretary who is in charge of Special Employment Schemes.

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

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REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS DWELLINGS.

A report from the Borough Surveyor on repairs carried out to Artizans Dwellings for the first six months of the current year together with the cost of same and the estimated cost of putting the Corporation houses in to a proper state of repair was next taken up. A copy of the report had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting.

Alderman O'Flaherty intimated that he considered this a very serious report and warranted the appointment of a special committee to examine in minute detail the expenditure, both past and future on repairs to the Council's houses. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion.

Councillor Hall, however, proposed that the committee be composed of the entire Corporation and Alderman Morris seconded.

On a show of hands been taken, four voted for the amendment and six against. Alderman Flaherty's proposition that a small committee be appointed was declared carried by six votes for four against.

As regards the Committee, Councillor Howlin proposed that the Committee consist of Alderman O'Flaherty and Morris with Councillor Byrne and on the suggestion of Councillor Doran who seconded the proposal included the name of Councillor Hall.

The Special Committee consisting of Alderman Flaherty and Morris with Councillors Byrne and Hall with the Mayor as ex-officio member was unanimously agreed and it was decided to hold the first meeting on Wednesday 14th instant at 7.30 p.m.

At the request of Councillor Howlin it was unanimously decided to make available 50 cement blocks, two bags of cement and five cwt. of sand to Mr. R. Mahoney, 124 Corish Park who was building an extension to his house for which he had already purchased materials to the value of £27. The materials to be supplied by the Corporation not to exceed £5.

WAGES OF BUILDING CRAFTSMEN.

On the motion of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne, the proposal by the County Manager that the wages of building craftsmen be increased by 2d. per hour as on and from 24th ultimo, was unanimously approved.

WAGES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES.

The recommendation of the Wexford County Manager that the wages of the Caretakers at Coolree, Edenvale and St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Sergeant all of whose remuneration was related to that of County Council Road Workers be increased by 15/- per week would effect as from 1st April, last was also unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Arising out of the foregoing two recommendations it was pointed out that the increase in the craftsmens' wages would also affect the basic remuneration of the Fire Brigade as well as the tradesmen employed on ordinary Corporation work and to meet the extra expenditure involved in the current financial year the sum of £250. was also unanimously voted.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The next business was a motion, in the name of Councillor Howlin "that a small committee be established to examine with the County Manager the organisation and administration of the Wexford Town Fire Brigade."

At the request of Councillor Howlin this motion was adjourned to next meeting to enable him to make some further enquiries.

NAMING OF JOHN STREET HOUSES.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris that the 34 house, scheme at John Street be named "Mannix Place."

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On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to grant a reversionary lease to the St. Vincent De Paul Society on the Boys Club grounds at Thomas Street.

It was explained that the Society had acquired the interest of a Miss Browne which expired on 1st November, 1978 in a plot of ground at Green Street on which to erect a Boys Club which would cost a substantial sum. Miss Browne held from the Maylor Estate who in turn held from the Atkin's Estate and the Representatives of Atkins (or Bannister) held from the Corporation who were the fee simple owners, but this fee simple interest was subject to 999 year lease from 1748.

The Society were aware that the Corporation contemplated the acquisition of the Talbot Street/Green Street area for housing purposes and felt that if the Corporation acquired this property again they would give the society a substantial title, but in the meantime, they felt that the grant of a Reversionary lease from the 1st January, 1978 subject to the existing 999 year lease would give them somewhat better title than they had at the moment.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT.

It was reported to the meeting that the Bord Failte Architects had now submitted revised plans for the cafe in the Ferrybank Development proposals which would reduce the estimate by some £8,000 and the Corporation's contribution for the whole project to approximately, 1/6d. in the pound. This was considered satisfactory.

HOUSING SUBSIDY.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that as from the 1st April, 1961 subsidy would be paid on the Capital Charge of houses up to £1,650. as against the present maximum of £1,500.

TOWN PLANNING.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Bierney orders made by the Wexford County Manager granting planning permission for the following structures were unanimously approved:-

Dwellinghouse at Whiterock for Mr. Patrick Maloney;

Sub-station for E.S. B. at Anne Street;

Reconstruction of premises at North Main St. for M/s Godkin and Company and alterations to premises of:-

Mr. W. Cullen, at North Main Street.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS.

Tenders for timber, cement, damp coarse sand, gravel etc., for 24 houses at Davitt Road North, were opened by His Worship the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for attention.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Arising out of the complaint regarding the condition of the roof of No. 76 Wolfe Tone Villas in respect of which reports were submitted by the Borough Surveyor and Foreman it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should try to fix the tiles on this roof with mastic.

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FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the danger of flooding at Bishopswater Housing Scheme and pointed out that the residents there were in a very nervous state the previous night due to the heavy rainfall and intimated that a large quantity of water had built up behind the ditch separating the Housing Scheme from the premises of the Golf Club and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should investigate the matter first thing on the following morning.

FLOODING AT JOHN STREET.

Alderman O'Flaherty complained of periodic flooding at John Street during periods of heavy rain and it was decided to ask the County Engineer and Borough Surveyor to examine this with a view to making steps to alleviate the flooding at certain points in this street.

FOOTPATH AT ALLEN STREET.

Alderman Corish raised the question of the level of the footpath at Allen Street which he stated was falling towards the house occupied by Mr. Denis Lacey as a result of which Mr. Lacey's House was becoming damp and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to examine and report on the matter.

ISSUE OF STAMP.

Alderman O'Flaherty moved that the Corporation request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to issue a special stamp to celebrate the birth of Rev. Eugene O'Growney and the Rev. Dr. Risteard de Hindeberg whose anniversaries occur next year. Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

DERELICT SITE AT KING STREET.

Councillor Byrne raised the question of the derelict site at King Street and it was unanimously decided that as the owner did not appear to want to clean it up that the Corporation should serve a notice under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961.

HOUSES -) CROKE AVENUE.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the condition of the annexes to the Croke Avenue houses and the report from the Borough Surveyor was read regarding them which it was decided to refer to the special committee appointed to consider the question of repairs to Artizans Dwellings.

PUBLIC LIGHTS.

A complaint was made regarding the lights on the Main Street, Davitt Road, South and King Street/Distillery Road and the Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the E.S.B.

NO. 5 TRINITY STREET.

Councillor Doran referred to the condition of the door at No. 5 Trinity Street and asked the Borough Surveyor to take steps to have it repaired.

RADIO EIREANN.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the hopeless reception from Radio Eireann in Wexford for some time past and asked the Town Clerk to communicate with the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the matter.

REDMOND PARK COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the members of the Committee dealing with the question of a grant towards the maintenance of the Redmond Park should meet the members of the Park Committee on the 15th instant at 3.0 p.m.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

A meeting of the Old Age Pension Committee was held at the close of the above meeting and a record of the claims and questions will be found in the Register.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd December 1962.

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

The Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the chair;
Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris;
Councillors:- Patrick Doran; John Howlin, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney;
Edward Hall and James J. Morris.

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

MINUTES.

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

SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Reek who for 30 years had been a faithful employee of the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the members present by the Mayor, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

An acknowledgement was read from His Grace, Archbishop Mannix acknowledging expression of congratulations and good wishes of the Corporation on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Consecration.

SPECIAL GRANT.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to make available a special grant for the relief of abnormal unemployment in the local Agricultural Machinery Industry, the Town Clerk explained that he had written to the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Finance and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister who was in charge of Special Employment Schemes.

He now read acknowledgements from the Minister for Finance and His Parliamentary Secretary and a letter from the Minister for Local Government intimating he regretted that there were no funds at his disposal from which a Grant could be made for the purpose requested by the Corporation.

RADIO INTERFERENCE.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when complaint was made regarding interference with Radio Eireann which it was now virtually impossible to hear in the Wexford Area, correspondence was read from Radio Eireann in which it was stated that the question of improvement of reception of Radio Eireann in Wexford and similarly situated areas had been given considerable study and kept under review. The internationally allocated channels in the medium wave band rendered it very difficult to effect an improvement under existing conditions and agreements within Europe. Interference between stations on the medium longwave bands had tended to increase in recent years as a by-product of the unsettled political situation in Europe.

This correspondence was considered most unsatisfactory and it was obvious to the members that although they were paying licence fees they were receiving no service whatever, and it was apparent to them that Radio Eireann was not prepared to take the matter seriously and it was agreed that Radio Eireann be informed accordingly.

A letter from the County Registrar on the question of the provision of a pound was read in which he intimated that such a pound would be used for the impounding of animals and goods seized outside the Borough boundaries as well as inside.

It was obvious, that from this communication that the Corporation were expected to provide a pound which would not only serve the Borough Area but also the rural area for which the County Council would be responsible and it was agreed to adjourn this matter to examine the question of the liability of the Wexford County Council to assist in the provision of a pound.

A SALE OF BUILDING SITES AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH.

With reference to previous discussions on this matter, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that it appeared to him that the proper course for the Corporation would be to fix a reasonable price for the sites in the light of previous correspondence and in order to meet the specific reason referred to in previous correspondence to make supplementary grants available in accordance with the powers conferred by the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962. The Minister requested the matter be further considered by the Corporation and in the event of the Corporation deciding after reconsideration not to make these grants available the Minister would not object to the disposal of the sites at £100. each provided this concession was restricted to persons who would be eligible for supplementary housing grants in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions or to persons who would be eligible for the tenancy of houses provided by the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

After a general discussion on the building of houses in the Borough it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor James Morris to abandon the idea of disposing of these sites for private building and to prepare plans without delay for the provision of working class houses to be erected by the Corporation on the ground in question.

HOUSE BUILDING.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation deplore the time lag in house building and call for a full investigation of the matter.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated to the Alderman that the John Street Housing Scheme commenced in June, 1961 and the estimated time for completion was 22 months.

It was considered, however, that men should be employed continually on the scheme from start to finish and complaint was made of Tradesmen been left off for short periods during the duration of a scheme and it was felt that any scheme should be so organised as to provide for continuous employment for the various trades while work pertaining to a particular trade was available. This view was supported by all the members present and Alderman Morris complained about the plan being used for all the Corporation dwellings.

In this connection, however, the County manager pointed out that some seven years ago a consulting Architect had been employed with the object of providing a house different from the type being erected by the Corporation for some years past. In November, 1956, plans had been submitted by this Architect to the Department of Local Government and quite recently approval to the general layout of a Scheme of some 120 houses at Whitemill had been approved in principle but at this stage the Department had raised questions regarding the size of the house and suggested that it should be reduced somewhat, as it was somewhat larger than the type being erected. This matter had been referred to the Architect and his observations on the Department's request had now been furnished to the Department and the Corporation Officials were awaiting a decision so that steps could be taken to advertise these houses for tender.

In connection with the existing type of house being erected it was suggested that some variation could be made by changing the colour of the roof tiling and the dashing on the walls. It was pointed out that consultants from any of the paint manufacturers would be available to advise on the colours and the Manager intimated that he would discuss with the Housing Engineer the possibility of varying the roof tiles and the colouring of the different blocks in the Davitt Road North Scheme.

P A R A D I S E R O W .

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the Borough Surveyor examine Paradise Row and report on what steps were needed to make it presentable. In this connection, the Borough Surveyor pointed out that he believed there were certain rights of way to the rear of the Waterloo Road houses there and it would be impossible to close up the area but it was suggested that he should consider the planting of trees with a view to screening the area.

D E R E L I C T S I T E S A T M I C H A E L S T .

It was also agreed that steps be taken to deal with Derelict Sites at Michael Street under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1960.

R E P A I R S T O A R T I Z A N S D W E L L I N G S .

In accordance to the notice given, Councillor Howlin moved that following the Borough Surveyor's report on the condition of Corporation houses submitted to the November meeting that he be instructed to prepare a detailed estimate on which application for a loan to repair the houses could be based. Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

The County Manager, however, pointed out that repairs to Artizans dwellings was purely a revenue charge and he felt that there would be extreme difficulty in securing sanction to the raising of such a loan.

After some discussion, however, it was agreed to await the report of the special Committee dealing with repairs to Artizans dwellings and to authorise extra expenditure of £750. in the current year on repairs to Artizans dwellings. This authorisation was proposed by Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously agreed.

Alderman Flaherty referred to statement made the previous day by an Taoiseach regarding the amendment of the Industrial Development Act. He welcomed the proposals that the benefits of this act were to be extended to areas outside those known as undeveloped areas and moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to an Taoiseach and the Government on this proposal.

Alderman O'Flaherty also proposed that a committee of the Corporation be set up to consult with commercial and labour organisations on the Bill as soon as it was available.

Councillor Howlin seconded the proposals and the following committee was unanimously appointed, i.e., His Worship the Mayor; Alderman O'Flaherty and K.C. Morris with Councillor Thomas Byrne, who were to meet representatives of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Wexford Trades Council.

B I S H O P S W A T E R F L O O D I N G .

A report from the Borough Surveyor on complaint at last meeting regarding the danger of flooding at Bishopswater was read for the meeting. This was considered satisfactory and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Howlin to authorise an expenditure of £75. to carry out suggested improvements to the drainage in the area.

Arising out of this matter the Borough Surveyor was also authorised to take steps to alleviate flooding at John Street by the provision of an extra manhole at the bottom of St. John's Road at an estimated cost of £30.

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TRAIN SERVICE.

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of the morning train from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford which carried a large amount of school children. He complained that the train was not heated and it was decided to draw the attention of the District Manager of C.I.E. to this matter.

P L A N N I N G P E R M I S S I O N .

An Order by the County Manager granting Planning Permission for the erection of a school at Davitt Road South for Wexford Select Vestry was unanimously approved.

SEWERAGE AT BARRACK STREET.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the missing sewerage at Barrack Street and Bunker's Hill and asked that some steps should be taken to compel abatement of the nuisance there.

TRAFFIC AT FIVE-WAY JUNCTION AT PARNELL STREET, BARRACK STREET, ETC.,

The Borough Surveyor was asked to consult with the Gardai on the question of making this safe by the provision of "Stop" signs on certain streets near the junction.

The meeting then terminated.

John G. O'Flaherty

7/1/63.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation in committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being: Aldermen John O'Flaherty and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: Patrick Cullen; Patrick Doran; Thomas Byrne; John Bierney; Frank Cullimore and Edward Hall:

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Councillor Byrne, Alderman O'Flaherty took the chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

The meeting had been called to examine a list of applicants for houses, a copy of which had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting and after examining the list in detail the members were in a position to inform the officials that certain people therein, had re-housed themselves and to point out the names of applicants whom they considered to be in dire need of re-housing.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

When the business of examining the housing list had been completed the Town Clerk explained to the meeting that certain trouble was being experienced with the administration of the Cheap Fuel Scheme.

The Department of Social Welfare had considered the tenders received for the supply of fuel too high and had only sanctioned same on day to day basis. The Department considered that the Corporation should administer the scheme themselves by purchasing turf in bulk and distributing it to the recipients. Despite requests to Local Auctioneers, the Town Clerk intimated that he had been unable to find any suitable yard in which large quantities of turf could be stored in safety and the Department of Social Welfare had been informed of this position.

The members were of opinion, however, that the Corporation had no organisation capable of handling the distribution of turf and thought that no saving would result from buying it in bulk and distributing, despite the price charged by the local merchants.

The meeting terminated.



7th January, 1963.

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

The members present being:- Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.
Councillors: John Howlin, Thomas Byrne, John Bierney, Patrick Doran, Patrick Cullen, Edward Hall and Frank Cullimore. The County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

C H A I R M A N

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that Alderman O'Flaherty take the chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

M I N U T E S

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

S Y M P A T H Y

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Chairman moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James Morris on the death of his uncle, Mr. Daniel Nolan. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf, and by the Borough Surveyor. The resolution was adopted in respectful silence.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S.

A letter was read from Radio Eireann, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's complaint regarding Local interference with the reception of Radio Eireann.

A letter was also read from the Department of the Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution congratulating him on the proposal to amend the Industrial Development Act.

A letter was also read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs acknowledging the resolution of the Corporation requesting the issue of special stamps to commemorate the centenary of Rev. Eugene O'Growney and Rev. Risteard de Hindeberg and intimating that it was regretted because of prior commitments it would not be feasible to adopt the resolution.

T R A I N H E A T I N G.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a request was made to C.I.E. to heat the morning train from Rosslare to Wexford, the Town Clerk replied that he had received no acknowledgement of his communication which had been sent to the District Manager.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should again contact the District Manager and ask him the position.

HOUSING SITES

FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of 10th ultimo requesting that extracts from certain Circular letters relating to the development of housing sites for sale or lease to persons providing their own housing accommodation be given to members. Copies of the extracts from these circulars had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting and the meeting thanked the Minister for drawing their attention to their powers in this regard.

LOAN FOR HOUSING SCHEME

On the motion of Councillor Cullen seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to authorise a raising of a loan of £47,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of 24 houses and the acquisition of the necessary land at Davitt Road North.

Arising out of this loan authorisation, a question was raised regarding the alteration of the colour scheme in the houses and the County Manager intimated that he had already discussed with the Housing Engineer the possibility of varying the colour of the roof tiles and the dashing on the dwellings.

In reply to a further query, the Manager intimated that he had not lost sight of erecting more of the Marian Row type of houses but in previous schemes he had submitted to the Department they had been cut out, on the ground that the accommodation provided would not justify the cost until such times as the normal house had been provided for all those in need of such. He would however, bear it in mind when preparing a scheme for the Duke Street area and try to embody some of those dwellings.

RENTS AT JOHN STREET.

In reply to a query regarding the rents charged to some of the new tenants in John Street, the Town Clerk intimated that the rents were graded and based on the incomes of the tenants.

MARRIAGE GRATUITY

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that finance be made available to provide for a marriage gratuity of £300. 8. 4d. to Mrs. Eileen O'Brien (nee Quirke) former Clerk to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

P L A Q U E S.

A request was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to appoint two members to act on a Committee to deal with the erection of plaques indicating places of historical interest in the town. On the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by the Chairman, Councillors Doran and Byrne were appointed to represent the Corporation on the Committee, which was to meet on the 9th instant.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council intimating that they had appointed Mr. John Howlin, Chairman; Mr. James Browne, Vice Chairman; Mr. John Kinsella and Mr. Thomas Roche to act on the joint committee proposed to be established with representatives of the Corporation and Chamber of Commerce to consider the new Industrial Development Legislation.

7th January, 1963.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Wexford Chamber of Commerce were meeting this night and that their members would be selected at that meeting.

As the Bill had not yet been published it was decided to await its publication; procure copies, and then to convene a meeting of the committee.

With reference to minutes of previous meetings when questions had been raised regarding the continuity of employment of the John Street Housing Scheme, a letter was read from the Housing Engineer on this matter.

The principal delay in the scheme was shortage of masons and some of the members held that the masons had been laid off during the scheme when work could have been made available for them by better organisation.

This matter gave rise to a general discussion on the continuity of housing schemes during which it was pointed out that a continuity could not be provided unless schemes were sanctioned well in advance, and arising out of questions regarding the proposed 120-house scheme at Slippery Green, the correspondence in this matter between the Town Clerk and the Department of Local Government was read. From this it was seen that although the scheme had been submitted in November, 1956 it was only in November, 1962 when the Department had suggested advertising for tenders that they had raised the question of the actual size of the dwelling.

Having regard to the seriousness of this matter both from the Housing and Employment points of view it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Doran to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, 14th instant when the Housing Engineer was to be present to deal with the question of continuity of employment and the erection of further houses.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that after a discussion with the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, he proposed to erect Traffic Signs at the junction of Barrack St., Michael St., Parnoll St., Castlehill Street and Lambert Place.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received the draft of the proposed Traffic By-Laws from the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána.

It was suggested to the Borough Surveyor that he should have "yield right of way" signs placed near the triangle in the Faythe leading from the Folly.

Complaint was made regarding:- the condition of the footpath in Lower George Street from White's Hotel to Main Street; a gully trap in Cinema Lane; and the condition of the roadway at the Junction of Fisher's Row/The Faythe.



7th January, 1963.

A meeting of the Corporation in committee was held at the close of the Quarterly meeting.

The members present being:- Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:- John Howlin, Thomas Byrne; John Bierney; Patrick Doran Patrick Cullen; Edward Hall and Frank Cullimore.

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

This meeting had been agreed on arising out of questions at the Quarterly meeting regarding the suspension of four members of the Fire Brigade.

The County Manager read a report which he had just received from the Chief Fire Officer as a result of which he stated he had no option but to approve the action of this Officer in suspending the four men in question pending the investigation by him of the entire matter. The members, generally speaking, considered that the Station Officer should not have been completely removed from Office as he had long service and any complaint against him could have been dealt with by reducing him to post of fireman. After lengthy discussion, the County Manager intimated that he would consider the matter on the report of the Fire Officer very carefully and if necessary, to ask the members of the Fire Brigade who had been suspended to submit their views to him before he took a final action.

OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of Councillor Cullen seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000, was authorised up to 31st March, 1963.

The meeting terminated.

John Cullimore

14th January, 1963.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being: Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty; Kevin Morris.

Councillors: John Howlin; Frank Cullimore; Patrick Doran; Edward Hall; Thomas Byrno; Patrick Cullen.

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

C H A I R M A N .

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that Alderman O'Flaherty should take the chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

S U P E R M A R K E T .

An application was submitted from Slaney Supermarket Ltd., for approval in principle to the erection of a supermarket at St. Peter's Square and the granting of such approval was unanimously agreed.

S L I P P E R Y G R E E N H O U S I N G S C H E M E .

With reference to minutes of last meeting when correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Department of Local Government was read regarding a proposed housing scheme of approximately 120 houses at Slippery Green a letter was now read from the Minister for Local Government under date of 10th instant intimating that the Minister would raise no further objection to the use in this scheme of the House Plans submitted with letter of 27th April, 1962. The Minister also referred to the probability of rock being encountered and indicated the procedure to be followed and finally intimated that the Housing Authority's proposals for the acceptance of a tender for the scheme would be awaited.

This letter was considered very satisfactory and the County Manager asked was he now to advertise for tenders and have the direct Labour Unit submit a price in competition with outside contractors, and it was unanimously decided to authorise the Manager to advertise for tenders as soon as the necessary contract documents were available and the direct Labour Unit was to submit a price in competition with any contractors tendering.

The meeting then proceeded to deal with the matters raised at the last meeting regarding continuity of employment, during which it was stated amongst other things that the craftsmen would not work for the Corporation due to the intermittent nature of the employment provided.

Generally, the members expressed a view that the time lag in the building of houses was too great and felt that their erection could be expedited more, although Councillor Cullimore and Alderman Morris intimated that they were strongly opposed to direct labour and advocated that all houses should be carried out by contractors.

The Housing Engineer intimated that at a conference held 15 years ago, when direct labour was first used in the post-war period it

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was very clearly stated that no guarantee could be given of continuity of employment as such continuity must be governed by the nature and requirements of the work, generally by long term planning. It was not possible to plan for continuity with the sanctioning of small schemes from time to time.

As regards the John Street Scheme, this commenced in June, 1961, and was now nineteen months in operation. The time laid down for the work was 22 months but the members would have to realise that he did not get a clear site at the start and it was only in May last, that he was in a position to demolish the houses fronting John Street when the existing tenants had been re-housed elsewhere. No contractor would work under such conditions and if he did, he would have a large bill for extras.

During the period they were working, they lost over 7,000 hours in wet time. In addition it was now proposed to build an extra four houses on the John Street Site.

Reference was also made to task work and subcontracting and this method was to be examined.

Finally, before the meeting ended Alderman O'Flaherty proposed that a committee of members of the Corporation and Trade Unions be resurrected and this was seconded by Councillor Howlin. But as the County Manager did not appear to be enamoured with such a committee the motion was withdrawn.

Before the meeting terminated Alderman O'Flaherty on behalf of the Corporation extended best wishes to His Worship the Mayor for his recovery from his illness.

John Cullen

4th February, 1963.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock pm.

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman John Cullimore) in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Cullen, Edward Hall, Thomas Byrne, James Morris and Frank Cullimore.

In attendance: - The Wexford County Manager and the Town Clerk.

Alderman Morris intimated that Councillor Patrick Doran had requested him to apologise for his inability to be present at the Meeting.

DEATH OF JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON.

At the outset, His Worship the Mayor referred to the death of the Cardinal-Primate and said that on Friday morning last, Wexford and all Ireland were stunned with the radio announcement that His Eminence, John Francis Cardinal D'Alton had passed to his Eternal reward. Five-and-a-half years ago, on 30th June, 1957, the Cardinal honoured Wexford with his presence and the Corporation in recognition of that visit conferred on him the Freedom of the Borough, the highest distinction in their power to bestow and an honour which had then only been granted to ten people in the previous eighty years.

On that historic occasion in the Annals of Wexford it was made abundantly clear that the decision to confer the Freedom on His Eminence was not merely that of the Borough Council, but was one which received the whole-hearted support of the citizens. That support was demonstrated in no uncertain manner by the enthusiastic reception accorded to His Eminence when he arrived in Wexford.

Those of us who had the pleasure of meeting the Cardinal must have been impressed by the simplicity of the man, by the charming way he received individually the hundreds of people who thronged the grounds of St. Peter's College and by the obvious sincerity in all his utterances.

Immediately he (Mayor), heard the tragic news he conveyed the sympathy of the citizens of Wexford to the Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh.

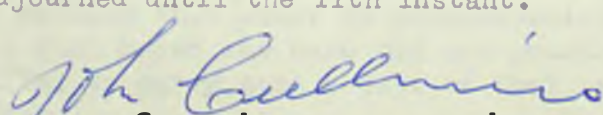
He deeply regretted the passing of one of our most illustrious Churchmen and distinguished Freemen whose memory would long be revered in the hearts of the people he loved and served so well.

Finally, he proposed "That this Council extend to His Holiness Pope John XXIII, the Sacred College of Cardinals, the Irish Hierarchy as well as the Clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Armagh our deep sorrow at the passing of our beloved Cardinal-Primate, and that this meeting adjourn as a further mark of respect to his memory."

Alderman Corish, in seconding the Resolution, referred to the many outstanding virtues of Cardinal D'Alton, not the least of which was his love for children.

The resolution was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk; and unanimously adopted; all members and officials standing in respectful silence.

The meeting then adjourned until the 11th instant.


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11th February, 1963.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor; Alderman John Cullimore in the Chair;
Aldermen:- Kevin C. Morris; John O'Flaherty and Nicholas Corish.

Councillors:- Edward Hall; Patrick Doran; Patrick Cullen; John Howlin;
Thomas Byrne and James Morris.

In attendance:- The Wexford County Manager; the Borough Surveyor;
Housing Engineer; and the Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

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

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Frank Cullimore on the death of his cousin Mr. Joseph Keane. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at last meeting were read from His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, His Lordship the Bishop of Achonry, acknowledging the resolution of sympathy on the death of His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton; and from Councillor James Morris acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his uncle.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A copy of the report of the Local Government Auditor and his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for year ending 31st March, 1962 was submitted to the meeting and considered satisfactory.

FUEL SCHEME.

With reference to minutes of 17th December last when it was explained to the meeting that lengthy correspondence had been taking place between the Department of Social Welfare and the Corporation Officials regarding the administration of the Cheap Fuel Scheme for year 1962/63, a further letter under date of 7th ultimo from the Department of Social Welfare was now read. This stated that in view of the assurance given that suitable premises were not at present available in the town for use as a Fuel Depot, approval was given to the acceptance of tenders at £6. per ton for fuel for necessitous families. It was still considered that this price for the fuel was exorbitant and it was requested that efforts should continue to be made to obtain a suitable depot, so that arrangements might be made in future years to run the scheme direct by the Local Authority on the line suggested in previous letters. It would be necessary before any further scheme was brought into operation to consider the question of inviting tenders by advertisement in newspapers circulating outside the town and also the desirability of taking the supply from one merchant rather than spreading it over all the local merchants.

The members described this correspondence in anything but complimentary terms and unanimously decided that under no consideration would they permit the Corporation to set up a Fuel Depot and have old age pensioners walk, in some cases, a distance of over a mile, to carry home a cwt. of fuel, particularly in the weather we were at present having.

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BURIAL GROUNDS.

A letter under date of 2nd instant was submitted from the Minister for Local Government regarding the maintenance of Burial Grounds throughout the country. A copy of this letter had been supplied to the members with the Agenda of the present meeting so that they were familiar with its contents.

Arising out of it, the Borough Surveyor was asked to report and submit an estimate on reconstructing the walks in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown and as well, he was to go into the question of providing covering for the Grave-diggers.

TOWN PLANNING.

Orders made by the Wexford County Manager were laid before the meeting granting permission to Messrs. Traynors (Wexford) Ltd., for the erection of a store at John Street; and for addition to the premises of Mr. Daniel Dempsey at the Faythe. The County Manager's Orders were unanimously approved.

DEPUTATION FROM CIVIC TRUST.

At this stage a deputation was received from the Wexford Civic Trust the object of which was to urge the Council not to proceed with the proposed erection of 120/126 houses at Slippery Green but to transfer these dwellings to suitable sites at the Northern end of the town.

The deputation consisted of:-

Rev. Thomas Murphy, Adm., Messrs. George Bridges; Thomas Cullimore; Joseph Lambert; and Thomas Keeling.

During the course of two lengthy statements by the Rev. Administrator and Mr. Bridges, reference was made to the fact that due to the erection of a large majority of Corporation dwellings in the south-western end of the town the population from the Northern side of the Parish had seriously diminished. This, it was claimed, resulted in a complete dislocation of trade and to the fact that while the Churches in the northern end of the town were practically empty the Bride Street Church in the southern portion was overcrowded and that a similar effect was to be seen in the schools.

The deputation also submitted a petition signed by a large number of people who considered that the houses should be erected more convenient to Churches, Schools and Shopping centres.

It was the opinion of the deputation, that suitable sites were available and that better use could be made of available sites in so far as the number of houses per acre could be increased.

After the deputation had left the County Manager made a statement intimating that the Corporation had a statutory responsibility to provide houses for those in need of them and that all other considerations must be subordinated to that responsibility. Subject to this responsibility, both the Corporation and their officials had always been anxious to secure the development of the town in an orderly way. To attempt to comply with the deputation's request would merely succeed in bringing house building by the Corporation to a halt, with consequent unemployment of building craftsmen and labourers and disappointment to those who were looking to the Corporation to provide houses for the accommodation of themselves and their families; and any resultant shift in population would be away completely from Wexford by way of emigration rather than from one side of the town to the other.

The Corporation had no sites in its ownership on the north side of the town other than those at John Street and Davitt Road North, where in all 58 houses were completed or under construction at present.

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The acquisition of sites and obtaining approval of purchase terms; the preparation and approval of plans; and the negotiation of the necessary loan facilities before building could start could take some years and particularly, where compulsory acquisition of land was involved.

In a report to the Corporation in May, 1962, it was pointed out that detailed lay-out and house plans for 124 houses in the area of Newtown/Slippery Green were at present with the Department of Local Government for approval. The Council did not appear anxious to erect further houses there at the time and had expressed a desire that building efforts should be concentrated in the North end of the Borough. This was a difficult problem as an examination of the ordinance map would show that there was little available building ground in either St. Iberius or St. Selskar Wards. In fact, there was no site on which a substantial number of dwellings could be erected. The Corporation had therefore, to look to smaller sites to try and meet such demands and small quantities of building land were both costly to acquire and somewhat uneconomic to build on, due to the relatively small spread of overhead expenses.

The manager also pointed out that along with the houses under construction there would still be a need of 300 houses to meet the Corporation's requirements to re-house those families living in unfit and overcrowded conditions and this took no account of annual obsolescence which could be estimated at not less than 10 houses per annum; or of a tendency for newly weds to move initially into Corporation houses with in-laws, in time creating further overcrowding problems. The Manager further pointed out that some 30 acres of land would still be required for re-housing purposes. Sites for 40 houses were available at Davitt Road South and plans for building there had already been submitted for Departmental approval which left a need for a further 26 acres of land. Finally, he stated that the Council must, therefore, build at Slippery Green sooner or later if it really meant to make an impression on the housing problem in the town. The time to do it was now when sanction had been received and funds were available. It had taken six years to get to the present stage of the scheme and it would be some time yet before advertisements inviting tenders could be issued, the results considered and sanction obtained to a contractor or building by direct labour. If the present opportunity were let slip who was to say what world or other crisis would put a stop to Local Authority building for a long term of years as happened during World War II.

At this stage a report from the Borough Surveyor on the unsuitability of suggested housing sites at the rear of John Street/John's Gate Street was read.

Councillor Howlin intimated that he whilst, every sympathy with the deputation he had to point out that the effect of any postponement or cancellation of the erecting of these houses would cause serious unemployment in the building trades and he moved "that we endorse the previous unanimous decision of the Corporation to proceed with the erection of 120 houses at Slippery Green." Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was supported by some of the members.

Councillor O'Flaherty, however, did not now agree that the Corporation should proceed with the erection of houses at Slippery Green but that they should concentrate on the erection of houses on derelict sites in the north side of the town; in Duke Street and at the back of the Abbey Cinema.

Councillor Hall said that while he did not agree with the erection of houses in the south-western portion of the town as it was affecting business in all parts of the Main Street, he could not agree, however, to hold up the scheme and leave people without houses and cause further unemployment in the town. Councillor Byrne and Alderman Morris also agreed with the deputation that the scheme should be held up pending the erection of further houses in the north end of the town.

An ordinance map was then examined from which it was seen, as previously pointed out by the Manager, that there was little land available in the north end of the town, certainly nothing like sufficient to

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build a scheme of 100 or 120 houses. After a lengthy discussion Councillor Cullen proposed and Councillor Doran seconded that we invite the deputation back and explain the Corporation's position and difficulties in erecting a large number of houses in the North end of the town, but it was eventually unanimously agreed that the proposal of Councillor Cullen should be embodied as an addendum to the motion proposed by Councillor Howlin and seconded by Alderman Corish and the resolution finally decided on by them "that we endorse the previous unanimous decision of the Corporation to proceed with the erection of 120 houses at Slippery Green and that we invite the deputation back to explain to them the position and the difficulties of the Corporation in erecting a large number of houses in the north end of the town."

It was also decided that the deputation should be invited to return on the 25th instant.

The meeting then terminated.



25th February, 1963.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. in accordance with the decision arrived at on the 11th instant.

The members present were His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair;

Aldermen: K. C. Morris; John O'Flaherty;

Councillors; John Howlin; Edward Hall; Thomas Byrne; John Bierney; Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

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

MINUTES.

At the outset, Councillor Howlin referred to a report in one of the Local papers of the last meeting at the end of which the report stated that Alderman O'Flaherty had dissented from the decision of the Corporation taken at that meeting. He (Councillor Howlin) had a perfect recollection of that decision and there was no dissenting voice.

The Town Clerk also intimated that he did not hear Alderman O'Flaherty recording his dissent and the only person who stated that he heard Alderman O'Flaherty dissenting was His Worship the Mayor. Alderman O'Flaherty pointed out that he had definitely spoken at the early stages of the meeting against the building at Slippery Green and he would not accept the building of houses in that area.

The meeting had been called to again receive the deputation from the Civic Trust regarding the building of houses in the north end of the town.

The County Manager intimated that following the last meeting, the Civic Trust had submitted a list of thirtecn sites on which the Trust considered houses could be erected.

Those sites had been examined by the Corporation Officials and a list of same with the observations of the officials on each particular site was now circulated amongst the members and copies were sent outside to the deputation from the Civic Trust which was awaiting to be received.

On the question of whether or not a discussion should take place with the deputation fr it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Doran that discussion with the deputation would be permitted.

Arising out of site No. 1. which it was suggested by the Trust could be obtained from the Order of St. John of God, it was pointed out that this would entail the erection of a ten-foot wall around the entire site and the officials estimated that the extra cost on the site development would be approximately, £4,000. and would entail something like 3 to 4 shillings on the rent of the houses. In this connection Alderman O'Flaherty asked if it would be possible to finance the erection of this wall out of the rates but it was eventually decided to leave this matter over until such time as the officials had completed their negotiations with the Order of St. John of God and Mr. Meyler, whose property, adjoining that of the Order, would also be required, when a definite estimate of the extra expenses involved in developing the site would be available.

At this stage it was decided to receive the deputation which on this

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occasion consisted of Rev. Administrator; Messrs. George Bridges; Joseph Lambert; Con Macken; Edward Murphy; Thomas Callimore; John Fane and Thomas Keeling.

The County Manager now read in detail, the report on the various sites which had been submitted by the Trust with the observations of the Corporation officials thereon, and copies of which had been given to the members of the Deputation as well as to the members of the Corporation.

A further copy of this report is attached to these minutes. After the reading of this report Mr. Bridges on behalf of the deputation intimated that they had only had an opportunity of reading the statement during the past five minutes and thought it was a pity they could not have had it sooner. It was pointed out to them it was only available to the members of the Corporation at the same time as it was available to the members of the deputation. Mr. Bridges then made the observation that from reading the report it would appear that there was no possibility of building on one half of the town and that no facilities had been provided by the Corporation in their previous housing schemes for the business community. After some discussion Councillor Howlin suggested that the Deputation be given time to consider the report and to meet the Corporation on a future occasion, but it was eventually decided on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, to examine the report at the present meeting.

When this was done the following suggestions emerged:-

1. that the possibility should be explored of building more houses on the John's Gate Street area than the six mentioned in the report.
2. the demolition of six houses at Croke Avenue to make an entry into the the gardens at the rear of John Street houses with a view to erecting dwellings there.
3. Further examination of the Barrack Street and Michael Street area and that an effort be made to have the regulations regarding the building on derelict sites relaxed in the case of Wexford.



4TH MARCH, 1963.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at 8-15 P. M.

The members present being:

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

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and John G. O'Flaherty.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen, John Howlin and Thomas Byrne.

In Attendance: Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Cullen, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Minutes of previous meeting, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

I. P. B. INSURANCE.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, Councillor John Howlin was appointed to represent the Council at the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

On the motion of Ald. Morris, Seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to join the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Ball Ring if sufficient members were available on 17th March.

POLITICAL PRISONERS.

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved: "That this Council joins with other Public Bodies and organisations throughout the country, and with public opinion at home and abroad in requesting the release of Irish Political Prisoners from Wakefield and Belfast jails."

RAILWAY CLOSING.

On the proposal of Councillor Doran, Seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously resolved "That this Council view with grave concern the closing of the branch railway line from Macmine Junction to Waterford."

CINEMA LICENCES.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were renewed in respect of the Abboy and Capitol Cinemas.

TEA BREAK) HOUSING SCHEMES.

A reference by Councillor Hall to a tea break on housing schemes each morning and a reference by Ald. O'Flaherty to the men working on Saturdays to make up for wet time, were considered matters better dealt with through the Trade Unions with the County Manager and the Housing Engineer.

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MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL,
WESTGATE, WEXFORD.
19TH MARCH, 1963.

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

Dear Sir,

My Committee, at a Special Meeting held on Monday last, 11th inst, carefully considered our Architect's Estimates of the cost of repairs and renovations essential to put the Municipal Technical Schools in efficient order. I enclose herewith a copy for your perusal.

On the proposition of Ald. John G. O'Flaherty, P.C. (Chairman) seconded by Councillor Edward Hall (former Mayor) the V.E.C. unanimously agreed to apply to Wexford Corporation for the favour of a grant of £28,390 under Section 51 of the 1930 V. E. Act. Under Sub-section (6) of same the Department of Education will re-imburse the Rating Authority to the extent of 50% of the expenditure involved. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you would place this application before the Corporation for their kind consideration at the earliest date, in order to facilitate the execution of the long-needed heating installations during the summer months.

I would respectfully point out that little or no repairs or decorations were done in this extensive premises during the past quarter of a century - due, mainly, to the low income from the allowed annual rate increase of 1d in £ (now amounting to £139 p.a.) Besides, notwithstanding 1962 salary increases and the recent employment of two temporary wholtime teachers (to cope with the latest day enrolments) involving an increase of £1,900 p.a. or 1/2 in the £ in rates, our 1963-64 rate demand now ranks the lowest of the 38 V.E.C.'s. Consequently my Committee will find itself "in the red" at the close of the session. Moreover, although devoid of resources, the new Apprenticeship Act obliges V.E.C.'s. to provide additional up-to-date training within the area of administration.

It should be possible to spread the expenditure sought (£28,390) over the next two or three financial years. Within the past few years I have doubled the fee income, and increased my Committee's resources by selling discarded articles and in other ways. I shall be happy to attend the next Corporation meeting, on request, to answer any questions or enlighten local Councillors on any relevant matter.

Esteeming an early reply and thanking you and all Council members in anticipation,

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

Gearoid O'Broin,

Chief Executive Officer.

WEXFORD TOWN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATES - REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS.

1. ROOFING: (£7,010)

Main £4,700. Metalworkshop £525. C.E.O. House extension
£575. Artroom £480. Woodworkshop £320. Lunchroom £250
Gymnasium £160£7,010

2. HEATING: (£4,220)

Boiler & Tank £1,515. Chimney Stack & Flue £950.
Gym. £670. Garage Annexe £410. C.E.O. House £195.
Roof mains alterations £160. Woodwork Extension £120
Contractor £200. 4,200

3. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS. (£905)

Garage Annexe £250. New Plugs £200. Switches £125.
Fuse Board Alteration £120. Gym. Alterations £105.
Boiler wiring £55. Contractor £50 905

4. GARAGE ANNEXE 4,400

5. ADDITIONALS £9,355.

Gym. Balcony & Apex £160. Metalwork Store £80½
Staff Toilet £65. External paving & repairs £4,500.
Advertising £50. Clerk of Works £1,000. 5% Contin-
gencies £1,500. All-over painting £2,000 9,355

6. FEEES (10%) ARCHITECT; QUANTITY SURVEYOR; ELECTRICAL
ENGINEER 2,500

TOTAL £28,390

19th March, 1963.

A Meeting of the Council (Acting as a Finance Committee) was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m. to examine the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the local financial year ending on the 31st March, 1964.

The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair;
Aldermen:- John O'Flaherty, Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin and James J. Morris.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

Details of the estimated expenditure and receipts had been furnished to each member with the notice of the meeting and copies of these documents will be found with the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting on 25th idem.

The Estimated expenditure for 1963/64 amounted to £160,895. plus £1,200. for supplementary allocations in the current year. The estimated receipts were £74,735. leaving a sum of £87,360 to be raised by Municipal Rate of 53/11d. in the £.

The following break-down of the Rate was shown on the particulars supplied to the members:-

| | Estimated Rate (Pence) | Increase (Pence) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| County Council Demand | 248. 0 | 2 . 5. |
| Vocational Education | 23. 0 | 3 . 1 |
| Unemployment Assistance | 7. 4 | - - - |
| Supplementary Allocations 1962/63 | 9. 0 | 9 . 0. |
| Other Services over which the Council have direct control | 359 .6 | 2 . 4. |
| | <hr/> 647 .0 <hr/> | <hr/> 17 . 0. <hr/> |

19th March, 1963.

The members examined the estimates of receipts and expenditure in detail but were unable to suggest any alterations and finally requested the officials to endeavour to prune the estimates with the object of reducing the 2.4 pence increase on the items over which the Council had direct control. If this could be done there would be no need to convene a further meeting of the Committee prior to the estimates meeting due to be held on the 25th instant.

The members considered the estimated rate of 53/11d. very creditable in view of the fact that over £3,000 had to be provided for retiring gratuities and increased pensions.

They did, however, request that a break down of the expenditure on repairs to Artizans dwellings from 1st December, 1962, to date be available at the Estimates Meeting.

The Meeting recommended the Council to

- (1) Invite tenders for the resurfacing of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetary at an estimated cost of £2,600. to be financed by way of Loan; and
- (2) To raise a loan for the provision of sewers at Gibson Street at a cost of £550.; Oyster Lane £350 as well as an overflow at Spawell Road £100.

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee seeking a grant of £29,390. for the purpose of carrying out repairs and rennovations to the Technical School. After this was read it was agreed to refer it to the Statutory Meeting due to be held after the Estimates Meeting on 25th instant and in the meantime, a copy of the letter and the accompanying estimate was to be circulated to the members. A copy of these documents will be found with the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting.

John Cullen

25th March, 1963.

The Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty; and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne; John Howlin; John Bierney; Patrick Doran, Edward Hall; and James J. Morris.

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

The estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1964 had been circulated to the members on the 13th instant and on the 19th idem, had been considered by the Council acting as a Finance Committee. Particulars of their deliberations will be found in the Minutes of that Meeting.

The Committee had seen that the County Manager's Estimate showed an increase of 1/5d. in the pound on the rates for the current year. This was accounted for by an increase in the County Council demand of 2.5 pence, Vocational Education 3.1 pence, Supplementary Allocations 1962/63, 9.0 pence and other services over which the Council had direct control 2.4 pence.

At the Meeting of the Finance Committee the members saw that there was little they could do with any part of the estimate except that over which they had direct control and which only showed an increase of 2.4 pence and they had asked the officials to again examine the estimates with a view to taking off the 2.4 pence so that the rate for which the Corporation had direct responsibility would not show an increase.

Following the meeting of the Finance Committee the estimates had again been examined as a result of which it had been found possible to increase receipts by £690. A statement of the new position had been circulated to the members with a reminder of the present meeting and this showed that it had been possible to reduce the original estimate of the services over which the Council had direct control by the sum of 5 pence in the pound and this showed a net reduction of 2.6 pence on these services as compared with the current year.

The total all over position now was that the estimate for 1963/64 would require a rate of 53/6d. in the pound as against 52/6d. for the current year or an increase of 1/- in the pound.

The members were very pleased with the final results and Councillor Byrne complimented all the officials on keeping the rate at such a low figure, having regard to the fact that all the demands made on the Council had increased and the rate over which they had direct control had been reduced. Alderman O'Flaherty and all the other members present also congratulated the officials on the excellent estimate they had presented for the coming Financial Year.

Finally, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Table A providing for an expenditure of £162,095 . 0. Od. was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin.

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Table B providing for receipts of £75,335. 0. Od. was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Alderman Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish.

Table C providing for a rate of 53/6d. in the pound was also unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION .

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000 was authorised for quarter ending 30th June, 1963.

The meeting then terminated.



BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

21st March, 1963.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are reminded to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Council of the above Borough (of which notice was given you on the 13th instant) to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on Monday next, 25th March, 1963, at half-past eight o'clock p.m., to consider the estimate of expenses for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1964, and to agree on the rate in the pound of the Municipal Rate for that year.

The Finance Committee considered the estimate in detail on the 19th instant. As a result of their deliberations the figures have been re-examined and the following is the net sum to be raised by Rate in the coming financial year:-

| | Rate in the £ (Pence) | Increase (pence) | Reduction (Pence) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| County Council Demand | 248.0 | 2.5 | - |
| Vocational Education | 23.0 | 3.1 | - |
| Unemployment Assistance | 7.4 | - | - |
| Supplementary Allocations 1962/63 | 9.0 | 9.0 | - |
| Services over which the Council have direct control | 354.6 | - | 2.6 |
| | <u>642.0</u> (53/6) | <u>14.6</u> | <u>2.6</u> |

In view of the Parish Retreat for men being held on the date of the April Statutory Meeting, it is proposed to transact the business of that meeting at the close of the Estimates Meeting. Accordingly the following matters will need to be disposed of:-

1. To adopt and sign the minutes of the March meeting, copy attached hereto.
2. Acknowledgements of resolutions passed and correspondence, if any.
3. Application from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a grant of £28,390 to repair and renovate the Technical School. A copy of the application is attached hereto.
4. Estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the re-surfacing of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery. Estimated cost £2,650. The Finance Committee recommended that tenders be sought for this work and that it be financed by way of loan.
5. Estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the renewal of sewers at a cost of £1,000. The Finance Committee also recommend that this work be carried out by way of loan.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Byrne,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

March, 1963.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You have already been supplied with details of the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1964, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 25th instant.

The rate of 52/6d. levied for the current year was made up as follows:-

| For services directly administered by the | Amount £ | Rate in the & (Pence) |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| Borough Council.... | 47,871. | 357.20 |
| To meet the demands of:- | | |
| (a) Wexford Co. Council | 32,900 | 245.50 |
| (b) Vocational Education Committee | 2,663 | 19.90 |
| (c) Department of Social Welfare (for Unemployment Assistance) | 1,000 | 7.40 |
| | <u>£84,434</u> | <u>630.00</u> |

The estimated net sums to be raised by rates in the coming year are:-

| | Amount £ | Rate in the £ (Pence) |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. For Corporation Services in 1963/64 | 47,870 | 354.60 |
| 2. Add for Supplementary Allocations in 1962/63 | 1,200 | 9.00 |
| 3. Vocational Education, 1963/64 | 3,100 | 23.00 |
| 4. Unemployment Assistance 1963/64 | 1,000 | 7.40 |
| 5. County Council Demand | 33,500 | 248.00 |
| | <u>£86,670</u> | <u>642.00</u> |

RATE COLLECTION

The following Table shows the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1962:-

| Year ended 31st March | Total of warrant £ | Amount collected £ | Irrecover- able £ | Carried forward £ | Percentage of possible Collection |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1958 | 52,766 | 51,111 | 800 | 855 | 98.40 |
| 1959 | 53,815 | 51,583 | 1,185 | 1,047 | 98.05 |
| 1960 | 57,417 | 55,129 | 998 | 1,290 | 97.76 |
| 1961 | 60,712 | 58,818 | 916 | 978 | 98.39 |
| 1962 | 63,327 | 61,496 | 732 | 1,099 | 98.27 |

The rate collection continues to be satisfactory and the increase in the amount carried forward is due to some legal delay in bankruptcy cases.

RENT COLLECTION

The rent collection for the past five years was as follows:-

| Year ended 31st March | For collection £ | Collected £ | Irrecover- able £ | Arroars £ | Percentage of possible Collection. |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| 1958 | 37,993 | 37,172 | 111 | 599 | 98.40 |
| 1959 | 40,723 | 39,717 | 246 | 760 | 98.10 |
| 1960 | 42,260 | 41,338 | 239 | 683 | 98.00 |
| 1961 | 45,367 | 44,722 | 216 | 429 | 99.05 |
| 1962 | 46,670 | 46,312 | 95 | 263 | 99.44 |

The percentage of possible collection of rents continues to increase and the collection may be regarded as satisfactory.

ESTIMATES 1963/64

The Estimates call for little comment as the figures already supplied to you are almost self explanatory.

During the present year the Council had to make supplementary allocations amounting to £1,200 in respect of repairs to Artizans Dwellings; wages increases, and waterworks equipment.

ROADS

There are some adjustments in this estimate to provide for portion of a retiring gratuity as well as to equate the expenditure on Employment Schemes to recent allocations for this purpose.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total expenditure on Sanitary Services remains practically the same. Loan Charges are reduced while the estimate for Scavenging is increased consequent on an extended and improved domestic scavenging service.

HOUSING.

The provision of houses for the citizens has become the main service of the Corporation and the one giving most concern. The demand for re-housing by families in unfit and overcrowded houses as well as from newly-weds continues to increase.

During the year sanction was erected to the erection of 24 dwellings at Davitt Road North, on which work has commenced. Approval has also been given to the erection of 126 at Slippery Green for which contract documents are in course of preparation. Tenders for the erection of this scheme will be invited in the very near future. In addition approval to lay-out plans for 26 houses at Davitt Road South has been accorded and plans for some 14 more on that Road are the subject of discussion.

The number of houses needed is approximately 300 and it is apparent that building by the Council must continue for some years.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The main increases under this head are Statutory Demands, the Pensions (Increases) Act, provision for retiring allowances, Materials & Machinery Expenses and contribution towards maintenance of Redmond Park.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts at £75,335 show an increase of £4,170, mainly on the Housing Account and Materials & Machinery Expenses.

In conclusion I wish to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation extended by the members of the Council in the administration of the affairs of the Borough during the year as well as the assistance of the various officers of the Corporation in the compilation of the Estimates.

Mise, le meas,

T. F. O'Brugha,

Contae Bhainisteoir.

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

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

13th March, 1963.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Finance
Committee of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber,
Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Tuesday next, 19th instant, at
half-past eight o'clock p.m. to examine the estimates for
~~1963/64~~ prior to the Estimates Meeting on the 25th idem.

The estimated expenditure for the ~~ensuing~~ year is £160,895.
and receipts £74,735 leaving a net figure of £86,160 to be raised
in respect of the 1963/64 services. In addition the following
supplementary allocations made in the current year will need
to be provided for:-

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Purchase of a terrascope (Waterworks) | £200. |
| Wages increase | £250. |
| Repairs to artizans dwellings | £750. <u>£1,200.</u> |

The net sum to be raised by rates in the coming year is
made up of:-

| | Pence | | Pence. |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|
| County Council Demand | 248.0. | increase of | 2.5. |
| Vocational Education | 23.0. | | 3.1. |
| Unemployment Assistance | 7.4. | | -- |
| Other Services over which the Corporation have control | 359.6. | | 2.4. |
| Supplementary Allocations | | | . |
| 1962/63. | <u>9.0.</u> | | <u>9.0</u> |
| | 647.0 | | 17.0. |

(53/11)

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaille.

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Copies of Tables A. B. & C. are attached hereto together with details of how the various sums are arrived at.

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEARS 1962/63 AND 1963/64.

EXPENDITURE.

| Item No. | Sum Allowed 1962/63. | Service. | Estimated by Manager 1963/64. | Increase | Decrease |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>URBAN ROADS.</u> | | | | | |
| 1. | £400. | Ordinary Road Works | £400. | £. 34 | £. 34 |
| | | | | -- | -- |
| 2. | 1,027. | Salaries | 2,000 | 973 | -- |
| 3. | 300. | Road Openings. | 400. | 100. | -- |
| 4. | 60. | Contingencies | 60. | -- | -- |
| 5. | 4,500. | Special Employment Schemes. | 3,200. | -- | 1,300. |
| 6. | 1,430. | Urban Roads Improve- ment Grant | 1,430. | -- | -- |
| | <u>7,717.</u> | | <u>7,490.</u> | <u>1073.</u> | <u>1,300.</u> |

SANITARY SERVICES.

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 7. | 1,970. | Burial Grounds. | 1,800. | -- | 170. |
| 8. | 2,225. | Domestic Scavenging | 2,800. | 575. | -- |
| 9. | 3,135 | Public Scavenging | 3,200 | 65 | -- |
| 10. | 3,960 | Maintenance of Waterworks. | 4,000 | 40 | -- |
| 11. | 300 | Maintenance of Sewers. | 300. | -- | -- |
| 12. | 350. | Salaries. | 350. | -- | -- |
| 13. | 1,100 | Public Sanitary Conveniences. | 1,100 | -- | -- |
| 14. | 2,000 | Public Lighting etc., | 2,100 | 100 | -- |
| 15. | 20 | Red Cross - Water Safety. | 20. | -- | -- |
| 16. | 7,635. | Loan Charges. | 7,005 | -- | 630. |
| 17. | 60 | Contingencies. | 60 | -- | --- |
| | <u>£22,755.</u> | | <u>£22,735.</u> | <u>780.</u> | <u>£800.</u> |

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------|--------------|--------|-------|----|
| 18. | 55,255 | Loan Charges | 59,195 | 3,940 | -- |
|-----|--------|--------------|--------|-------|----|

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| | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 19. | 550 | Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurances | 550 | -- | -- |
| 20. | 3,000 | Maintenance of Houses | 3,000 | -- | -- |
| 21. | 1,950. | Salaries and Commissions. | 2,000. | 50. | -- |
| <u>£60,755.</u> | | | <u>£64,745.</u> | <u>£3,990.</u> | <u>--</u> |

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------|--|--|--------|----|
| 22. | 32,900. | County Council Demands. | 33,500 ⁶⁰⁰ (not yet available) | -- | -- |
| 23. | 1,000 | Unemployment Assistance | 1,000 | -- | -- |
| 24. | 20. | Tourist Development | 20. | -- | -- |
| 25. | 400 | Maintenance of Corporate Property | 400 | -- | -- |
| 26. | 3,313. | Vocational Education | 4,000. | 687. | -- |
| 27. | 2,000 | Fire Brigade | 2,000. | -- | -- |
| 28. | 650. | Rents, Rates Taxes and Insurances. | 650. | -- | -- |
| 29. | 8,867. | Salaries, Superannuations and Pensions. | 10,980. | 2,113. | -- |
| 30. | 100 | Food and Drugs. | 100 | -- | -- |
| 31. | 450. | Printing and Advertising | 450. | -- | -- |
| 32. | 270. | Telephones, Office Requisites, Postage, Receipts & Paying Orders | 270. | -- | -- |
| 33. | 150. | Fuel and Light. | 150. | -- | -- |
| 34. | 4,500. | Cheap Fuel Scheme | 4,500. | -- | -- |
| 35. | 300. | Legal and Audit. | 300. | -- | -- |
| 36. | 500 | Overdraft Interest | 500 | -- | -- |
| 37. | 75 | Travelling Expenses | 75 | -- | -- |
| 38. | 20 | Uniform & Boots - Town Sergeant | 20. | -- | -- |
| 39. | 40 | Subscriptions to Associations & Bands. | 50. | 10. | -- |
| 40. | 700 | School Meals | 700 | -- | -- |
| 41. | 150. | Rate Refunds | 150. | -- | -- |
| 42. | 2,385. | Loan Charges | 2,210. | -- | -- |
| 43. | 2,500. | Materials Expenses A/C. | 2,750. | 250. | -- |
| 44. | ----- | Machinery Expenses A/C. | 750. | 750. | -- |
| 45. | 100. | Contingencies. | 100. | -- | -- |
| 46. | ----- | Contribution to Redmond Pk. | 300. | 300. | -- |

£61,390.

32,900.

£28,490

Less County Council Demand
Net Urban Figure

£32,425.

4,710.

£175.

SUMMARY.

| | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 7,717. | Roads | 7,490. | 1,073 | 1,300. |
| 22,755. | Sanitary Services | 22,735 | 780 | 800 |
| 60,755 | Housing of the Working Classes | 64,745. | 3,990. | 175. |
| 28,490 | General Purposes (Urban) | 32,425. | 4,110. | 175. |
| <u>£119,717.</u> | | <u>£127,395.</u> | <u>9,953.</u> | <u>£2275.</u> |

32,900

152,617

33,500

600

160,895

10,553

1,200

1,200

162,095

11,753

Supplementary estimate 1923
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B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D .

| Item No. | Adopted 1962/63. | Particulars of Receipts. | Estimated by Manager 1963/64. | Increase | Decrease |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|

| | £. | <u>URBAN ROADS.</u> | £. | £. | £. |
|----|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | 350. | Road Openings. | 450. | 100 | - - |
| 2. | 3,950. | Special Employment Schemes Grant | 2,800 | -- | 1,150. |
| 3. | 1,430 | Roads Improvement Grant | 1,430. | -- | - - |
| | <u>£5,730.</u> | | <u>£4,680.</u> | <u>£100.</u> | <u>£1,150.</u> |

S A N I T A R Y S E R V I C E S .

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------|---|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 4. | 450. | Burial Grounds | 500. | 50 | -- |
| 5. | 475 | Scavenging Main Roads | 500 | 25 | -- |
| 6. | 40 | Scavenging Co. Hospital | 40. | -- | -- |
| 7. | 1,550. | Sale of Water. | 1,600. | 50. | -- |
| 8. | 200 | Public Sanitary Conveniences | 200. | -- | -- |
| 9. | 1,550 | State Subvention to Sanitary Services Loans | 1,500. | -- | 50, |
| | <u>£4,265.</u> | | <u>£4,340.</u> | <u>125.</u> | <u>50.</u> |

H O U S I N G O F T H E W O R K I N G C L A S S E S .

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| 10. | 30,300. | Rents & Purchase Annuities. | 31,200. <u>31,800</u> | 1500 <u>1500</u> | -- |
| 11. | 18,000. | State Subsidies | 20,000. | 2,000 | -- |
| 12. | 1,100. | Small Dwellings Acts. | 1,500. | 400. | -- |
| | <u>£49,400.</u> | | <u>£52,700.</u> | <u>£3,300.</u> | -- |
| | | | <u>33,300</u> | <u>3,900</u> | |

G E N E R A L U R B A N P U R P O S E S .

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 13. | 800. | Fire Brigade | 900 | 100 | -- |
| 14. | 4,500. | Fuel Schemes. | 4,500. | -- | -- |
| 15. | 65. | Lodgement of Fees | 65 | -- | -- |
| 16. | 800 | Government Rates | 800 | -- | -- |
| 17. | 900 | Town Hall, Market and Corporate Property | 900 | | |
| 18. | 350. | School Meals | 350 | -- | -- |
| 19. | 650 | Vocational Education | 900. | 250 | -- |
| 20. | 600 | Superan. Contributions | 600 | -- | -- |
| 21. | 2,600. | Materials & Machinery Expenses .. | 3,600. | 1,000. | -- |
| 22. | 100. | Derelict Site Monck Street. | -- | | 100. |
| 23. | 400. | Miscellaneous. | 400. | -- | -- |
| | <u>£11,765.</u> | | <u>£13,015.</u> | <u>£1,350.</u> | <u>£100.</u> |

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE
POUND FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st MARCH, '64.

TABLE A.

EXPENDITURE.

| Service | Purpose of Expenditure | Amount Estimated. | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| | | £. | £. |
| <u>Urban Roads.</u> | Ordinary Road Works | 2,860 | 2860 |
| | Special Grant Works | 3,200. | 3,200 |
| | Roads Improvement Grant | 1,430. | 1430 |
| TOTAL. | | 7,490. | 7490 |
| Sanitary | Sanitary | 22,735. | 22735 |
| TOTAL | | 22,735. | 22735 |
| Housing | Housing of the working Classes | 63,190. | 63190 |
| | Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts. | 1,555. | 1555 |
| TOTAL | | £64,745. | 64745 |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES: | | | |
| Co. Council Services: | | | |
| Main Roads | Main Roads |) | 4135 |
| Public Assistance | Public Assistance |) | 1210 |
| Mental Hospital | Mental Hospital |) | |
| Health (County) | Health (County) | ..) 33,500. | 23163 |
| General Purposes (County) | General Purposes County |) | 4973 |
| | | | 19 |
| Separate Charges | Separate Charges | .. 1,000. | 1000 |
| Unemployment Assistance | | | |
| OTHER URBAN PURPOSES: | | | |
| | Tourist Development | 20.. | 20 |
| | Vocational Education | 4,000. | 4000 |
| | Other Purposes | 23,905. | 23905 |
| | Materials Machinery and Stores | 3,500. | 3500 |
| TOTAL. | | 65,925. | 65925 |

T A B L E B.

| SERVICE (1) | NATURE OF RECEIPTS. (2) | Amount Estimated. | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | ESTIMATED BY MANAGER (3) | ADOPTED BY COUNCIL (4). |
| URBAN ROADS | State Grants | £. 4,230 | £. <i>4,230</i> |
| | Other Receipts | 450. | <i>450</i> |
| TOTAL | | 4,680. | <i>4680</i> |
| SANITARY | State Grants | 1,500. | <i>1500</i> |
| | Other Sanitary Receipts | 2,840. | <i>2840</i> |
| TOTAL | | 4,340. | <i>4340</i> |
| HOUSING | Housing of the Working Classes: | | |
| | Rents | 31,200. | <i>31,800</i> |
| | State Grants | 20,000. | <i>20,000</i> |
| | Small Dwellings | | |
| | Acquisition Acts | 1,500. | <i>1,500</i> |
| T O T A L. | | 52,700. | <i>52,300</i> |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | State Grants | 6,200. | <i>6200</i> |
| | Other Receipts | 3,215. | <i>3,215</i> |
| | Material Expenses (balance)) | | |
| | Machinery Expenses) | | |
| | (Balance)) | 3,600. | <i>3,600</i> |
| T O T A L | | 13,015. | <i>13015</i> |

T A B L E C.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND.

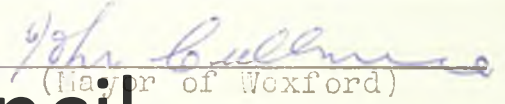
| CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED. | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Nature of Service | Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A). | Estimated Receipts (Table B.) | Net Estimated Expenditure | Estimated Credit Balance | Estimated Debit Balance (if any) | Amount Leviable | RATE IN THE POUND ON THE VALUATION OF THE AREA (£32,400) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8. |
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | Pence. |
| URBAN ROADS | 7,490 | 4,680 | 2,810. | 90 | . | 2,720. | 20.81. 20.12 |
| SANITARY SERVICES | 22,735 | 4,340. | 18,395. | | 450. | 18,845. | 139.59. 139.63 |
| HOUSING | 64,745. | 52,300 | 12,445 | | 750. | 12,195. | 94.78. 90.38 |
| GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES: | 4135 | | 4135 | | | 4135 | 30.34 |
| ROADS | 1210 | | 1210 | | | 1210 | 9.00 |
| PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | 35,500 | | 35,500 | | NIL | 52,500 | 248.05. |
| MENTAL HOSPITAL | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH (COUNTY) | 23,163 | | 23,163 | | | 23,163 | 171.60 |
| GENERAL PURPOSES | 4,973 | | 4,973 | | | 4,973 | 36.88 |
| SEPARATE CHARGES | 19 | | 19 | | | 19 | .18 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | 7.40. 7.50 |
| OTHER URBAN PURPOSES | 31,425 | 13,015. | 18,410. | | | 18,410. | 136.37. 136.37 |
| TOTAL GENERAL RATE | | | | | | | 647.00. 642.00 |

CERTIFICATE.

I herobly certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 25th day of March, 1963, 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, 1964.

Countersigned:  (Town Clerk.)

Dated this 25th day of March, 1963.

Signed  (Mayor of Wexford)

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25th March, 1963.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9 o'clock pm.

The members present being His Worship the Mayor; Alderman John Cullimore in the chair.

Aldermen Nicholas P. Corish; John O'Flaherty; Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors: Thomas Byrne; John Howlin; John Bierney; Patrick Doran; Edward Hall; and James J. Morris.

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

It was explained to the meeting that it had been decided to convene the April Statutory Meeting for this night in view of the fact that the Parish Retreat for Men would be in progress on the 1st prox., the normal date for such meeting.

M I N U T E S . .

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

T E C H N I C A L S C H O O L .

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of a letter from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee requesting a grant of £28,390. for repairs and renovations to the school. A copy of this letter together with the estimate for the repairs and renovations had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting and a further copy will be found attached to these minutes.

At the outset, Councillor Howlin proposed the adjournment of consideration of this application on the grounds that it required more examination to ascertain if the expenditure mentioned in the estimate would really provide the necessary facilities for Vocational Education in the Town as he thought that in the long run it might be more economic to provide a new school. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion.

Alderman O'Flaherty, Chairman of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, suggested a joint discussion between the Corporation and the Vocational Education Committee. This was unanimously agreed to by the members and the Town Clerk was to ask the Chief Executive Officer to convene such a joint meeting for Monday April, 8th.

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S F R O M T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E .

A recommendation from the Finance Committee that tenders be invited for resurfacing the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery at an estimated cost of £2,600 to be financed by way of loan was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin; the Borough Surveyor to prepare the necessary specification on which tenders could be invited.

A further recommendation from the Finance Committee that the estimate of the Borough Surveyor for the provision of sewers at Gibson Street and Oyster Lane as well as for an overflow sewer at Spawell Road at the total cost of £1,000 be approved, was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran; and it was further agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Doran and unanimously resolved that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a loan of £1,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the provision of new sewers at Gibson Street and Oyster Lane as well as for an overflow sewer at Spawell Road.

25th March, 1963.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners setting out the present position of Wexford Harbour and asking the Corporation, with the Wexford County Council, to guarantee a sum of £600 to enable the Commissioners to carry out their functions up to the end of June.

All the members were aware from press reports of the position of the Harbour Authority and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation guarantee the Harbour Commissioners in the sum of £300 with interest thereon, and the Town Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps to give statutory effect to this resolution.

F I R E B R I G A D E .

The County Manager referred to a previous discussion he had some time ago, with members of the Corporation regarding the suspension of three members of the Wexford Fire Brigade. He informed the meeting that he had interviewed the men in question and had received the necessary reports from the Chief Fire Officer. Having considered the reports of the Chief Fire Officer and the replies of the men to the charges made against them he decided that Messrs. Roche and Fower should be dismissed from the Fire Brigade and that Station Officer Hammond be relieved of his position as Station Officer and given the option of remaining on the Brigade as Fireman.

The members expressed satisfaction that the men had been given an opportunity to defend themselves and pointed out that this was all they had asked the County Manager to do.

In reply to queries the County Manager stated that the vacancies would be advertised and that these members of the Fire Brigade would be offered alternative housing accommodation as was the practise when men had previously left the Brigade.

In reply to Alderman Morris the Borough Surveyor intimated that Clifford Street would be resurfaced within the next few weeks but definitely before the 31st May, as soon as the County Council machinery was available; and in reply to Councillor Hall regarding the surface of Oyster Lane it was pointed out that a new sewer was necessary there which had been agreed to at the present meeting and until it was laid there would be no point in resurfacing the lane.

At the request of Alderman O'Flaherty the Corporation agreed that priority be given in the first of the coming financial year to repairs to the Croke Avenue houses and Davitt Road, North.

Alderman O'Flaherty raised a question regarding a brochure of Wexford which was proposed to be prepared by the Chamber of Commerce and asked if it was a fact that outside firms had been asked to print this brochure but nobody was in a position to give him this information and it was unanimously agreed that so far as the Corporation were concerned the brochure should be printed in the town.

The meeting then terminated.



8th April, 1963.

A Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Municipal Technical Institute after a Joint Meeting of the Council and the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The Members present being:○

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman John Cullimore) in the Chair.

Aldermen: John G. O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors: Edward Hall, James J. Morris, John Howlin,
Thomas Byrne, and Patrick Doran.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

The Town Clerk intimated that following consultation with the Mayor, he had convened the Meeting to consider a suggestion that in view of the possibility of President John F. Kennedy, of the United States of America, visiting Ireland during 1963 or 1964, the Council should consider extending him an invitation to:

- (1) Visit Wexford Town;
- (2) Accept the Freedom of the Borough; and
- (3) Lay a wreath at the Commodore John Barry Memorial.

The members were unanimously in favour of this suggestion and directed the Town Clerk to issue an invitation on those lines to President Kennedy as soon as possible.

MAYOR DALY OF CHICAGO.

The Meeting was also informed that Mayor Daly of Chicago would likely visit Ireland during the present year and it was further unanimously agreed that an invitation should be extended to him from the Council to visit Wexford.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR DR. JAMES STAUNTON.

The town Clerk reminded the Members that in 1960 the Council had offered the Freedom of the Borough to Dr. James Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns, to mark the twenty-first Anniversary of his Episcopacy. At that time His Lordship had intimated that twenty-one years had no significance in the life of a Bishop, but if the Council wished to confer the Freedom on him to mark the Silver Jubilee, on 19th February, 1964, of his Consecration as Bishop of Ferns, he would be very happy to receive it.

8th April, 1963.

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The Members again unanimously decided that on a suitable occasion during the year they would formally offer the Freedom of the Borough to Dr. Staunton but in the meantime the Town Clerk was instructed to give consideration to the form which a receptacle for the Certificate of Freedom would take.

The Meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Cullen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

A Special Meeting of the Borough Council was held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th April, 1963 at Municipal Buildings.

Present at the meeting were:-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman John Cullimore (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- N.P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Patrick J. Doran; Edward Hall, John Howlin, John Bierney and James Morris.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Acting County Manager; Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Cullimore told the meeting that the Tourist Development Association and the Chamber of Commerce Liaison Committee wished to send a delegate to Wales to discuss with representatives from Fishguard district the possibility of a car ferry service through Rosslare and greater co-operation between Wexford, Rosslare and Fishguard.


On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously agreed that Councillor P.J. Doran be appointed delegate to represent Wexford Corporation and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government that Councillor Doran be paid expenses.

Councillor Doran accepted and thanked the members for their confidence in him.

His Worship the Mayor then moved a resolution of sympathy to the Town Clerk, Mr. John J. Byrne, to his brother Reve. Fr. Wilfrid, O.F.M., and to all the other members of the family on the recent death of their mother Mrs. E. Byrne of Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford and proposed that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to the deceased. Councillor T. Byrne seconded and all other members and officials associated themselves with the resolution.

Alderman N.P. Corish proposed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. John Kehoe of Skeffington Street, a former Corporation employee on the death of his brother, Tom, in England. Councillor J. Howlin seconded and the other members and officials present associated themselves with the resolution.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and the meeting adjourned.



29th April, 1963.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore, in the Chair;
Aldermen:- Nicholas P. Corish; Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.
Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Bierney, James J. Morris and John Howlin.

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

M I N U T E S

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the Minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S.

A letter was read from Most Rev. Dr. William Conway, Vicar of the Archdiocese of Armagh returning sincere thanks to the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton.

The Town Clerk also returned thanks to the members for the vote of sympathy passed with him and his family on the recent death of his mother.

O. N. E.

An invitation was read from the Wexford Branch of the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen to the Corporation to attend Mass on Sunday the 26th instant, to open their Annual Congress which was to be held in the town that day and it was unanimously decided to attend the Mass on this occasion.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

Correspondence between Bord Failte Eireann and the Wexford County Manager regarding the proposed formation of regional Tourist Development Companies was submitted to the meeting together with an invitation to appoint Delegates to attend a meeting to be held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford on the 14th instant.

It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris to send Delegates to the Meeting and Councillor Howlin, Councillor Doran, Alderman Morris and His Worship the Mayor were selected.

SWIMMING POOL AT FERRYBANK.

A letter from the Irish Red Cross Society requesting the substitution of an indoor swimming pool for the proposed out-door pool in the Ferrybank Development Scheme was submitted to the meeting and the Town Clerk was asked to circulate copies of it to the members for consideration before it was discussed.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next business was to fix the day and hour of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held not earlier than the 24th June, nor later than the 1st July next. On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris and seconded by Councillor Patrick Doran it was unanimously decided that such a Quarterly Meeting be held on Monday the 24th June, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

SUB-STATION FOR THE E. S. B.

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that approximately 55 square yards of land situated in the grounds of the Municipal Buildings and acquired with the purchase of the said Buildings for offices, be demised to the Electricity Supply Board in fee simple in exchange for the Electricity Supply Board removing their overhead 10. K.V. line which crosses the site of a housing scheme at Davitt Road North and placing said line underground without cost to the Wexford Corporation, was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Howlin and seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Notice of this proposal was given to the members under date of the 23rd ultimo in compliance with the provisions of section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

LICENCING OF CARS TO PARK IN MARKET PLACE.

The next business was to consider proposals for the licencing of a limited number of cars to be garaged in the Market Place, Bullring.

It was recalled that some months ago, the members had called attention to the fact that a number of cars were being parked in the Market Place, Bullring. Recently a notice had been erected at the Market prohibiting the parking of cars there and it was now suggested that approximately 10 cars be licensed to park there at a fee of £12. 0. Od. per annum, payable in advance. The Corporation would have no responsibility whatever for such cars.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor James J. Morris the proposals were unanimously approved.

LOANS - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that a loan of £10,000 be raised for the purpose of financing the operations of the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

LOANS FOR REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed that a loan of £5,000 be raised for the purpose of financing the Council's scheme of loans for repairs and reconstruction of houses.

PLANNING PERMISSION.

It was reported that planning permission had been granted to the Electricity Supply Board for the construction of sub-station at Windmill's Hill and to Mr. Raymond Corish for the erection of bungalow at Spawell Road.

RATE AND RENT COLLECTION.

The Town Clerk reported to the Meeting that the Rate Collection for the year ended 31st March last amounted to 98.3% and 1.7% carried forward. Of this latter sum over .7% had since been collected so that the actual arrears at the present date, were less than 1%.

The rent collection for the same year amounted to 99.25% of the total for Collection. The Members sincerely congratulated the rate payers and rent payers on the state of the collection.

WATER CHARGES.

The Town Clerk intimated that they were at present negotiating with the proposed purchasers of the Cheese Factory and the proprietors of the Celtic Laundry for a scale of charges for the supply of water in

very large quantities. It was intended to fix a minimum charge and to make a scale varying from 3/- per 1,000 gallons for the first million to 1/9d. per 1,000 gallons for the fourth and subsequent million.

He pointed out, of course, that they were only in the negotiating stage and wished to obtain the approval of the Council to their action.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Byrne the officials were authorised to enter into the agreements they considered best for the Council on the lines suggested by the Town Clerk.

SELSKAR CHURCHYARD.

Councillor Doran complained of vandalism in Selskar Churchyard and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should take the matter up with the Garda Siochana and the local representatives of the Board of Works as part of the graveyard was a National Monument.

PAINTING AT SELSKAR.

At the request of Councillor Hall, the Borough Surveyor was requested to have the gates of the Cemetery painted as soon as he employed a painter to do work in artizans dwellings..

HOUSE REPAIRS.

Complaints were made by Councillor Doran regarding the condition of houses of Mrs. Thomas, Edenvale Avenue and a house at Trinity Street and these were referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY.

Alderman Corish congratulated the staff on the excellent work done in preparing St. Ibar's Cemetery for the first Pattern held there on the 28th April.

H O U S I N G .

With reference to minutes of 25th February last, when the discussion on housing took place with the members of the Wexford Civic Trust, the County Manager submitted the following report on the examination which had been made of the sites suggested by the Trust.

R E P O R T .

At your Meeting on 25th February last some general observations were submitted on housing sites suggested by the Wexford Civic Trust. Since then a more detailed examination has been made of some of the more practicable ones.

The present position is:-

- (1) Sites at Wygram and rear of Hill Street owned by the St. John of God Order and Mr. Patrick Meyler.

The estimated cost of acquiring these sites and erecting the walls, a condition laid down by both parties as a preliminary to price negotiations, is £6,200 after allowing for a contribution of £500 by the sisters of the Order towards the cost of the wall around their portion of the land. The average price paid by the Corporation for a similar area of land would be £1,250 so that in this case the excess preliminary expenses would amount to £4,950. On the basis of 40 houses being provided on the sites the rents of the dwellings would be 3/0d. per week extra. The all-in cost of erecting 40 dwellings would be £80,600 or £2,015 each. On the basis of all the tenants qualifying for the higher rate of subsidy and allowing for an average Corporation subsidy, the weekly rent would be 2/7 plus rates (current 8/7d)

or 35/7d. per week. At such a rent it is doubtful if all the potential tenants likely to qualify for full subsidy would be able to meet it.

2. John's Gate Street Area.

The making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for this area is well advanced and should be completed within the next two weeks. The clearance of the area will involve the demolition of 15 occupied dwellings and 11 unoccupied and derelict. A revised lay-out plan for the Area has been prepared providing for the erection of 14 dwellings.

3. Davitt Road South.

Following the intimation from the Civic Trust that fields at the rear of St. John's Road and Davitt Road South in the possession of St. Peter's College were available for development, an approach was made to the College Authorities with a view to purchase. The College Authorities replied to the effect :-

That the intimation of the Civic Trust was completely incorrect and that the cession of the fields was impractical for the following reasons:-

- (a) Even with every possible safeguard it would be impossible to have the privacy essential to an ecclesiastical seminary.
- (b) The College was in dire need of the area as recreational grounds. In recent years they had to acquire and develop at great additional cost, recreational grounds at Coolcots. Even with these, the increased number of pupils makes the retention of the lands in question more essential.
- (c) The ground itself is wet, unlevel and rocky and to a layman's mind unsuitable for building.

The Borough Surveyor agrees with this latter view that the ground in question is unsuitable for economic development.

Subject to minor amendments approval has been received to a lay-out plan submitted for the erection of houses on the west side of Davitt Road South. The Amendments suggested have been embodied in a new lay-out submitted to the Department for approval together with house plan and Estimate for 20 houses. The Department has been asked for early approval to the erection of these dwellings by the direct labour unit at present operating at Davitt Road North.

The Department has intimated that the suggested lay-out for the east side of Davitt Road South had been referred to their Inspector for discussion with the Council's technical Advisers as soon as possible. The Department has been asked to arrange for such discussion to take place at an early date. It is hoped to finalise negotiations for the acquisition of property at Waterloo Road shortly to enable a more satisfactory lay-out for the east side to be prepared.

4. Michael Street.

A fresh approach has been made to the Department regarding this area and arrangements made for a discussion on the site between the Department's Inspector and your officials during the current week.

5. Abbey Street.

Action similar to Michael Street Area has been taken in regard to Abbey Street.

6. Barrack Street.

A detailed survey has been ordered of the Barrack Street area and should be available early in June.

7. Faythe and William Street. A lay out has been prepared for the erection on derelict site between Faythe and William Street of 4 houses (2 facing each side). Inquiries are at present being made regarding the ownership of a small piece of this ground and when these are completed steps will be taken to acquire it.
8. Duke Street/John Street Area. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been made in respect of this area and submitted for confirmation to the Minister for Local Government.
9. Having dealt with the practical suggestions made it only remains to remind you of the general objections put forward in February last to the others.

Lands near County Hospital from Newtown Bridge to Bailey's Wood.

Building on these lands is not considered desirable owing to

- (1) The almost prohibitive cost of sewage treatment.
- (2) The lands are situated outside the Borough as a result of which the Corporation would not receive rate revenue, but on the other hand would be responsible for the provision of Urban services such as Water Sewerage, lighting, Domestic Scavenging etc.

Property at rear of Abbey Street, Technical School and John Street.

As previously pointed out the site mainly consists of small gardens attached to the John Street houses, would be difficult to acquire and there is no suitable means of ingress and egress. Generally it is completely unsuitable.

"Kurwan's Field " at Carrigeen.

This site is very restricted, the terrain is rocky and would be very expensive to build on; drainage would be difficult and costly and accessibility poor. In the final analysis only some 8 to 10 houses could be built in a cul-de-sac.

Rear of Schools at St. John's Road.

This ground is being used as a playground for the school children. The site is rocky, would be costly to develop and is not easily accessible.

Lands at Ferrybank.

This area is not considered suitable for working class dwellings, being outside the Borough and the Parish of Wexford. The nearest suitable land would be north of the junction of the Ferrybank/Crosstown road which would be as far away from Town amenities as any of the sites complained of. Very expensive sewage treatment and outfall works would be necessary as well as an extension of the Town Water system. Being outside the Borough the Corporation would

derive no rate revenue but would require to provide urban services.

Derelict Sites Generally.

From my earlier remarks you will appreciate that steps are being taken to deal with the larger derelict areas at Duke Street, John's Gate Street, Michael Street, Barrack Street, Faythe, etc. At the February Meeting it was suggested if the Civic Trust submitted a list of particular sites they had in mind they would be examined and if suitable, building proposals would be formulated. No such list has yet been received.

10. Slippery Green.

The necessary contract documents to enable tenders to be invited for the erection of 126 dwellings in this area are now available and it is intended to advertise for such tenders immediately.

At the conclusion of this report Councillor Howlin congratulated the County Manager on the excellent review he had given of the suggested sites and steps to be taken to deal with the housing position in the town. He therefore, proposed that the Slippery Green Scheme be advertised for tender immediately. This was seconded by Alderman Corish who also congratulated the Manager on the housing reports submitted.

All the other members present joined in the congratulations to the County Manager and Alderman O'Flaherty suggested that steps should be taken to provide more houses on the tenant purchase type.

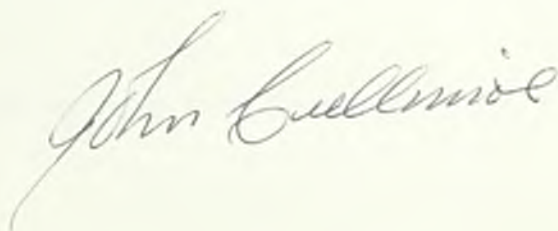
Finally, the proposal of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish that the 126 Houses at Slippery Green be advertised for tender was adopted and with His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Flaherty dissenting.

Councillor Doran referred to Derelict Sites at Keyser's Lane and asked that steps be taken under the Derelict Sites Act to deal with the area, as well as a derelict site at King Street opposite the Ropewalk Yard.

In reply to Alderman Flaherty the Borough Surveyor stated that the promenade at Ferrybank was now practically completed and the Borough Surveyor also agreed to have some seats erected on the Quay before the Summer season started.

Councillor Hall referred to the boat shelter at Ferry bank which was needed for a car park for the Wexford Promenade and this matter was left to the members of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

The meeting terminated.



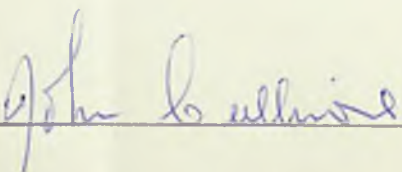
BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

The Mayoralty,

Wexford.

I hereby convene a Special General Meeting
of the Council of the above Borough to be held in
the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on Monday,
27th May, 1963, to formally adopt a Resolution to
confer the Freedom of the Borough on Mr. John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, President of the United States of America

Given under my hand this 22nd day of M A Y, 1963.



Mayor of Wexford.

27th May, 1963.

A Special General Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at half-past seven o'clock p.m.)

The Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor: Alderman John Cullimore, in the chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, John Howlin, John Bierney, Edward Hall, James J. Morris, Frank Cullimore and Thomas Byrne.

F R E E D O M O F B O R O U G H .

The Mayor intimated that the Town Clerk had been informed by the Department of External Affairs that President Kennedy had graciously agreed to accept the Freedom of the Borough and to enable this to be done he had convened the present Meeting.

He (Mayor) thereupon moved a resolution in the following terms, which was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and adopted unanimously; viz:-

"That by virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Mr. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, as a mark of our appreciation of his visit to our Town, and as a token of our regard for a distinguished American of County Wexford extraction, who has laboured indefatigably for the preservation of democratic beliefs and for world peace."

The Meeting then terminated.



A Committee Meeting of the Council was held at the close of the Special General Meeting.

The Members present being the same as at the General Meeting.

A letter was read from the Wexford Civic Trust requesting a considerable amount of detailed information regarding the Slippery Green Housing Site, the St. John of God Housing Site and the Housing Site at the rear of St. John's Road.

It was pointed out to the Meeting that to extract this information would entail a considerable amount of time; and one question "would the sewerage that exists be sufficient for 126 houses?" appeared to suggest that the technical officers of the Corporation and the Department of Local Government were not capable of deciding whether the sewerage available was sufficient for a further 126 houses.

The Meeting was also informed that practically all the information now asked for by the Trust was contained in a report made by the County Manager to the Council on the 6th instant which was fully reported in the Local Press.

The Town Clerk also informed the members that if any member of the Council wished to have the information asked for by the Civic Trust he would be entitled to receive the same but it was not considered that outside organisations should be given such information as the cost of preparing same would not be justified. As well it would be a dangerous precedent to establish that outside organisations or individuals had the right to seek detailed information about the Corporation's activities and if this application were granted there was no reason why the Chamber of Commerce or the Trades Council and other similar organisations could not ask for information on the various occasions.

It was unanimously agreed that the letter be acknowledged and the Civic Trust informed that all the available information was contained in the Manager's Report.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Irish Red Cross Society regarding a proposed Swimming Pool at Ferrybank; a lengthy letter was again read from the Society intimating that they had no intention of causing offence to the Corporation. In the final paragraph the Secretary intimated that he was enclosing copies of the letter which he asked to be released to the local Press and the meeting decided that it was not up to them to release the information but that the letter should be stenciled and copies made available to the members before the next meeting of the Corporation when it would be considered.

'98 COMMEMORATION.

An invitation from the very Rev. Cannon Murphy, Glynn, requesting the Corporation to attend the unveiling of a plaque at the Wexford Bridge to the memory of the Patriots who were executed there, for the Freedom of Ireland in 1798 was accepted.

The Ceremony would be held on the New Bridge on Sunday, 23rd June, at 12.0. noon to be followed by a Public Meeting.

A suggestion by Cannon Murphy that the unveiling of the plaque might be deferred until the day of President Kennedy's visit was not considered feasible and it was decided to inform Cannon Murphy that the members were of opinion that the Ceremony should proceed as arranged for on Sunday - the 23rd June, 1963.

Thomas Byrne

The meeting then terminated.

4th June, 1963 ✓

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

The Members present were:-

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

Aldermen :- Nicholas P. Corish and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors:- Thomas Byrne, Edward Hall, John Bierney, Patrick Doran, Patrick Cullen and James J. Morris.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman K.C. Morris and Councillor John Howlin who were both out of town attending Conferences.

The Town Clerk and Borough Accountant were in attendance.

DEATH OF POPE JOHN XXIII.

The Mayor intimated that on becoming aware of the death of His Holiness Pope John XXIII, he had requested the Town Clerk to convene the present meeting to enable the Council to place on record their sorrow and that of the citizens at the passing of our beloved Pontiff. He (Mayor) then moved the following resolution:-

"That We, the Members of the Wexford Borough Council, on our own behalf, and on behalf of the Citizens we represent, offer to the Sacred College of Cardinals our profound sorrow on the death of the beloved Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, whose brief reign as Supreme Pontiff endeared him to all peoples, irrespective of class or creed; and that this meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory."

The resolution was seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, the Corporation Staff and on his own behalf and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then terminated.



10th June, 1963.

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

The members present being:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Cullimore in the chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish; John O'Flaherty; Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors: Thomas Byrne; Frank Cullimore; Edward Hall;
John Bierney; and James J. Morris.

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

M I N U T E S.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of May 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.

MUNICIPAL RATE. - 1963/4.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 53/6d. in the pound be made on the property thereto, in the Borough for the service of the local financial year ending on the 31st March, 1964, as agreed to on the 25th March last. The Rate Book containing the various items of Rate was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

WATER-WORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the proposals of the Corporation's Consulting Engineer for the improvement of the water supply in the town had been examined in detail by the Department's Engineering Advisers who had had a number of consultations with the Consultant and the Corporation Officers. The Department was advised that excessive waste and leakage in the town had made the existing works ineffective and impossible to operate satisfactorily.

In conclusion the Minister's stated if the Corporation decided to proceed with the new water supply improvement scheme the Consultant should be requested to make suitable provision in the contract documents for the additional work of dealing with the waste in the supply system. In corporation of the latter work would be a condition of approval to any new scheme, and would require to be followed up by waste water surveys and action against offending consumers.

The question of waste and its detection was considered at length, during which the Borough Surveyor detailed what steps had been taken to eliminate waste and intimated to the Meeting that waste had been reduced by approximately 100,000 gallons per day since last year.

Finally it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty and seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne to accept the suggestion contained in the Minister's letter and to instruct the Council's Engineer to prepare the necessary contract documents and to embody therein suitable provision for the additional work of eliminating waste in the supply system.

RENEWAL OF SEWERS.

A revised estimate was submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the renewal of sewers at Gibson Street and Oyster Lane and the provision of an overflow pipe at Spawell Road.

The revised estimate amounted to £1,270. and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously agreed to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of this amount from the Local Loans Fund."

Arising out of this matter the attention of the Borough Surveyor was directed to a drain at Melrose, Spawell Road.

HARBOUR LOAN.

With reference to Minutes of 25th March, last, when it was decided to guarantee the repayment of the principal and interest of a loan of £300 to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, the Meeting was informed that under the provisions of the Harbour Act, 1947, the resolution of 25th March, required to be confirmed after the expiration of 60 days from the date of its passing.

It was thereupon, proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, and unanimously resolved: That the resolution of 25th March, 1963, agreeing to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £300 (Three Hundred Pounds) and the payment of interest thereon, to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, be and is hereby confirmed.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, intimating that the next Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Skibbereen, County Cork, on 24th, 25th and 26th September next. The Secretary asked for the Council's Annual Subscription to be forwarded as soon as possible.

As regards the subscription it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris that the Corporation make a subscription of £10. to the Association.

As regards the appointment of delegates, the same discussion took place as in previous years as to whether or not the two delegates appointed at the first Annual Meeting of the Council in 1960 would remain the delegates for the lifetime of the Council, in accordance with the rules of the Association or whether the Council should insist on appointing new delegates. After some discussion it was proposed by Alderman K.C. Morris and seconded by Alderman Flaherty that Alderman Morris and Councillor Frank Cullimore the original delegates appointed in 1960, be the delegates to the Conference this year.

Councillor Hall, however, proposed that the Delegates be Alderman K.C. Morris and Councillor Thomas Byrne, Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

Councillor Hall's motion was put to the meeting when they voted for: Alderman Corish, Councillor Hall and Bierney.

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Against:

Alderman Morris; Alderman O'Flaherty; The Mayor; Councillor James J. Morris and Councillor Frank Cullimore.

5.

Councillor Hall's motion was declared lost and the motion of Alderman Morris that the original delegates appointed in 1960 attend the forthcoming conference, was declared carried by the same voting.

ERECTION OF PLAQUES.

A letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce enclosing a list of the wording of the plaques to be erected in the various parts of the town indicating places of historical interest.

As some doubt was expressed as to whether or not the wording of Plaques to be erected in the Bull Ring was correct, the Town Clerk was asked to check with the Secretary of the Tourist Development Committee and if necessary to bring the matter before the Council again.

SWIMMING POOL.

A letter was read from the Area Secretary of the Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society on the subject of the discussion at last meeting regarding the provision of a Swimming Pool at Ferrybank.

The members had been supplied with copies before the meeting and agreed that no further action was called for thereon.

PLOT AT CARRIGEEN.

An application was submitted from Mr. Patrick Roberts, 26, Carrigeen Street, for permission to erect a Garage beside his dwelling.

It was explained to the meeting that Mr. Roberts had purchased his dwelling at Carrigeen Street some time ago and that the ground in question was used as a right-of-way to the houses at Carrigeen Street and Roche's Road. It had now long since become disused and the ground at the rear of the Carrigeen and Roche's Road houses divided into gardens with fences and various other structures erected thereon and it was not now possible to use the passage way as a right of way.

At the present time it only served as a right of way to the rear of Robert's house.. It was thereupon unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty to authorise the County Manager to permit the erection of a garage on this piece of ground, subject to any conditions considered desirable.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Recommendations from the County Manager that Planning Permission be granted to:

- (1) Mr. P. Doris, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ferrybank;
- (2) Mr. Gerald Leahy, for the erection of a house at Coolcotts;
- (3) Mr. Harry Wilson, for the erection of building in his yard at Selskar;

were unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty and seconded by Councillor Byrne.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

Arising out of the visit of President Kennedy the members thought that the route from the Wexford Park to the Crescent Quay was entirely unsuitable and that it should follow:-

Corish Park; Whitemill; Green Street; Thomas Street; and Bride Street.

Arising out of the appointment of a Public Relations Officer to cover the visit of President Kennedy a dispute had arisen with the local Journalists who had sent a letter to the Town Clerk which was now read on this subject.

He (Town Clerk) intimated to the meeting that on receipt of this letter he had decided to arrange a conference between the local press representatives and the Public Relations Officer whom he expected to be in Wexford on the following day. The Town Clerk's suggestion was considered satisfactory.

PLAQUE AT CRESCENT QUAY.

It was decided to request M/s. Staffords to permit the re-erection of a plaque to Wexford Sailors on the wall of their premises at Crescent Quay.

DERELICT SITE AT KING STREET.

The Town Clerk intimated that he was informed by the meeting that Mr. J.J. Stafford (Owner of site in question) had given instructions to a Contractor to have the site built up.

SWIMMING JETTY.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager that the Corporation should pay 50% of the cost of erecting a Swimming Jetty to be erected at Ferrybank by the County Council as the one erected some few years ago had been washed away in the storms of last winter.

ILLNESS OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP.

The members learned with considerable regret that his Lordship the Bishop was ill and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to send him a message praying for his speedy recovery.

FOOTPATH.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the Footpath abutting the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and the Town Clerk explained that this footpath had been opened by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. In accordance with an instruction from the Corporation he (Town Clerk) was insisting on the Department of Posts and Telegraphs reinstating the footpath in toto, while the Department wished to carry out patch reinstatement. The latest information he had from the Department was that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs was precluded by the Terms of the Telegraph Acts from complying with the Corporation's request.

He (Town Clerk) considered this an extraordinary state of affairs that the Minister had precluded the Corporation from properly restoring property disturbed by him; and he had asked the

Department to quote him the relevant Statute so that it could be examined and the Corporation's position in the matter clarified.

Up to the present he had received no reply and the present meeting unanimously endorsed the action of their official in insisting that the disturbed footpath be replaced in toto.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have the seats on the Quay replaced as soon as possible and to restore a seat removed at the end of St. John's Road.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to expedite the necessary documents to enable tenders to be invited for repairs to the walks at St. Ibar's Cometary.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to expedite repairs to the Nofrango Houses at Davitt Road North.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the loose plaster in the front of the houses in Abbey Street occupied by Barnwell and Murphy.

Reference was made to the condition of derelict site at Gibson Street and the Town Clerk was asked to urge the owners to complete the work commenced some months ago.

Complaint was made that some rag buyers operating in the town were dumping unsuitable rags bought by them, on the public road ways and the Town Sergeant was to be asked to trace the owner of the van collecting these rags.

Complaint was made regarding vandalism in the town relating to litter bins and the attention of the Gardai was to be called to this as well as to the non-observance of the 30 Mile hour speed limit imposed on motorists since the 1st April, last.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was again drawn to the awkward position in which stop signs at the end of Summerhill Road, were placed.

OLD AGE PENSIONS CLAIMS.

The meeting then considered Old Age Pension Claims and questions and these will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

HOUSING AT WYGRAM.

The County Manager referred to a recent report made by him on Housing Sites in the town. One of these was on the land at Wygram and at the rear of Hill Street owned by the Order of St. John of God and Mr. Patrick Meyler.

The Nuns had asked for a price of £700 per acre for the land plus the erection of a wall 12 ft. high around the remainder of their property. Mr. Meyler had not put a price on his land but had laid down a preliminary condition that a similar wall should be erected around the remainder of his property. It was felt, however, that the price given to the Nuns for their land would fix the price of Mr. Meyler's and for any other land required by the Corporation for housing purposes in the future. The estimated cost of the houses which could be erected on the site was over £2,000 each.

The County Manager was not prepared to proceed with this Scheme on the basis of paying £700 per acre for land and erecting a 12 ft. wall although the Nuns had agreed to contribute £500 towards the cost of the wall around their property which would amount to £1,500 and a similar amount was estimated for the wall around Mr. Meyler's property.

The County Manager further intimated that it was only with reluctance that he had agreed to pay at the rate of £300 per acre for land at Davitt Road North adjoining the Municipal Buildings and then only because the land adjoined a public road where sewer and water services were available.

Finally, the County Manager intimated that if the Council wished to proceed with this Scheme they would have to give him a direction under the County Management Acts to proceed.

He explained that he brought this matter before the Council so that they would not be under the impression that any negotiations were proceeding in connection with this Scheme.

The members were very doubtful about the idea of paying such a high price for land which would set a precedent for all future land required and it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the whole matter sine die.

Thomas Byrne

The meeting then terminated.

24th June, 1963.

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 John Cullimore in the Chair:

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish; Kevin C. Morris; and John O'Flaherty;

Councillors: James Morris; Frank Cullimore, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney, and Edward Hall.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, The Corporation Solicitor and Borough Accountant.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business of the Meeting was to elect a Mayor to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1964, and until his successor has been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor having called for nominations for the Office of Mayor, the following were submitted:

Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor John Bierney.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Edward Hall.

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

For Councillor Byrne: Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Doran, Howlin, Cullen and Bierney 6

For Alderman Morris: Aldermen Morris; O'Flaherty, Cullimore, Councillors Morris, Cullimore and Hall.

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As each of the candidates had six votes the Corporation Solicitor read Section 43(1) (N) of the Local Government Act, 1941, which laid down that in the event of an equality of votes for two or more candidates the matter should be decided by lot. He (Solicitor) suggested that the two names should be placed in a hat and that the person whose name was drawn therefrom should be deemed to be elected.

This suggestion was agreed and the Solicitor inscribed the names "Morris" and "Byrne" on two slips of paper which were handed to the Mayor who checked, folded them and placed them in a hat.

A young lady from the audience then drew one of the slips, handed same to the Mayor who read out the name "Byrne".

Councillor Byrne was thereupon declared Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1964 and until his successor was appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Having made the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, the newly-

lected Mayor was invested with the Robe and Chain of Office.

Before leaving the chair, the outgoing Mayor thanked everyone who had helped him during his year of office.

The newly-elected Mayor (Councillor Byrne) then took the chair and thanked the members for the confidence they had placed in him.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the tie for election of Mayor and the deciding method of drawing by lot and suggested that an approach should be made to the Minister for Local Government to provide that the entire Council should be comprised of an odd number. The Mayor, however, informed the Alderman that he should hand in a notice of motion covering his suggestion for consideration at a future meeting.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, Quarterly Meetings of the Council were fixed to be held on 7th October, 1963, at 8.15 p.m. 6th January, 1964, at 7.30 p.m. and 6th April, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

POPE PAUL VI.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the election of Pope Paul VI and moved the following resolution:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Municipal Council, on our own behalf and on behalf of the citizens we represent, express our heartfelt joy in the knowledge that the Papal Throne has been worthily filled in the Person of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, who has in the past so ably discharged the onerous duties of Pro-Secretary of State; and we humbly pray that the Supreme Pontiff may accept the homage of our loyalty and attachment to his Throne and Person."

The resolution was seconded by Alderman Corish, and supported by all the members as well as by the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the Wexford County Manager.

Thomas Byrne.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE ACT, IRELAND, 1876

★
ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL

COUNCIL ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, ONE THOUS-

AND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE THE HONORARY FREEDOM

OF THE BOROUGH WAS CONFERRED ON MR. JOHN FITZGERALD

KENNEDY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE ONE THOUSAND NINE

HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE.

.....SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT

.....MAYOR OF WEXFORD

.....TOWN CLERK

1st July, 1963.

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 Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris, and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen, John Howlin and James J. Morris.

In attendance: The Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Councillors Frank Cullimore and John Bierney, regretting their inability to be present.

DEATH OF BISHOP OF FERNS.

His Worship the Mayor, in feeling terms, referred to the death of the Most Rev. James Staunton, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ferns which had occurred on the 27th ultimo, and moved the following resolution:

"That we the members of the Wexford Municipal Council on our own behalf and on behalf of the citizens of Wexford tender to the Diocesan Chapter our deep and sincere sorrow on the death of our beloved Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. James Staunton, and that this meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory."

Alderman O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on his own behalf; on behalf of the County Manager and on behalf of the Staff and adopted in respectful silence.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HESS.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor John Bierney, on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. William Hess. This was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and also adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas Byrne

8th July, 1963.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore and John G. O'Flaherty (see below).

Councillors: Edward Hall, John Bierney, Patrick Doran.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read and approved, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Cullimore and signed by the Mayor.

S Y M P A T H Y.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to their employee, Arthur Barlow on the death of his wife. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by all the members and officials and adopted in respectful silence.

T U R N O V E R T A X.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that the Council protest against the proposed Turnover tax and request the Minister for Finance to levy this tax at manufacturing or import level. Alderman Corish seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present except Alderman Morris who was in favour of the suggested levy at retail level being given a trial for one year, and adopted but with Alderman Morris dissenting.

S T R E E T R E P A I R S.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Hall moved that for future street resurfacing on alternative method to that adopted at Clifford Street recently. The Councillor complained that a considerable quantity of the tar or bitumen used had flowed onto Bride Street and was carried into the houses there.

Alderman Morris, Alderman Corish and the Mayor agreed with Councillor Hall, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that there was no alternative method except concrete. In the circumstances no action was taken on the motion but the Surveyor was asked to ensure that more care was taken in future to prevent a recurrence of the complaint now made.

A T T E N D A N C E.

Alderman John G. O'Flaherty attended at this stage.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N.

On the motion of the Mayor, Seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the Sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000 was authorised up to 30th September, 1963.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were sealed and signed in respect of the Abbey and Capitol Cinemas, on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Bierney.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alderman Cullimore asked the Borough Surveyor to expedite the replacement of seats on the Quays and at St. John's Road.

Councillor Doran referred to the supervision of repairs to Artizans Dwellings and pointed out that applications for repairs were being submitted by tenants and members without effect and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should submit a monthly report on repairs carried out to Artizans dwellings.

Councillor Hall referred to the carrying out of repairs to the Cemetery Walks and the Borough Surveyor intimated he was awaiting pipes to put down a drainage system before the walks could be resurfaced.

The a Abstract of Accounts for 1962/63 was submitted and initialled by the Mayor.

Alderman O'Flaherty asked what was the position of proposed site for garage at Carrigeen Street for Patrick Roberts and was informed that the Council had approved the application in principle subject to the details being worked out by the officials and this latter work was in hands.

It was unanimously agreed that unless something urgent arose no meeting would be held in August.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

2nd September, 1963.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

Attendance: The County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor, and Town Clerk.

MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the minutes of last meeting on 1st July (no meeting having been held in August) a copy of which had been circulated with agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINOR HURLING TEAM:

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Minor Hurling Team on winning the All-Ireland Championship on the 1st instant. The motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG:

The Mayor presented to the Corporation, for use on State occasions, the United States Flag, which he had received from the American Ambassador to Ireland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

An Acknowledgement was read from His Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio of the Vote of congratulation passed with His Holiness Pope Paul VI. Letters were also read from the Vicar General acknowledging the Council's sympathy on the death of most Rev. Dr. James Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, and from Councillor Bierney acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. William Hess.

CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS:

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that steps be taken to ensure the immediate restoration of footpaths disturbed by statutory undertakers.

The Councillor complained of the unsightly and dangerous condition of footpaths in various parts of the town due to cuttings made some considerable time ago and which no steps had been taken to repair. He asked who was responsible and what was the present position.

The Town Clerk read correspondence which had been passing between the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and himself since June of 1962, regarding the restoration of footpaths at Spawell Road and Bishopswater Housing Estate disturbed by the Department.

The Department had made a cutting in the footpaths to lay telephone cables and held they were only responsible for the restoration of the cutting, while on the other hand, he, (Town Clerk) on behalf of and on the instructions of the Council, maintained that the footpaths should be restored in toto. The latest correspondence in this regard was a letter from the Department stating, inter alia, that insistence on restoring the footpaths in toto, would impose on the Department an obligation which the Minister would be precluded from accepting under the Telegraph Acts. The Department had been asked to quote the relevant statute in this matter but had evaded a direct reply to the question.

It was now unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by the Mayor that legal advice be taken on the Council's powers and the Departments obligations in this connection.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENTS GRANT 1963/64.

The following proposals were submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the Urban Roads Improvement Grant 1963/64:-

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| Resurfaced Gibson Street and Junction with Main St., | £270. |
| " Oyster Land | £250. 10s |
| " Allan Street & Patrick's Square | £309. 10s. |
| " Grogan's Road | £600. |
| Total | £1,430. 10s. |

In reply to a query the meeting was informed that it was proposed to have this work carried out by the County Council Staff in the same way as the 1962/63 work was carried out at Clifford Street etc.,

The members took objection to this method having regard to the amount of tar which flowed into the channel-ways when Clifford Street was resurfaced causing considerable nuisance to householders in the locality through tar being carried into their homes.

After some discussion it was agreed to consult with the County Engineer on the method to be adopted in resurfacing the streets in question, and suggestions were made that the work be done by means of pre-mixed tar and stones rolled in and, where possible, concrete.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1963/64.

The meeting was informed that the Council's allocation under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for 1963/64 was Grant: £3,350 with a local contribution of £480 making the total available £3,830 as against £2,750 plus £395 - total £3,145 for 1962/63.

The Borough Surveyor's proposals for the expenditure of £3,830 were:-

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| (1) | Clearance of derelict sites at Keyser's Lane | £500. |
| (2) | Demolition of dangerous buildings at Cornmarket.... | £1,461 |
| (3) | Development of open site at Fisher's Row | 920 |
| (4) | New Footpath at Whitmill Road | 831 |
| (5) | Resurface footpath at Swan View | 118 |
| | | <hr/> £3,830 |

The members considered that No. (4) was not needed for the present and it was unanimously decided to delete same and substitute:

- (a) The widening of Menapia Avenue by reducing the width of the footpath;
- (b) Provision of new footpath in John Street, in front of New Housing Scheme;
- (c) Adjustment of footpath at Faythe/Upper Batt's Street.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER:

Arising out of above discussion on Employment Schemes reference was made to the condition of the Stonebridge River and the Manager instructed he had discussed this with the officials that morning with a view to having some clearing carried out.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1962, a copy of which had been furnished to the members some time ago was next taken up.

The Town Clerk referred to the Auditor's remarks on page 3 regarding the Financial position which he (Town Clerk) considered misleading. The Auditor referred to a debit balance of £12,038 on the General Purposes Account at 31st March, 1962, but omitted to make it clear that there were credit balances on other accounts which more than offset the debit on General Purposes. Further steps had been taken in the estimates for 1962/63 to adjust the balances.

Having heard this explanation the members considered the excellent report reflected credit on all the officials and showed that the Council's finance were in a healthy state. The report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Doran.

TOWN PLANNING:

Orders by the Wexford County Manager granting planning permission to:

Mr. James Cunningham for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Redmond Road;

Mr. Joseph A. Gallagher for erection of a dwellinghouse at Coolcotts; and

Mr. Michael Power, Faythe, for reconstruction of No. 29, Parnell Street,

were approved on the motion of Alderman K. C. Morris seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

MAYOR'S SALARY 1962/63.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the salary of Alderman John Cullimore as Mayor for the quarter ended 24th June, 1963, was fixed at £275 (two hundred and seventy-five pounds).

FUEL SCHEME 1963/64.

Councillor Howlin referred to the invitation which had been issued for tenders for the supply of turf for the Cheap Fuel Scheme 1963/64, and objected to tenders being sought outside the Borough.

The Councillor was informed that last year the Minister for Social Welfare had raised strong objection to the price of £6 per ton quoted by the local merchants and had urged the Council to establish their own depot; purchase turf direct from Bord na Mona; and distribute same direct to recipients from the depot. It had not been possible to establish such a depot last year and the Minister had now intimated that failing a reduced price for turf this year early steps should be taken to provide a depot; purchase turf in bulk; and distribute to recipients.

The members took strong objection to old age pensioners being asked to attend at a depot each week and to carry home a cut of turf and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Newlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty to direct the County Manager.

- (a) Not to accept tenders for fuel from merchants outside the borough; and
- (b) not to establish a depot or depots for the distribution of turf, but to adhere to the scheme of distribution by the merchants as in previous years.

Arising out of this discussion, the County Manager pointed out that the scheme was completely financed out of state funds and was not a charge on the rates, nevertheless, the Council still objected to old people being required to call at a depot and collect the fuel.

ROSSLAKE/FISHGUARD CAR-FERRY:

Councillor Doran, who represented the Corporation on a recent deputation to Fishguard to interview British Railway officials on the subject of a car-ferry service between Rosslare Harbour and Fishguard, read a report on the efforts of the deputation which was considered satisfactory.

RE-SURFACING OF WALKS AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY, CROSSTOWN:

Three tenders were opened for the resurfacing of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown. The quantity of work was estimated by the Borough Surveyor at approximately 6,000 square yards and the tenders were from:-

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| Wexford Estates Ltd., | @ 6/10d per sq. yard | | £2,050. |
| Roadstone Ltd., | @ 7/= per sq. yard | | 2,100 |
| Do. | if work done in late Autumn | 6/= | 1,800 |
| Roadmakers Ltd., | @ 9/= per sq. yard | | 2,700 |

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris the tenders were referred to the County Manager for attention.

SALE OF CORISH PARK HOUSES:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, a recommendation by the County Manager that the houses at Corish Park be sold to the occupiers for the sum of £1,700, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, was adopted.

HOUSING SITES FOR NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY:

A proposal by the Wexford County Manager to dispose of two building sites at Davitt Road South to the National Building Agency for £300 per site was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Morris. The meeting was informed that the Agency proposed to erect four houses for the Garda Síochána on the two sites.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES:

Alderman Morris asked that the procedure of informing the members of proposed allocation of houses be renewed.

KING STREET/PARNELL STREET, TUNNEL:

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that in March, 1961, Mr. T. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer had submitted an estimate for the provision of a tunnel from King Street to the sea with the object of relieving the periodic flooding of King Street. The estimate was considered by the Council in April of the same year when it was decided to arrange for the Engineer to meet the members on 15th May to discuss the proposal. This meeting had to be cancelled by the Council and several attempts to arrange a meeting on a date suitable for both sides proved abortive. The Town Clerk now intimated that at the request of the County Manager he had arranged for Mr. O'Connor to attend on the 9th instant if the members still desired to meet him.

After some discussion the meeting felt that the proposed tunnel could not obviate flooding at King Street which generally took place when heavy rain coincided with Spring tides and as nothing the Council could do would prevent flooding in such circumstances it was unanimously decided not to proceed with the Engineer's proposals, and no purpose would be served in discussing the matter with him on the 9th instant. The County Manager explained that his reason for raising the matter was that it was a major scheme with which no progress was being made and he was anxious to have a decision as to whether or not the Council intended to proceed with the work suggested by Mr. O'Connor.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the ordinary allowance of £150 per annum made to the Mayor and intimated that in his opinion it was not sufficient if the office was to be filled with the dignity it deserved. Several other members who had held the office of Mayor agreed with the Alderman and it was decided to give serious consideration to increasing the amount in the near future.

MAYOR'S PARLOUR:

Arising out of the discussion on the office of Mayor reference was made to the fact that when the Mayor had to receive any distinguished visitor he had to do so in the Town Clerk's office and it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should arrange as soon as possible to make available the room at present being used by the Borough Accountant as Mayor's Parlour. The Town Clerk was also instructed to have the room suitably decorated and furnished for the purpose.

ROBES FOR MEMBERS:

The Town Clerk was also instructed to make some inquiries for a replacement of the present Mayor's robe which was in use for some hundred years and for new robes for the Aldermen and Councillors.

FURNISHING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER:

Reference was made to the "institutional" nature of the furniture in the Council Chamber and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor James J. Morris it was unanimously decided that a large polished table with suitable chairs be purchased for use in the chamber as soon as possible. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk should arrange to have heavy curtains provided for the windows as well as draught screens for the doors.

The Meeting then terminated.

Henry F. Byrne

14th October, 1963.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 p.m. the Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Nicholas Corish, John G. O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: John Howlin, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, John Bierney and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: The County Manager, Town Clerk and Acting Borough Surveyor.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of Meeting of 2nd September, 1963, 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:

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late William Coady, Rosslare Harbour, who, for many years, had taken an active interest in the Commadore John Barry Memorial, and was responsible for providing the magnificent wreaths which had been laid on the Memorial from time to time since its unveiling in 1956. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the Members and officials present and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

A letter addressed to the Mayor was read from Mr. P. K. McNally, Leinster Lodge, Rosslare Strand, who had recently retired from the Office of Borough Surveyor under the Age Limit.

In his letter, Mr. McNally thanked the Mayor and members of the Corporation for his many pleasant memories of his years of Office as Borough Surveyor.

Following the reading of this letter Councillor Howlin moved that the Council place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to the Town by Mr. McNally during his 28 years as Borough Surveyor, and wish him a long and happy retirement. This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish; supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

RENEWAL OF SEWERS:

With reference to the proposal to renew sewers at Gibson Street, Oyster Lane, and to provide an overflow at Spawell Road, a letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that there was no objection in principle to the proposal, but it was recommended that the diameter of the overflow sewer at Spawell Road be increased from 9" to 12". As regards the Corporation applying for a loan of £1,270 the Minister intimated that the resources of the local loans fund were conserved for major capital works and suggested that the Corporation should obtain this loan from the Treasurer.

14th October, 1963.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously resolved that subject to the consent of Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,270 be borrowed from the Treasurer (The National Bank, Limited) repayable over a period of 15 years and that the Minister be required to make available the usual subsidy towards loan charges.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT:

Correspondence was read from the Minister for Local Government and the Commissioners of Public Works regarding the Corporations proposals for the development of Ferrybank area as a recreation centre and their request that the Commissioners of Public Works carry out a preliminary examination of the problem of Coast Erosion. After the reading of this correspondence the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish "... being satisfied that land at Ferrybank, Wexford, is being progressively damaged by the continuing encroachment of the sea as distinct from occasional or abnormal storms and that this encroachment is liable to endanger the safety of the amenities proposed to be provided by the Corporation at Ferrybank, we hereby request the Commissioners of Public Works in accordance with section 2(3)(a) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, to carry out a preliminary examination of what works are necessary to prevent such encroachment.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

An application was submitted from the Wexford Timber Co., Wexford Cattle Sales Company and Mr. A. Bennett to have the public lighting at Redmond Road extended to the Borough Boundary near the site of the old Wexford bridge. The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this recommendation he had communicated with the E.S.B., regarding the cost and had ascertained that the initial cost would be £72. plus the usual annual charges for maintenance. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to provide the necessary money to extend the public lighting as requested in the letter. Arising out of the above the Town Clerk was asked to examine the question of lighting in Mannix Place and to interview the County Engineer as regards extending the lighting to the County Hospital.

ERECTION OF 126 HOUSES AT SLIPPERY GREEN:

The following report was made regarding the above scheme:

"A public advertisement inviting tenders for the above Scheme appeared in the Irish Press, Irish Independent, Irish Times, Cork Examiner, the Free Press and People on 18th May, 1963. It also appeared about the same time in the current issues of the Irish Builder & Engineer and the Contractors' Guide. The latest date for receipt of tenders was 13th July.

On the 13th July, the only tender received was from the Direct Labour Unit.

The Manager then instructed that the matter be taken up with the Director of the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, and as a result, the advertisement was inserted in the August issue of their Bulletin together with the Town Clerk's letter. The latest date for the receipt of tenders was extended to 5th October.

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Although a few inquiries were made, only one firm applied for the Contract documents, but they returned them intimating they could not give a tender".

The tender of the Direct Labour Unit was then opened and it was found that the estimated cost of erection of 126 houses amounted to £254,672.

As it was seen that every possible step had been taken to secure a contractor to carry out the work, without avail, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish that the Manager be recommended to accept the tender of the Direct Labour Unit and to request the Minister to sanction the erection of the houses by Direct Labour, as soon as possible.

TOWN DECORATION:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously decided to provide a further sum of £150 in the current financial year for Town Decoration.

REDMOND PARK:

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that no objection would be raised to the Corporation's proposal to make a contribution of £300 towards the maintenance of the Redmond Park as an amenity to the Town. This was considered satisfactory and it was decided that His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman O'Flaherty should be appointed to represent the Corporation on the Redmond Park Committee.

TRAIN SERVICE:

A complaint was made regarding the cancellation of the 9. 30 a.m. train from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford, it being stated that the only morning train arrived in Wexford at 9 O'Clock and which was unsatisfactory for the shopping public. It was further stated that an engine and driver left Rosslare Harbour at 8.55 a.m., and that it was only necessary to add a carriage to this to provide a reasonable service. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was decided that this matter should be taken up with C.I.E.

TOWN PLANNING:

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that Planning Permission be granted for the erection of a house at Bishopswater for James Browne was approved on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship, the Mayor.

OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of Councillor Hall seconded by His Worship, the Mayor, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000 was authorised up to 31st December, 1963.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Alderman Morris referred to the recent Committee Meeting of the Members when the question of the Mayor's salary, the provision of new seats for the Mayor, and the Mayor's Parlour was informally discussed.

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He produced an extract from the "Echo" of Saturday, September 14, which gave, what he considered to be, a verbatim report of that meeting. He asked who had issued the statement to the Press, but no one could answer the question and it was unanimously decided on the suggestion of Councillor Corish to ask the representative of the "Echo" who had supplied him with the information.

HOUSE REPAIRS:

Alderman O'Flaherty requested that the amount extended on repairs to Artisan dwellings should be available at the next Meeting.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

A complaint was made in regard to the delay in bringing the Traffic Regulations into operation and it was unanimously decided to protest to the Commissioner of the Gardai about the delay.

RATE COLLECTION:

Alderman O'Flaherty asked the Town Clerk if the Scheme for the payment of Rates by instalment was in force and being informed that it was, complained that some ratepayers had received notice threatening legal proceedings unless they paid their rates immediately although he was aware that some of them had made provision to meet the rate demand at Christmas by paying into a thrift fund. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that any person who applied for permission to pay their rates by instalments had been facilitated. He personally had dealt with some such applications. He was further aware that no legal action had been taken against any ratepayer who made such application and if the ratepayers who were paying into thrift funds intimated to the Officer in Charge of the Collection of Rates that they would be in a position to pay the Rates by the end of December, he was certain that no such action would be taken.

STREETS:

Councillor Howlin drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the hollow in the junction between Fisher's Row and Faythe.

HOUSING:

Alderman O'Flaherty drew attention to a vacant space in the Mannix Place Housing Scheme and at the end of Fisher's Row Housing Scheme and suggested that houses should be erected there.

The County Manager stated that for some years past he had advocated the provision of a house at the junction of Fisher's Row but could not obtain approval from Department's Technical Advisors. It was now proposed to erect houses at the Faythe on the small space of ground at the junction with William Street and had included the erection of a house at Fisher's Row which had now been approved in principle by the Department's Inspector.

FOOTPATH:

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the need for a footpath outside Mr. Maloney's property at Whitmill Road.

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MAYOR'S PARLOUR:

Councillor O'Flaherty asked if any progress had been made with the provision of a Mayor's Parlour and the Town Clerk stated he had not yet decided what alterations should be made to provide this room. It was suggested that the rates Office should be transferred to the vacant room in front of the building, formerly used as a housing office as this would be much more convenient for the rate-paying public who would not then have to walk through the General Office to see the Officer in charge of the Rate Collection. If this were done the Borough Accountant could be transferred to the Office occupied by Mr. Doyle and the Borough Accountant's Office, which adjoins the Council Chamber, could be converted into a Mayor's Parlour.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

4th November, 1963.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Edward Hall, Patrick Doran and James Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Ald. Cullimore, seconded by Ald. Corish, the Minutes of Meeting of 14th 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.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor John Bierney and Mr. Richard Bierney, Station Officer, Wexford Fire Brigade, on the death of their Mother, and that the present Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory. The motion was seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Howlin on the death of his Uncle, the late Mr. James Sinnott, Rosslare Strand. This motion was seconded by Ald. Corish.

His Worship the Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John McGrath, Custom House Quay. Ald. Corish seconded this motion.

The three proposals were supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

11th November, 1963.

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

His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore,
Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: James Morris, Patrick Doran, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney, John Howlin and Edward Hall.

The Acting Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship The Mayor moved that the sympath of the Corporation be extended to the Hierarchy of Australia on the death of the late Archbishop Mannix, who was a Freeman of the Borough. Councillor James Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all Members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who was absent, and on his own behalf, as well as by the Borough Surveyor.

The resolution was adopted in respectful silence and the Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

18th November, 1963.

An Adjourned 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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Bierney, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen and James J. Morris.

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

MINUTES:

On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, the Minutes of Meetings of 4th and 11th instant, copies of which had been circulated with Agenda for present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

LECTURE:

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce inviting the Mayor and Members of the Corporation to attend a lecture in the Talbot Hotel on the 19th instant to be given by Mr. King of the Electricity Supply Board on "Outdoor Decorative Lighting".

Ald. O'Flaherty pointed out that the Annual Meeting to deal with the estimates of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee would be held on that night and it would be impossible for a number of Members to attend, and he asked the Town Clerk to point out to the Chamber the reason for the non-attendance of the Members of the Corporation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous Meetings were read from the relatives of the late William Coady, Rosslare Harbour, Councillor John Howlin and Councillor John Bierney.

TELEPHONE KIOSK:

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs requesting permission for the erection of a Telephone Kiosk on the footpath at North Main Street, outside the premises of the Munster & Leinster Bank, where the footpath was 10 feet wide.

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Ald. Corish, the necessary consent was granted. Arising out of this matter the Department of Posts and Telegraphs were to be asked when it was proposed to put a Telephone Kiosk in the North end of Town.

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TRAINEE:

It was explained to the Meeting that a request had been received to have a Rhodesian placed in the Town Clerk's Office as a trainee for a period of some two months and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Ald. Corish, the Members expressed their willingness to afford every assistance to this young man who was one of a number in this Country studying Democratic Government, both local and national.

ROSSLARE/WEXFORD TRAIN:

In reply to Ald. Corish the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no reply from C.I.E., regarding the cancellation of the morning train from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford, but the Mayor informed the Meeting that the Local Manager had intimated to him that the matter was under consideration and was at present with the Divisional Manager for final decision.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT
SCHEME:

A letter was read from Mr. John B. Barry, Consulting Engineer for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, suggesting that the original scheme be amended to continue the pumping of water from Edenvale instead of higher up the river Sow. The suggested amendment would obviate the necessity of an inquiry to acquire further water rights upstream at Castlesow, and on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the amendment suggested by the Consulting Engineer, was approved.

"YIELD RIGHT OF WAY" SIGNS:

A letter was read from the Garda Siochana recommending that "Yield Right of Way" signs be provided at the junctions of Abbey Street/George Street, High Street/Rowe Street.

The Acting Borough Surveyor estimated that the cost of the signs would be £37. 10s. and on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Cullimore, it was unanimously decided to provide them.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS DWELLINGS:

In reply to a query Ald. O'Flaherty was informed that the expenditure to 31st ultimo on repairs to Artizans dwellings amounted to £2,200 leaving a sum of £800 which the officials proposed to carefully conserve for urgent necessary repairs during the remainder of the financial year.

Arising out of this query Ald. O'Flaherty intimated that whilst he agreed that the amount allocated for repairs to Artizans dwellings was small he thought that better value could be obtained for the money at present being spent, and referred to the repairs carried out in Croke Avenue and Davitt Road North, which he considered, were not sufficient.

Arising out of this matter Ald. Corish suggested that the Town Clerk make a report, at the next Meeting, on the cost of providing a loan to carry out full and complete repairs on Artizans dwellings.

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EXTENSION OF ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY:

A recommendation was submitted from the Wexford County Manager that approximately 12 acres of land be acquired from Mr. Patrick Furlong and Mr. Patrick Kinsella at Crosstown, Wexford, for a contemplated extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery.

In connection with this recommendation it was pointed out that while there was no immediate need to provide an extension at St. Ibar's it would be some years before the land now proposed to be acquired would be drained, laid out and made suitable for use as a Cemetery.

It was proposed to acquire four fields, two adjoining the existing Cemetery and two more to the south of same abutting on the main road.

Mr. Patrick Furlong owned the two fields abutting on the main road which consisted of a little over four acres. For these two fields he required the sum of £500 which was at an average cost of £297.5s per acre. For one of his fields at the rear adjoining the existing Cemetery containing 3.34 acres, he asked for the sum of £700, which was £206. 8s per acre. Both fields were subject to an annuity of approximately 50 shillings per annum. Mr. Patrick Kinsella asked the sum of £1,000 for a field containing 4.524 acres which was an average of £221 per acre. For the entire four fields the total sum was £2,900, and the average price £243 per acre. It was pointed out that this matter had been under negotiation for a number of years, and was the first occasion on which it had been finalised to the stage where firm offers for sale of the land had been received and it was now strongly recommended that the land be purchased without delay as it would take some years to have it drained and laid out as a modern Cemetery.

It was further pointed out that the existing Cemetery was approximately 60 years in existence and the acreage now proposed to be acquired would be about the same, but in the new Cemetery provision would have to be made for a path around each four graves which would considerably reduce the number of graves compared with the number in the existing Cemetery.

After some discussion, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Ald. Cullimore, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, that the recommendation of the County Manager, to acquire the lands in question for the sum of £2,900, be approved.

PARKING BYE-LAWS:

With reference to Minute of 13th May last when the proposed Wexford Traffic & Parking Bye-Laws, 1963, were under consideration and it was decided to recommend to the Garda Síochána as follows:

- (1) In view of the fact that one-way traffic from North to South would divert funerals from Rowe Street Church via Anne Street, it was considered that parking in Anne Street should only be permitted on one side.

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- (2) It was considered that unrestricted parking should not be permitted in Rowe St. Upper and Rowe St. Lower, and that parking be only permitted on the North side, as set out in 1955 Bye-Laws.
- (3) Unless there were very strong reasons against this, the Council considered parking in Monck St. should be permitted as set out in the 1955 Bye-Laws.
- (4) As regards one-way traffic streets, it was considered that parking should be alternated between the east and west sides at different periods in accordance with established practice.
- (5) It was considered that parking should only be permitted on one side in the areas covered by Nos. 8 and 9 in the second Schedule of the Bye-Laws. This was the area in Main St. from Gibson St. to King St.

Under date of 13th instant the Commissioner intimated that he had agreed with the recommendations of the Council set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Town Clerk's letter of 16th May last. With regard to No. 3, it was pointed out that due to the very narrow width of Rowe Street and due to the fact that a new bridge had been erected since the 1955 Bye-Laws were drafted, Monck Street would now carry a considerable amount of the traffic on to the Main Street, and in the circumstances, the Commissioner could not agree that parking be permitted in this Street.

The Members expressed appreciation at the manner in which the Commissioner had meet their requests and agreed that the Commissioner's reasons for prohibiting parking in Monck Street were sound, and on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. O'Flaherty, the draft Bye-Laws embodying the four amendments mentioned in the Commissioner's letter were unanimously approved.

It was decided, however, to ask the Commissioner if it would not delay matters to have parking in Rowe Street South side rather than on the North side.

In connection with these Bye-Laws, the Town Clerk intimated that at a Conference between the County Manager, the Chief Fire Officer and himself recently, the Chief Fire Officer had expressed grave concern about his ability to get Fire vehicles to any part of the Main Street at the present time due to the parking on both sides. The Fire Officer was particularly concerned with the areas 8 and 9, that is from Gibson Street to King Street as this area contained the Parish Hall, the Abbey Cinema and an amusement Centre. Following this conversation, the Town Clerk had requested the Commissioner to ensure, if at all possible, that the prohibition against parking in the area suggested, should be extended to at least midnight, including Sundays, having regard to the high fire hazard and the very narrow streets.

The Town Clerk explained further that he had had a reply to this letter from the Commissioner but there appeared to be a misunderstanding between them and he had communicated with him further.

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As regards the matter of the fire hazard the Meeting thoroughly agreed with the anxiety of the Chief Fire Officer, and approved the action taken by the County Manager and Town Clerk in the matter and further requested that the prohibition against double parking in South Main Street from Gibson Street to King Street be extended to midnight, including Sundays.

Reference was made to the position of a number of traffic signs particularly on some of the narrow footpaths where they were placed on the edges and it was suggested that a survey of these be made before the new Regulations came into force with a view of having them placed on the inside of the footpath, where possible.

PLOT AT CARRIGEEN STREET:

With reference to the proposal to lease a plot of ground to Mr. Patrick Roberts, 26, Carrigeen Street, as a site for a garage, the Town Clerk read correspondence which had taken place with Mr. J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, on behalf of Mrs. Mooney, the owner of the house adjoining the plot. It appeared that Mrs. Mooney objected to the garage being built quite close to her gable end which would prevent her from having access to the gable in the event of repairs having to be carried out.

In view of the dispute between Roberts and Mrs. Mooney, the Town Clerk had held up the issue of the necessary lease to Mr. Roberts, and it was now decided that the matter should be dealt with between the parties themselves, and in the meantime the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were to look up the map and ascertain if the garage could be erected further back from the roadway with a view to causing no obstruction to the gable of Mrs. Mooney's house.

SALE OF HOUSES AT WYGRAM:

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a Scheme be prepared for the disposal of four houses at Wygram to the tenants for the sum of £200 each, was approved on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish. Arising out of this the Town Clerk agreed to a request from the Members that the tenants of St. Aidan's Crescent houses be circulated with a Scheme for the purchase of their houses.

SERVICES OF REGIONAL ANALYST:

A request from the Dublin Health Authority that the present remuneration of the Regional Analyst be increased by approximately 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % was agreed on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Doran.

SUPPLEMENTARY PENSIONS ESTIMATE:

The Town Clerk reported that two of the Corporation Permanent Servants, Messrs. Power and Hayes, had recently retired due to ill-health. They were each entitled to a short service gratuity of one year's remuneration and on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, a supplementary estimate of £865 to cover the payment of these gratuities was adopted.

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VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from The Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that Mr. Leonard F. Browne, a member of the Committee, had been disqualified for non-attendance and a vacancy now existed on the Committee which he requested the Corporation to fill.

Alderman Cullimore thereupon proposed that Mr. Fintan Rossiter, 17, St. Aidan's Crescent, be appointed. Ald. O'Flaherty seconded. His Worship the Mayor proposed that Mr. Thomas Larkin, Fishers Row, be appointed. Councillor Bierney seconded. On a poll being taken there voted for -

ROSSITER: Ald. Cullimore and O'Flaherty.
Clrs. Doran, Hall and Morris.

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LARKIN: His Worship The Mayor.
Ald. Corish.
Clrs. Bierney and Cullen.

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Mr. Rossiter was declared elected.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR:

This completed the business of the Meeting and Ald. O'Flaherty asked why the vacant Office of Borough Surveyor had been advertised by the Local Appointments Commission, without reference to the Corporation. He personally considered that a part-time Borough Surveyor would suffice in the Town and felt that the Corporation should have been consulted before the Local Appointments Commissioner were requested to fill the vacancy.

The County Manager intimated that he had followed normal procedure in this case and had requested the Local Appointments Commissioner to fill the vacancy when he was aware that the Borough Surveyor - Mr. P. K. McNally - was due to retire under the Age Limit. The Conditions of Appointment were laid down by the Minister for Local Government and neither the Corporation nor himself had any say in fixing these Conditions. The Manager also pointed out that he was some seven years as Manager for the Wexford Corporation and he had never yet heard anyone intimate that he considered anything less than a full-time Surveyor would suffice in a Borough. He personally considered that there was ample work for a full-time Officer, the Water Works was becoming a Major problem, the increasing number of Corporation houses required constant supervision and the new Town & County Planning Act which would come into force early in the new year would mean a considerable amount of work for the Borough Surveyor.

The Town Clerk pointed out that he had been an Officer of the Corporation for the past thirty-seven years. He had seen four Borough Surveyors depart, and at no time had he ever heard it seriously suggested that Wexford could carry on with a part-time Surveyor.

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ROADWAY:

Councillor Bierney raised the question of the foot-path outside Murphy's shop at the junction of Wolfetone Villas and asked to have something done with the roadway there..

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne.

25th November, 1963.

A Special 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 Thomas Byrne in the Chair.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore,
Nicholas P. Corish and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall and James J. Morris.

The Town Clerk and Borough Accountant were in attendance.

The meeting had been convened by his Worship the Mayor to place on record the sympathy of the Corporation on the occasion of the tragic death of Mr. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, who, on 27th June last had been made a Freeman of the Borough.

After referring in eulogistic terms to the sterling qualities of the late President Kennedy, his Worship the Mayor moved -

"That we, the members of the Wexford Borough Council, place on record our heartfelt sorrow at the tragic death of the President of the United States of America, Mr. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and that this expression of sympathy be conveyed to his widow and parents; his relatives in Ireland; and the American Government".

The resolution was seconded by Councillor Doran, supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, and unanimously adopted, the members and officials standing in silent prayer.

The meeting then adjourned without transacting any further business.

Thomas J. Byrne

2nd December, 1963.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: James Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen and John Bierney.

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

MINUTES:

On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, the Minutes of meetings of 18th and 25th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ald. Nicholas P. Corish and Deputy Brendan Corish on the death of their Uncle-in-law, Eugene Lacey of Sligo. Councillor James J. Morris seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant and adopted in respectful silence.

Ald. Corish returned thanks to the Meeting for the vote of sympathy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

With reference to minutes of 25th ultimo, an acknowledgment was received from the United States Embassy of the vote of sympathy adopted on the death of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

HARBOUR LOAN:

With reference to Minutes of 25th March last, when the Corporation decided to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £300 and the payment of interest thereon to be raised by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, and confirmed the said resolution by a further resolution on 10th June, 1963. A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of 29th ultimo, No. G.208/13, enclosing copy of an Order ~~confirming~~ the resolution of the Corporation.

In this connection, the Town Clerk intimated that following representations made by him, the National Bank had advanced the £300 to the Harbour Commissioners early in the year pending the approval of the Minister for Local Government. He (Town Clerk) was of opinion, however, that it would be a waste of money to now enter into a mortgage deed guaranteeing repayment of this loan, as the Corporation would only incur the expense of such a deed as well as further interest charges, and he suggested that the loan of £300 with interest to date should be paid off forthwith.

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On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was unanimously decided that the £300 guaranteed to the Harbour Commissioners be paid to the National Bank with interest to date.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR/WEXFORD
TRAIN:

Ald. Corish again asked if any information had been received from C.I.E., regarding the restoration of the nine o'clock train from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford each morning and he was informed that nothing had been heard from C.I.E. on the matter.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 9th ultimo, No. G.392/1, on the subject of ensuring that essential services be maintained or restored as quickly as possible in the event of blizzard conditions arising in the winter months. The Town Clerk intimated that this letter had been accompanied by an exhaustive Memo. on the maintenance of essential services. As far as the Corporation was concerned their main trouble was to have a supply of rock salt in stock in the event of heavy frost or ice on the streets, and a large quantity of this had been purchased and would be stored over the winter months.

The action of the Officials in this matter was unanimously approved.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, intimating that at their Annual Meeting on the 18th ultimo, the Vocational Education Committee had passed the following resolution -

"That we, the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, having examined the financial estimates for 1964/65, unanimously adopt same, fully convinced that 1/7d in the £ is the minimum rate contribution essential to meet the financial demands of the Municipal Technical School for 1964/65".

The C.E.O. trusted the Corporation would be good enough to accede through formal resolution as required under Section 4(d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950; and on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Morris, the request of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a rate contribution equivalent to 1/7d in the £ on the rateable valuation of the Borough for the financial year 1964/65 was acceded to.

PARKING PLACES:

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce deploing the lack of parking space in the Town and suggesting that a deputation from the Corporation and the Chamber should meet to discuss this matter.

Ald. Corish referred to a number of places in the Town which, in his opinion, could be used as parking places and were not; and after some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Dorn that a deputation consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Corish, Ald. O'Flaherty and Councillor James J. Morris, be appointed to meet a deputation from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE:

A letter was read from the Waterford Council of Trade Unions requesting the Corporation to appoint three delegates to represent them at a Meeting to be held in Waterford on 12th instant, for the purpose of considering and taking all necessary steps towards promoting the establishment of a Regional Technical College for this area in Waterford.

Ald. O'Flaherty proposed that no delegates be sent, Councillor Hall seconded. The reason for this, as explained by the Ald., was that the Wexford Authorities were seeking to have a Regional Technical College established in Wexford.

The proposal of Ald. O'Flaherty was supported by all those present and adopted unanimously.

LAND BONDS:

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. Morris, it was unanimously decided that the Corporate Seal be affixed to a request for the transmission to the National Bank, Wexford, of Warrant for Redemption Money in respect of £8 - 4½% Land Bonds in the name of The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford which were drawn for redemption in October last.

The Corporate seal was thereupon affixed to the Document and authenticated by the Mayor and Town Clerk whose signatures were witnessed by Mr. John V. Merriman, Borough Accountant.

SALE OF HOUSES:

There was submitted to the Meeting a Scheme for the sale to the tenants of houses at St. Aidan's Crescent for the sum of £900 each. The tenants would be given facilities to purchase the houses over periods of 15, 20 or 35 years and in addition to the purchase money they would be responsible for the payment of rates half-yearly; ground rent of 15/= per annum; and the legal costs of the transfer.

On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by his Worship the Mayor, the scheme was approved.

A further scheme was submitted for sale to the tenants of 14 Houses at Trinity Street for the sum of £450 each and on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, this Scheme was also approved.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS
DWELLINGS:

With reference to the Minutes of last meeting when Ald. Corish asked the Town Clerk to prepare an estimate of the cost of servicing a loan for repairs to Artizans Dwellings the Town Clerk had circulated with the Agenda for the meeting such costs per unit of £5,000 borrowed. This showed that £5,000 repayable in five years would cost £1,250 per annum reducing by £50; repayable in 10 years would cost £750 reducing by 25 pounds and repayable in 15 years would cost £583 reducing by £16 10s. 0d.

As it is not possible to say what the actual cost of putting into a state of repair all the Corporation houses, Ald. Corish proposed that an examination of the houses be made and a report and estimate submitted to the Corporation before the rates for 1964/65 were levied. Councillor Doran seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

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PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

The following Applications for Planning Permission were submitted -

- (1) Supermarket at Henrietta Street.
- (2) Conversion into flats of No. 14, Lower George Street.
- (3) Erection of a Petrol Filling Station at Old Courthouse Site, Commercial Quay.
- (4) Erection of an Elevator at Paul Quay.
- (5) Erection of Poultry House at Ferrybank for Mr. Denis Roberts.

The County Manager proposed to grant permission for Nos. 4 and 5; permission in principle for No. 3 subject to the submission of detailed drawings. Permission would be granted in respect of No. 1 if the Chief Fire Officer was satisfied that any fire hazard was adequately protected against. As regards No. 2 permission had been deferred in this case to enable the applicant to amend the plans to provide for a fire escape and to confirm with the Corporation Bye-laws with respect to houses, ~~let~~ in separate tenements.

Some of the members considered that the erection of the Petrol Filling Station at Commercial Quay on the site of the old Courthouse would endanger the livelihood of other people in the same business but it was pointed out that the Corporation had no power to object to the Station on such grounds, and the Orders of the Manager in all cases were approved.

TENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FOR
24 HOUSES AT DAVITT ROAD, NORTH.

Tenders for electrical installation for 24 houses at Davitt Road North were submitted, opened and initialled by his Worship the Mayor. They were from -

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| William Martin, The Faythe, Wexford, who quoted | .. | £685. 3s 6d |
| Laurence Byrne, Ballybeg, Taghmon, " " | .. | 480. 0. 0d. |
| Scientific Electrical Engineering Works who quoted | .. | 432. 0, 0d. |
| Mr. Leo Willis, Rowe Street, Wexford " " | .. | 642.10. 0d. |

These tenders were referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer to deal with, and Ald. O'Flaherty asked that the attention of the Housing Engineer be directed to ensuring that Trade Union labour only, was employed on the work.

RELIEF GRANTS:

In reply to Ald. O'Flaherty the Town Clerk intimated that an Inspector of the Department of Local Government had been in Town during the previous week inspecting the works proposed to be started under the Winter Relief Scheme and sanction for these proposals was expected, early.

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UNFIT DWELLINGS:

Ald. O'Flaherty complained that an unfit dwelling from which the Corporation had rehoused a person recently had been relet and was still unfit through a leaking roof and promised to let the Town Clerk have the name of the Owner so that he could deal with the matter.

POUND:

Councillor Hall asked for what reason were enquiries being made regarding the purchase of a yard at the Faythe and the Town Clerk reminded the Meeting that, for some years past the County Registrar and the Department of Justice had been pressing the Corporation to provide a Pound. Some short time ago, the Registrar accompanied by an Official from the Department of Justice had interviewed the Town Clerk and suggested to him that this was one of a few sites that would be suitable for the purpose and asked him to make enquiries in the matter.

As soon as he had received the information from the owner of the Site, he proposed to bring the matter before the Corporation and the Wexford County Council who would also be involved in the provision of a Pound.

MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

Ald. Morris asked if the public announcement by the Mayor that a fund had been opened to provide a memorial to the late President Kennedy was a matter for the Corporation and was informed by the Mayor that it was not; it was purely one which a number of local people had interested themselves in and which he had taken up.

In reply to Ald. O'Flaherty, the Mayor stated that he had intended to convene a meeting on the 4th instant to consider this matter and at the Alderman's request agreed to adjourn the Meeting for a week.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Ald. Morris referred to a recent discussion on leakage from a Committee Meeting of the Corporation and asked if anything had been done about the matter.

The Town Clerk replied that as requested he had written to the representative of "The Echo" newspaper who had made the report, asking him for the source of his information and read a letter from Mr. Thomas O Duinn "Echo" representative, stating that he could not give the source of his information as it would be against all established journalistic practice.

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The Meeting then terminated.

James J. Byrne